

We shall meet in Rome—Orthodox, Protestant and Roman Catholic Christians as well as Jews, Muslims and Buddhists to discuss the Geneva Accord and the search for peace in the Middle East.

There is one other recommendation from Amman that I applaud, which calls for bringing together “Presidents of American colleges and universities that are developing or strengthening Islamic studies programs with their counterparts in predominantly Muslim countries who are developing American studies programs.”

Ladies and gentlemen, I have not, I realize, begun to touch on all the ways in which the forces of learning and culture, of education and the arts, can contribute to building peace in a troubled world.

But I trust that what I have had to say offers some rays of hope at a time when we are surrounded by too much darkness.

The distinguished Minister of Culture, Mohamed Achaari, in inviting us all to Morocco, posed the question: “Is a dialogue between cultures possible?”

That we meet here this week in Rabat demonstrates that the answer to the Minister’s question is “Yes!”

So let the dialogue deepen . . . and continue!

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING GONZALO MARTINEZ’S DECADE OF SERVICE TO DELAWARE

• Mr. CARPER. Madam President, I rise today in recognition of Gonzalo Martinez for his ten years of service to Delaware. Gonzalo will be leaving us shortly to move to Florida. His leadership and dedication over the years have won him the respect and gratitude of our entire State. He has been, and remains, a trusted friend.

Gonzalo was born in Santiago, Chile. He graduated from the University of Chile’s School of Law in 1964, and moved to Washington, DC, in 1966 to work as a bilingual attorney in the legal department of the Inter-American Development Bank. There, he worked toward the bank’s goal of fostering the economic and social development of Latin-America and the Caribbean.

While visiting a friend in Delaware in the early 1980s, Gonzalo fell in love with a house he saw here. He bought the house, and while continuing to work in Washington, he spent much of his spare time remodeling his home in Delaware. After 23 years of hard work at the bank, Gonzalo retired and moved to his beloved home in the first State. Upon his arrival in Delaware, Gonzalo became an active member of the Sussex County community.

When Gonzalo moved to Delaware, he was approached by the Sussex Arts Council to help fill the “black hole” in Sussex County’s Hispanic community. He saw a desperate need for community centers, health programs and other services. For years, Gonzalo tried to work with agencies and programs. When it became apparent that they were unwilling to change and meet the emerging needs of the growing His-

panic community, Gonzalo finally partnered with other community advocates to create new institutions.

Gonzalo Martinez is a founding Board Member and a volunteer at El Centro Cultural, La Esperanza Community Center, Primeros Pasos Child Care Center, and La Red Health Center. Gonzalo believes that through the arts we can create social justice. He founded El Centro Cultural and The Hispanic Festival, which attract thousands of people each year. La Esperanza Community Center focuses on immigration services, comprehensive pre- and post-natal care, helping domestic violence victims, English and citizenship classes, and other general translation and interpretation services. Primeros Pasos provides safe child-care and early childhood education to approximately 50 children a year.

Gonzalo is not afraid to take risks to change the status quo and to prove how State government and non-profit organizations can work together to provide more efficient, cost-effective, and culturally appropriate services in the community.

During my governorship, I had the opportunity to appoint Gonzalo to three councils. When I re-established the Governor’s Council on Hispanic Affairs in February of 1995, I appointed Gonzalo to the council. The goal of the council is to advise the Governor and Secretary of Health and Social Services on means to improve the delivery of services to the Hispanic community in Delaware.

In June of 1995, I also named Gonzalo to the Delaware State Arts Council. As a member of the State Council, Gonzalo contributed to the evaluation of grant applications and actively participated in policy discussions. Finally, I appointed Gonzalo to the Neighborhood Assistance Act Advisory Council in August of 2000. The Neighborhood Assistance Act Advisory Council was established to provide guidance and recommendations to the Director of the Economic Development Office and the Tax Appeal Board. Its purpose is to establish program priorities and to determine the impoverished areas that are in need of financial assistance.

More recently, in my first term as a U.S. Senator, Gonzalo Martinez has served on my National Parks Committee, a committee established in 2003 to recommend the best possible location for a National Park Unit here in Delaware.

