

DiBattiste served with the Department of the Navy, where she was principal deputy general counsel, the service's second-highest ranking lawyer. In that role, she was responsible for resolving several high-profile matters, including the sexual harassment scandal dubbed "Tailhook" and the U.S. Naval Academy cheating case.

In 1994, Ms. DiBattiste returned to the Department of Justice as the director of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys. In that capacity, she was instrumental in investigating the Oklahoma City Bombing, Unabomber, Olympic Park Bombing and TWA 800 airliner crash. Between 1997 and 1999, she served with distinction as Deputy United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida. In 1999, Ms. DiBattiste accepted the nomination of former President Clinton and served as Under Secretary of the Air Force where, among other duties, she chaired a task force that brokered an anti-harassment action plan for the Department of Defense. Prior to joining TSA, Ms. DiBattiste was a partner at Holland & Knight LLP, where her practice areas involved corporate diversity counseling, government relations, and criminal and civil litigation.

Last July, TSA Chief of Staff DiBattiste became Deputy Administrator DiBattiste, a move that again recognized her many talents and leadership abilities. Deputy Administrator DiBattiste and Administrator David Stone have spearheaded the efforts to make TSA a strong and mature performance based Federal agency. But even more importantly, Ms. DiBattiste made it her mission at TSA to continuously recruit new leaders and make sure that every TSA employee—from the screeners to the executive team—understood their role in securing our Nation. Finally, Carol made sure that each of those employees understood that: they were valued, their opinions mattered, and that what they were doing was important, even vital to achieving TSA's mission. For that, we all owe Deputy Administrator DiBattiste a great deal of gratitude.

It is instructive to read what some of her friends and colleagues at TSA have to say about Ms. DiBattiste. From Tom Blank, the Chief Support Systems Officer: "Many times the sky was actually falling and when it was, Carol was in charge of getting it put back up there again—all the while with the greatest sense of humor there is." From Theresa Bertucci, Assistant Administrator for Intermodal Programs: "She always pushed the entire organization towards a level of excellence and commitment, and never asked more of any person that worked alongside her than she asked of herself." And addressing Ms. DiBattiste, Tammy M. Meckley, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Transportation Security Policy, said: "Leadership is what every employee craves, thanks for keeping all of us well fed."

In an interview with TSA's newsletter, the Sentinel, Ms. DiBattiste

said of the agency's efforts, "Without question, America is safer since the stand-up of TSA, and TSA has done an excellent job of protecting the homeland. . . ." Then typically, she added that "there is a lot more to do."

Mr. President, I realize we have much to accomplish here in the United States Senate, but I felt it was important that we thank this great American. I wish to congratulate Deputy Administrator Carol DiBattiste on a distinguished and selfless career; and in closing, offer the thought that the nation would be well-served if sometime in the future she once again rejoined the ranks of public servant.●

HONORABLE PETER B. TEETS

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President I rise today to honor a distinguished American and patriot the Honorable Peter B. Teets, former Acting Secretary of the Air Force and Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Secretary Teets left government service on March 25, 2005 to join his family in Colorado. He did so after four years of selfless devotion to his country serving in what I would characterize as four of the most important jobs within the Department of Defense—as the senior official in the Department of the Air Force responsible for nearly 700,000 military, civilians, and family members with budget authority exceeding \$110 billion dollars. Simultaneously, Mr. Teets also served as the Department of Defense Executive Agent for Space and as the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office. In this later special capacity he was responsible for the acquisition and operation of all space-based reconnaissance and intelligence systems. I think you would agree Mr. President, Pete Teets was an extraordinary public servant possessing uncompromising standards, superior managerial skills and a keen analytical mind wherein he was able to exact the most from the military service he represented and the programs he supervised. His quest for perfection across the board will long be remembered both within and outside the Department.

Prior to joining the Department of Defense, Pete Teets worked in industry for nearly four decades serving first as a Martin Maretta flight control engineer and ending that service as the President and Chief Operating Officer, Lockheed Martin Corporation. His resume is replete with ever increasing positions of responsibility spanning the period 1963 to 2001, when he was nominated to serve President Bush as our Under Secretary of the Air Force and Director of the National Reconnaissance Office, two demanding tasks particularly during this time of transformation within the Department of Defense, coupled with the challenges associated with emerging space requirements and system development.

Throughout his tenure, the members of the Senate Armed Services Com-

mittee have found Pete Teets to be one of the most thoughtful and insightful DOD officials we have come to know. His ability to reduce complex system assessments into meaningful constructs were, on more than one occasion, immensely helpful to every committee member. His private counsel and immense personal interaction were directly responsible for solving major program problems for which our country is most grateful.

Our Nation deserves no less than the full measure of devotion from the men and women it nominates to our highest positions of authority. Peter Teets fulfilled every expectation the Congress and the nation placed upon him. He did so with a combination of grace and dignity, superb organizational and managerial skill, and with that rare coupling of professionalism and confidence that his Air Force and our Department of Defense would not accept anything short of excellence in accomplishing every assigned mission and task.

I truly hope this is not the last time the nation will call upon Peter Teets and his family to serve this grateful Nation. Indeed, Pete has earned the right to return home and focus on the one thing all of us yearn to do—spend time and focus on family. His many friends in the Senate wish him and his family all the best in the days ahead. We bid Pete a fond farewell and heartfelt thanks for a magnificent job as our Acting Air Force Secretary and as our Under Secretary of the Air Force. We are a better people and stronger Nation today because Pete Teets gave and accomplished so much. We will indeed miss America's "Mr. Military Space" and wish him God's everlasting blessings.●

HONORING CAMERON TROOST

● Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the courage and sacrifice of Cameron S. Troost, a 10-year-old boy from South Bend, IN. Cameron suffers from pediatric bipolar disorder, a devastating but treatable brain disorder marked by severe fluctuations in mood, activity, thought, and behavior. In an effort to contribute to the search for a cure, Cameron volunteered to participate in a four-month long rigorous clinical study at the National Institutes of Mental Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

Though the exact prevalence is not known, the Child & Adolescent Bipolar Foundation estimates that at least three quarters of a million American children and teenagers currently suffer from bipolar disorder, many of whom are undiagnosed. Bipolar disorder is thought to affect 1-2 percent of adults worldwide. Fifty-nine percent of adults with bipolar disorder report that their symptoms first appeared during or before adolescence. The disorder is often inherited, and symptoms can emerge at any time in life.

Bipolar disorder has a significant impact on our society. Children with the