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APPRECIATION FOR BRIAN GREEN

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I rise today to express my appreciation for the outstanding service of Brian Green to me and to my fellow members on the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Brian Green has been a professional staff member and staff lead for the Strategic Forces Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee for over 3 years. As the chairman of the Strategic Forces Subcommittee for much of that time, I have had the opportunity to closely observe Brian. I can honestly tell you that Brian is an exceptional staffer and a tremendous human being.

As the staff lead for the subcommittee, Brian has helped me and the other members of subcommittee fulfill our responsibilities pertaining to the oversight of Department of Defense strategic, ballistic missile defense, and military space programs. His expertise and recommendations have proved critical time and time again during the Senate Armed Services Committee consideration of the annual defense authorization bill.

I can personally attest to numerous occasions when Brian provided the need information and proposals that made the difference in achieving the subcommittee's objectives. I cannot stress enough how much of a relief it was to know that Brian was always available to advance the subcommittee's policy goals and on guard to protect the subcommittee's interests.

During his time in the Senate, Brian also helped promote and protect our Nation's effort to develop and deploy a ballistic missile defense system. He

played a lead role in coordinating the opposition to proposed budget cuts to the program. Brian's ability to work with multiple offices, the National Security Council, and the White House was pivotal in the debate and eventually led to the restoration of funding.

Brian came to the to the Senate after serving 4 years as a professional staff member on the House Armed Services Committee. While in the House, Brian played a crucial role in developing the House-version of the National Missile Defense Act of 1999 and the creation of the National Nuclear Security Administration in the Department of Energy.

It is not just his achievements that cause Brian to stand out. He has been utterly committed to his job. Brian works until the job is completed and completed well. He has an innate ability to find solutions to difficult problems, including those that might have considerable political implications. Perhaps most significantly, Brian is a team player and approaches his job without pretense. Members and staff alike have always appreciated Brian's willingness to work with them on even the most minute policy or budget issue.

It is disappointing to lose Brian to the private sector. We will miss his diligence, his integrity and his expertise. At the same time, I am grateful that Brian was able to serve the Senate for so long and so faithfully. I congratulate Brian on his new position and wish him the best in the future.

I yield the floor.

CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I commend military certified registered nurse anesthetists, CRNAs. CRNAs are advanced practice nurses who administer anesthesia. Today, CRNAs administer approximately 65 percent of the anesthetics given to patients each year for all types of surgical cases in the United States.

Nurse anesthetists have been the principal anesthesia providers in combat areas in every war in which the United States has been engaged since World War I. In World War II, there were 17 nurse anesthetists to every 1 physician anesthetist. In Vietnam, the ratio of CRNAs to physician anesthetists was approximately 3 to 1. During the Panama strike authorized in 1989, only CRNAs were sent with the fighting forces. In addition, the vast majority of anesthesia providers deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom has been CRNAs. Nurse anesthetists are again carrying the load by providing 80 percent of the anesthesia requirements in Iraq and Afghanistan. We rely heavily on CRNAs to accomplish wartime missions and our need for their services will only increase in the future.

In all of the uniformed services, maintaining adequate numbers of Active Duty and Reserve CRNAs is of ut-

most concern. For several years, the number of CRNAs serving on active duty has fallen somewhat short of the number authorized by the Department of Defense. This lag in recruitment has been further exacerbated by a strong demand for CRNAs in both the public and private sectors. One reason the military has difficulty retaining CRNAs is that a large pay gap exists between annual civilian salaries and military pay.

I am deeply concerned about retention of these CRNAs, particularly in the Army Nurse Corps. It has come to my attention that within the next 3 years, the Army Nurse Corps could lose up to 50 percent of its current complement of CRNAs. A recent survey of Army CRNAs revealed that despite overall satisfaction with their anesthesia practice, dissatisfaction with pay and frequent deployments are the primary reasons for leaving active duty.

One strategy that is proving effective in increasing overall satisfaction is the Army Surgeon General's 180-day rotation policy. I urge continuation of this policy. However, this is not enough to ensure that we meet our mission. I am quite certain that another remedy to prevent further losses would be an across-the-board increase in incentive speciality pay for all CRNAs, regardless of Active-Duty service obligation. I trust that the Department of Defense is also concerned and actively pursuing measures to address this very important issue.

PARDONING "JACK" JOHNSON

• Mr. HATCH. Mr. President. I rise to express my support for S. Res. 447, which asks the President to pardon posthumously John Arthur "Jack" Johnson for Mr. Johnson's racially-motivated 1913 conviction.

As a huge fan of the sport of boxing, I admire the great achievements of Mr. Johnson in his too short career. But I feel a greater need to recognize and pardon Mr. Johnson for the great injustice he suffered. Although it is too late to properly rectify what was done to Jack Johnson, I hope in some small way we can call attention to his remarkable achievements and repair his good name.

Jack Johnson was the first African-American boxer to win the heavyweight title. While this was a landmark achievement for African-Americans, Johnson's achievements unfortunately had the effect of escalating racial tensions and his subsequent victories provoked racial rioting. The effort to dethrone him brought about the search for the "Great White Hope" during his 1908-1915 reign as heavyweight champion.