I respect and admire Gonzalo for his dedication, his passion, and most of all, for his humility. He never takes credit for the accomplishments of the organizations. Instead of trying to build one large organization to meet all of the needs, Gonzalo has partnered with others who have expertise in certain areas to create organizations to meet a specific need. While the partners are all different, and the organizations have different missions, the thing they have in common is Gonzalo Martinez. He sees not only what could be, but what should be.

Through Gonzalo’s tireless efforts, he has made a profound difference in the lives of thousands and enhanced the quality of life for an entire State. Upon his departure, he will leave behind a legacy of commitment to public service for both our children and grandchildren and for the generations that will follow. I thank him for the friendship that we share, and I congratulate him on a remarkable second career. I wish him only the very best in all that lies ahead.●

HAL SHROYER

• Mr. ALLARD. Madam President, I rise today to offer a few words for a friend of mine and a friend of the State of Colorado, Mr. Hal Shroyer. Mr. Shroyer has selflessly served, and continues to serve, both the Nation and Colorado. He has always fought for what is right and just, a warrior in both military and civilian life.

Prior to the United States entering World War II, barely 20 years old, Hal Shroyer joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and flew bombing missions over Europe. When the United States entered the war, Hal joined the U.S. Army Air Corps where he piloted bombing missions across the English Channel into occupied lands. While serving in the Army Air Corps Hal met and married his wife Maxine, joining her in a loving union that lasted for more than 50 years. Around 1953 Hal and Maxine moved to Colorado where, day after day, year after year, Hal has given generously of his time and energy to his fellow Coloradans.

Among Hal Shroyer’s many professional and civic accomplishments stand a few I would mention today. Hal was instrumental in the addition of photographs to Colorado driver’s licenses, helping to make the State the second in the Nation to include a picture. More recently Hal Shroyer led the fight for a motor voter program, allowing for voters to register to vote at their local Department of Motor Vehicles. Each of these programs represent the norm today across the United States. Hal Shroyer’s tireless dedication to the betterment of Colorado cannot be simply summed up by these examples, but I am pleased to offer them as illustrations of this man’s tremendous contributions.

As a young man in Indiana Hal Shroyer tried out for his local track team. The track coach told Hal he would never make the team because he walked like a duck. Needless to say Hal made the track team and he has been a dynamo ever since. As Hal Turns 83 years old in the coming days I send him my thanks for his lifetime of service and wishes for joy in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF PUBLIC ALLIES DELAWARE

• Mr. CARPER. Madam President, I recognize the 10th anniversary of Public Allies Delaware. This organization is celebrating a decade of mobilizing diverse groups of young leaders by both civic participation and community outreach. Public Allies Delaware has built a reputation for providing integral community service throughout Delaware. If this organization's first decade is any indication of what it will offer in the future, we have much to look forward to.

In 1992, a diverse group of young social entrepreneurs were helped by a number of established community and national leaders to create Public Allies. They believed that there were many energetic, talented young people who wanted to address critical issues in their communities and that many organizations and communities could benefit from such contributions to society.

Through the signature AmeriCorps program, Public Allies identifies talented young adults from diverse backgrounds and advances their leadership through a 10-month program of full-time, paid apprenticeships in nonprofit organizations, weekly leadership trainings, and team service projects.

In order to effectively achieve its goals and uphold its values, the program consists of apprenticeships, leadership training, and team service projects. The apprenticeships offer Allies the opportunity to gain "real world" experience through service in nonprofit and public agencies. In these apprenticeships, Allies face important issues such as youth development, education, and public safety.

Furthermore, the leadership training aspect of the program helps Allies develop the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities so they can work productively and effectively with people from all walks of life. Through this leadership training, Allies attain skills in communication, critical thinking, appreciation of diversity, conflict resolution, and community asset recognition from a multitude of community leaders, professional consultants, and executives from nonprofit and corporate organizations.

Recognized by the Bush and Clinton administrations as a model for national service, Public Allies has grown to 11 communities nationwide in which more than 1,350 Allies have served. Evaluations have demonstrated Public Allies' effectiveness at advancing diverse young leaders, strengthening communities, strengthening nonprofits, and strengthening civic participation.

In 1994, full-time volunteer Suzanne Sysko, founded the fourth site of the fledgling Public Allies national organization in Wilmington, DE. With her father's assistance, she obtained free office space in the PNC Building on Delaware Avenue. After putting together a

strong Board of Directors, she began working with Antoine Allen in the implementation of the program. The first class graduated in 1995 with financial support from five corporations and foundations and a grant from AmeriCorps.

