

Lenoir has carried the Marine Corps' message to these hallowed halls, providing Members the information necessary to determine how best to equip, maintain and support the United States Marine Corps and ultimately provide and ensure our Nation's security. During this period, he has been responsible for directing, and organizing numerous congressional events in the metropolitan DC area. His attention to detail in making these very important events logistically successful is noteworthy.

Lenoir has made a lasting contribution in the capability of today's Marine Corps and the future shape of tomorrow's Corps. His superior performance of duties highlight the culmination of more than 20 years of dedicated and honorable Marine Corps service. He achieved five Navy/Marine Corps Achievement medals for his exemplary service throughout his 20-year career. By his exemplary professional competence, sound judgment, and total dedication to duty, he has reflected great credit upon himself and has always upheld the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

I am proud that Clester Lenoir joined the Marine Corps from the great state of Louisiana, seeking to protect and serve our great Nation. He has done so with great distinction. On behalf of the U.S. Senate, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude. May he have many more years of continuing success as he pursues other interests outside of the United States Marine Corps.●

IN MEMORY OF JUDGE RICHARD SHEPPARD ARNOLD

● Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, on September 23, our country lost one of its greatest jurists, and Arkansas lost one of its greatest native sons, Richard Sheppard Arnold.

Judge Arnold was born into a legal family in 1936 in Texarkana, TX. His maternal grandfather, Morris Sheppard, served in this body from Texas from 1913 until 1941, and his paternal grandfather, William H. Arnold, was a circuit judge. His father, Richard Lewis Arnold, was a leading expert in public utilities law. Judge Arnold graduated first in his class from Yale University and Harvard Law School, and in 1960 and 1961, he served as law clerk to one of our Nation's greatest Supreme Court Justices, the late William J. Brennan. Judge Arnold served in private practice, ran for Congress, served as legislative advisor to both Governor and Senator Dale Bumpers, and spent more than 25 years on the Federal district and appellate benches. Since 1980, Judge Arnold served on the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Richard Arnold was one of our great legal writers with more than 700 opinions over the course of his legal career. Just this year, the American Society of Writers on Legal Subjects awarded him its lifetime achievement award, only

the second in its 50-year history. His more prominent opinions advanced civil rights and voting rights, and in March of this year, as part of a three-judge panel, his 22-page opinion upheld a lower court ruling releasing the Little Rock School District from more than 40 years of Federal court supervision of its desegregation efforts.

Judge Richard Arnold was a friend to President Clinton and me and we join his wife, Kay, and his two daughters, Janet and Lydia, along with his brother, Judge Morris "Buzz" Arnold, in mourning his passing. He will be remembered for his remarkable life, his unequalled brilliance, character, common sense, deep religious faith, and devotion to the law. We have lost a cherished friend, and our Nation has lost a champion of justice.●

COLONEL JOHN SCHORSCH

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I rise today to express my appreciation for the outstanding service of Colonel John Schorsch, or "Rusty" as we all call him.

Liaison chiefs are chosen because of their expertise, their ability to manage personnel in a pressure-packed environment, and their discernment in making tough decisions in difficult situations. They generally have a well-rounded education, significant command experience, and a long track record of effectiveness. Simply put, service liaison chiefs are the best of the best.

Colonel Schorsch is certainly one of the best. He is graduate of the United States Military Academy and the U.S. Naval War College. He has been a platoon commander, a company commander, a battalion commander, and a brigade commander. Colonel Schorsch has served as an aide-de-camp and as the joint staff action officer and planner. Perhaps more importantly, Rusty served as the Army aide to two Presidents: President Bush and President Clinton.

I have traveled with Rusty many times and have greatly enjoyed the opportunity to get to know him. He is engaging, outgoing, and disarming. His stories about life in the Army often take on epic proportions and can make the most dour individual break into a grin.

Yet what separates Colonel Schorsch from most is his character. He is completely unflappable. He is undaunted by challenges. He is relentless in pursuit of a goal and absolutely determined to complete an assigned task. To Rusty, no detail is too small, no assignment too menial, and no task too trivial.

When things become difficult, Rusty remains undeterred. He does not give in. He does not cave. Indeed, whenever he has encountered seemingly unsurmountable problems, Rusty's philosophy has always been to step it up, and hold nothing back.

I have watched him time and time again tackle with the equal efficiency

the largest of problems and the smallest of details. I have seen him persevere and overcome obstacles. And, during these challenges, he does not complain; and he does not flinch; he does not give in.

The Army has been fortunate to have a soldier like Rusty as its liaison chief here in the Senate. He has demonstrated to me and to many other Members the caliber and quality of Army officers. I know I speak for many of my fellow Members in expressing our disappointment in his departure. Yet I know that the Army has many good things planned for Rusty and that our country will benefit from his experience elsewhere.

With this in mind, I sincerely appreciate Colonel Schorsch's service to me and the rest of the Senate. I wish him the best in the future. He will surely be missed.●

HONORING CHUCK GROTH

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator TOM DASCHLE and myself, we publicly honor and recognize Chuck Groth. For more than 30 years, Chuck Groth has been telling the story. Whether it's about the trials and tribulations of farm families or the status of Federal policy that will impact agriculture, more than 10,000 South Dakota farm families have relied on Chuck's insightful presentation in their monthly edition of the Union Farmer.

The Union Farmer is the voice of the South Dakota Farmer's Union, covering the extensive interests of the organization's varied membership.

Chuck Groth has been responsible for more than 360 editions of the Union Farmer—an extraordinary record of longevity. Throughout the ups and downs of the industry, Chuck reported the news that captured the current state of affairs. He helped elevate the public dialogue about important issues, and made people more aware of the plight of South Dakota's farm and ranch families.

During the mid-1980s, America's farm families faced their darkest days since the Great Depression of the 1930s. Chuck helped organized thousands of Farmer's Union members to call upon their elected officials to provide assistance to rural America. The effort led to a historic act that took all 105 members of the South Dakota State Legislature to Washington, DC, in 1985 to lobby Congress about the needs of rural America.

Chuck has helped organize more than 50 fly-ins to Washington, DC, trips that helped keep farm policy at the forefront of the congressional agenda. Agriculture needed to have its story told, and Chuck was the wordsmith that made that possible.

I ask my colleagues to join Senator TOM DASCHLE and myself in saluting Chuck Groth for his distinguished career and commitment to our Nation's family farmer.●