The consensus is that while Johnson was not defeated in the boxing ring he could be stopped by trumped-up criminal charges. In 1913, Johnson was found guilty of violating the "white-slavery" Mann Act for taking his future wife

out of State. Johnson was convicted and he tried to appeal his sentence. Before the ruling on his appeal, Johnson fled the country and was a fugitive for 7 years before he returned to the United States in 1920. Johnson turned himself over to Federal authorities and served 10 months in Ft. Leavenworth, KS.

Mr. Johnson went on to continue fighting but never returned to the same glory. He was killed in a car accident in 1946 at the age of 68. Eight years later, he became a charter member of the Boxing Hall of Fame.

I am hopeful that the President will accept this petition and issue a posthumous Presidential pardon for Jack Johnson. Mr. Johnson defied the racist standards of his day to become a world champion. He was a hero and example to a greatly oppressed people who had too few public heroes to look to emulate.

KINSHIP CAREGIVERS

Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the important work of kinship caregivers across the Nation and to commend the Edgewood Center for Children and Families in San Francisco, CA, for its long-spanning commitment to caring for children.

Kinship caregivers are making a real difference in the lives of children all across our country. According to the Census, more than 6 million children—1 in 12—live in households headed by grandparents or other relatives. Similarly, a study conducted by the American Association of Retired Persons found that the number of children living in grandparent-headed households increased by 30 percent between 1990 and 2000. Unfortunately, while grandparents and other relatives have stepped forward to provide safe and loving homes for the children in their care, they also often face great difficulties in achieving emotional and financial stability.

With millions of children still in need of loving, permanent homes and countless grandparents and relatives willing to raise these children who need our support, there is more work to be done. The Edgewood Center for Children and Families is the oldest children's charity in the western United States serving children and families that provides a national model for keeping families intact. Edgewood Center's Kinship Support Network is the first program in the nation to provide comprehensive, private-sector support services to relative caregiver families. This program uses mentoring, support groups, and training to prepare grandparents and relatives for parenting, while providing tutoring, independent living skills, and mental health care for adopted children. Last year, as many as 95.5 percent of the children in Edgewood's program either remained with their kinship families or were reunited with their parents, and less than 2 percent had to be moved into foster care. This

is an enormous success considering that only 78 percent of Kinship families remained stable in the years prior to the inception of Edgewood's programs.

In July, I introduced the Kinship Caregiver Support Act, S. 2706, to establish community "kinship navigator" programs with services similar to the Edgewood's Kinship Support Networks. My legislation would also help ease the financial burden of kinship caregivers so that these families receive the financial support they need. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Senate to ensure passage of the Kinship Caregiver Support Act so that we help strengthen kinship families all across America.

Again, I commend the Edgewood Center for Children and Families for its tradition of excellence in providing services to kinship caregivers and extend my best wishes for continued success in the future.

HONORING FAVORITE TEACHERS

Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, nearly 4,000 Minnesotans honored their favorite teacher at my Minnesota State fair booth this summer. I honor these teachers further by submitting their names to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, as follows:

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Filmore Central Middle School—Ms. Paulson; Fine Arts Interdisciplinary Resource School—Scott Charlesworth; Five Hawks Elementary—Eleanor Doherty, Anne Nelson, Grace Tillotson; Focus Beyond—Dan Nicklaey; Foley High School—Bill Brand, Dave Voeltz; Foley Intermediate School—Darryl Bosshart, Janet Johnson, Lisa Wruck; Folwell Middle School—Amanda Guanzon; Forest Elementary—Bill Lubansky, Terri Moore, Tina Olinyk, Norma Jean Terhaar; Forest Hills Elementary—Ms. McKeaver, Steve Watson; Forest Lake Elementary—Barbara Crawford, Janie Reid, Joy Sietsma; Forest Lake High School—Alice Berven, Henry Hebert, Bill Streeter, Ms. Unzie, Donald Thompson; Four Seasons Elementary—Rebecca Brown, Ms. Casserly-Smith, Ms. Graver; Four Winds Elementary—Laura Manthey; Fourth Baptist Christian School—Karen Fitzgerald, Kay Wohlenhaus; Franklin Elementary (Anoka)—Don Gawreluk, Patricia Georg; Franklin Elementary (Rochester)—Pat Taylor; Franklin Junior High School (Brainerd)—Robert Bjorge; Franklin Magnet Elementary (St. Paul)—Mary Tacheny; Franklin Middle School (Minneapolis)—Rod Gordon, Kris Shaban; Frazee High School—Ta Pett; Fred Moore Middle School—Don Bright, Sonja Chamberlain, Denise Collins, Nancy Jacobsen, Mary Ewens; Frederic Elementary—Stacy Cox, Nancy Steinke; Freeman Elementary (Woodland, CA); Fridley High School—David Loo, Dave Ryan, Constance Schindel, Joanne Toews; Fridley Middle School—Jean Andrews, Debra Kay, Tonya Lee; Friendly Hills Middle School—Pam Hough, Emily Jeddicka, Peter Klabachek; Friends School of Minnesota—Susan Cahan, Laurie Carlson, Elizabeth Herbert, Kak Jarvis, Sally Wiedemann; Frost Lake Magnet—Mrs. Brink, Megan Doerr, Mary McCrossan; Gage Elementary—Kerry Much; Galtier Magnet—Gloria Johnson, Nancy Pavek; Gan Shelanu Preschool—Barb Kahn; Garden City Elementary—Maren