In the 10 years subsequent to its inception, Public Allies Delaware has made substantial progress in the areas of funding and development. In 1995, the organization was able to successfully secure a 100 percent increase in Public Allies Delaware's Grant-in-Aid allocation from the State legislature. By 1998, the board and program staff members were able to dramatically increase program funding by obtaining a line item in the State of Delaware Department of Labor's operating budget.

More recently, in 1999, the program began an invaluable partnership with the University of Delaware's College of Human Resources, Education and Public Policy. Through this affiliation, Public Allies Delaware alumni are offered the opportunity to supplement the education and experience they gained from the Public Allies program with a full-tuition undergraduate or graduate scholarship. To date, program alumni have utilized more than a half million dollars of Federal Government scholarship funds and matching fund awards provided by the University of Delaware in pursuit of higher education.

Currently, Public Allies operates both in Wilmington, DE, and at a new satellite site in Georgetown, DE. The program continues to maintain a statewide presence through 11 Allies located in Sussex and Kent Counties and another 11 located in New Castle County. By presenting a vehicle by which young people can both get involved in their community and receive scholarship opportunities, Public Allies Delaware has provided an essential service to the State.

I thank the Public Allies for all that they do not only in Delaware but all across the country, and I wish them a very happy 10th anniversary. I today offer my full support and congratulate them on a remarkable decade of success.●

RECOGNITION OF BRIGADIER GENERAL TYMESON

• Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, I rise today to honor an exceptional Iowan. On October 20, 2003, Iowa National Guard Assistant Adjutant General Jodi S. Tymeson was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General. She has the distinct honor of being the first female General Officer in the history of the Iowa National Guard. Her hard work and dedication to service are celebrated by this promotion. I want to extend my deepest congratulations to Brigadier General Tymeson.

Serving in the Iowa Army National Guard for nearly 30 years, she continues to prove herself a capable and responsible leader and one who garners

respect from her colleagues. She has received numerous Army awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal. She also completed the U.S. Army War College in 1999. Brigadier General Tymeson also serves as a member of the Iowa House of Representatives. She chairs the House Education Committee and is a member on both the Human Resources and Ways and Means Committees. She is also active in many community and civic organizations and serves on the boards of directors for the Fort Des Moines Memorial Park and Education Center and Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates.

Congratulations again to Brigadier General Tymeson. She continues to serve her country with dedication and I thank her for her continued energy and devotion to Iowa and to America.●

IN HONOR OF MR. BILL SIMPSON, JR.

• Mr. KOHL. Madam President, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Bill Simpson. The following speeches, "The Celebration of the Life and Times of Bill Simpson" and "Bill's Table," were originally delivered after the occasion of Bill Simpson's burial at Arlington National Cemetery by Mr. Bill Simpson III and David Lambert, respectively. I ask consent the speeches be printed in the RECORD.

The material follows:

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE AND TIMES OF BILL SIMPSON

Thank you for being here today. Our family takes great comfort in your support and kindness through these trying times. We are eternally grateful.

Today, I would like to acknowledge the Veteran's Medical Center in Washington, DC. The staff in this great hospice and nursing home provided excellent care to my father, while preserving his dignity in the last days of his life. The patient care staff are angels on earth. They are truly engaged in a labor of love, and that means so much to families who have loved ones under their care.

I must also acknowledge the most supportive, faithful and loyal person in our father's life. Our mother, Evelyn, never wavered, not even for a single day.

In honor of my father, the Simpson family has established "The William Simpson Veteran's Assistance Account" to provide some needed purchases to enhance the lives of those old warriors in their last days on this earth. Donations are appreciated, not only by my family, but also by the veterans and their families.

We have also begun to compile some of my father's favorite stories. We have catalogued hundreds of his speeches that were written while serving with the late former Governor Paul B. Johnson of Mississippi, the late Senator James Eastland, former President Jimmy Carter and others when he returned to the private sector. My father loved the power and influence of language and words and it is reflected in his writings and stories.

If you have a story from my father's life that you would like to share—or one that we haven't heard—and there are millions, please send them to us. We want to share these stories with his friends and family.

This event is being held here at the "116 Club," which is appropriate for many reasons. A celebration of the life and times of