Dahl, Shella Huggett, Peter Pearson, Nancy Wavrin; Garfield Elementary—Jodi Sweet; Gatewood Elementary—Mrs. Bergland, Monica Grubb, Karen Jensen, Becky Knickerbocker, Mary Ofstie, Mrs. Van Waye, Monia Grubb, Justin Ingahm; Gideon Pond Elementary—Eileen Abrahamson, Karen Krafka, Cindy Nepsund, Mrs. Rognlie; Glacier Hills Elementary—Karen Colbert, Shelley Grandbois; Gleason Lake Elementary—Beth Blomlie, James Dvorak, Jerilyn Horvath, Deanna Rehnke, Barb Abramson, Mary Savage; Glen Lake Elementary—Stephanie Bell, George Rota; Glencoe-Silver Lake High School—Richard Cohrs, Josh Olson; Glendale Elementary (Prior Lake)—Sarah Wroblewski; Glendale Union High School (Phoenix, AZ)—Bill Roseberry; Golden Lake Elementary—Mrs. Flolid, Todd Trick; Goodhue Elementary—Nancy Conway, Jennifer Doerhoefer; Gordon Bailey Elementary—Sara Sorenson; Grace Christian Academy (Park Rapids)—Grace Becker; Grace Christian School (Grand Rapids)—Letha Lemon; Graded School (Sao Paulo, Brazil)—Todd Brown; Grainwood Elementary—Terri Zenk; Grand Meadow High School—Janet Moe; Grand Rapids—Christine Dimich; Grandview Middle School—Katie Rutledge, Sara Sedlack, Mrs. Seifert, Ms. Swanson, Pamela Weber; Grantsburg Middle School (Grantsburg, WI)—Kim Nelson; Greenleaf Elementary—Sarah Czech, Kathy Johnson, Maxine Johnson, Mrs. Taffe, Maureen Williams; Greenwood Elementary—Mary Dvorak, Bonnie Hatton, Mrs. Lachmiller, Amy Westman; Grey Cloud Elementary—Ray Rawson, Mrs. Weber, Ms. Ferber; Grove City—Cheryl Riebe, Doug Torgerson; Groveland Elementary—Mark Brazinski, Rebecca Faatz, Shirley Herzig, Jane Meyer, Georgia Rasmus, Patti Berger, Niki Danou, Brent Frank, Heidi Hammerback, Connie Johnson, Jeff Sams; Gustavus Adolphus College—Laurent Dechery, Lisa Heldke, Scoot Moore; Hale Elementary—Patty Kypke, Mrs. Lotzer, Sarah Mickelson, Mrs. Van Valkenburg, Candy Welschan; Hale/Field Community School—Tracey Schultz; Hamilton Elementary—Mrs. Kunkel; Hamline University—Garvin Davenport, Walter Enloe, Paul Gorski, Rita Johnson, Carol Mayer; Hancock/Hamline Magnet Elementary—Mr. Lein, Virginia Porter, Karen Rickey, Elizabeth Srigley, Allison Theissen, Margie Warrington; Hannahville Indian School (Wilson, MI); Harambee Elementary—Denise Abbott, Pam Booker, Melissa Hein, Nicole Napierala, Mrs. Robinson, Stacie Stanely; Harding High School—Harder Angie, Pete Bothun, Erik Brant, Daniel Cornell, Ms. Harper, Mr. Peterson; Harley Hopkins Elementary—Mr. Marrier; Harriet Bishop Elementary—Joe Risteau, Paul Wallenta; Hartley Elementary—Lori DeKruif; Hastings High School—Jerry Dempsey, Sue Gaul, Stephanie Jones, Nancy Ostrem, Laura Scott, Susan Varley-Gaul; Hastings Middle School—Jim Hanson, Ronda Keller, Robin Starch; Hawley Elementary—Lee Eklund, Jane Eklund; Haworth Public School, (Haworth, NJ)—Vito Nasta; Hawthorne Elementary—Jill Petersen; Hayden Heights Elementary—Peggy George, Ms. McQuade, Judith Bobnick, Be Cheuyee Vang; Hayes Elementary—Mr. Barry, Mrs. Gunderson, Mrs. Jansen, Dan Riely; Healy High School—Gary Banick; Hennepin County Semi Independent Living Skills—David Schuweiler; Henning Elementary—Nancy Brutlag; Henry Hill Intermediate School—Brian Franklin; Henry Sibley High