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CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. FRIST. I now send a cloture motion to the bill to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

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MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, these votes would occur on Wednesday. We are still working on the time during Tuesday's session for the vote on the motion to waive. We will announce that when it is locked in.

I ask that there be a period for morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, today, I would briefly like to recount the details of a troubling series of events that resulted in the capture of four Americans, one of whom was executed, in the jungles of Colombia. I recently received word of this story from a special operations officer with intimate knowledge of these and subsequent events.

Three years ago today, a contract surveillance plane operated by four American Defense Department contractors and one Colombian military sergeant, was flying in support of our joint counternarcotics efforts in Colombia. Engine troubles forced the

crew to crash land the aircraft in the Colombian jungle south of the capital Bogota.

While there was a small window of opportunity to mount a search and rescue effort, the launch of the rescue team was never authorized. All five crew members were captured by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia.

FARC is a known terrorist organization that has terrorized Colombian civilians and political figures for decades. It has kidnapped and killed numerous American citizens and poses a serious threat to U.S. interests in Colombia. FARC is also very actively involved in drug trafficking and extortion.

FARC immediately executed the lone Colombian serviceman and one of the Americans and moved the other hostages farther south, deeper into the Colombian jungle. In the 3 years since their abduction, there has been only one serious attempt to rescue the three remaining American contractors. This took place in late August and early September of last year.

Their names are Keith Stansell, Thomas Howes, and Marc Gonsalves. These three Americans and their families here at home deserve more.

Our military, in coordination with its Colombian counterparts, needs to take more assertive action to rescue the captive Americans. In order to carry out this mission, American personnel on the ground need access to better, more reliable, and more actionable intelligence.

They have a better chance of uncovering the location and well-being of the hostages by increasing contacts with Colombian troops patrolling the jungles and interrogating captured FARC members.

It is also important to seek tips from the local population that might have information as to the whereabouts of these soldiers. But there must be incentives for these civilians, who must also endure FARC violence and intimidation, to come forward. For example, radio broadcasts in the surrounding areas could inform local civilians of the situation and offer rewards that the locals will truly value. Access to land and livestock could prove to be a great incentive for those with any information on the hostages to come forward.

We also need to increase our coordination with Colombian intelligence personnel. They have the most intimate knowledge of their country and are likely to have more access to contacts with information. Greater coordination and stronger links with these Colombian intelligence units will give our military a better opportunity to act when relevant information becomes available.

For 3 years, three brave American civilian contractors have been held hostage by a ruthless terrorist organization deep in the Colombian jungle. Though rescue attempts can be dan-

gerous and entail numerous risks to both the hostages and the rescuers, the failure to launch more than one serious rescue attempt is a disservice to those men and to their families here at home. We can only imagine the anguish, uncertainty, and doubt they have endured for those 3 long years.

I urge the administration to redouble its efforts to rescue these three Americans. A more assertive response is required. We owe it to these men and to their families to make a more serious effort to rescue them.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

LANCE CORPORAL WESLEY DAVIDS

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life of a brave young man, who was known for his incredible spirit and selflessness. Marine LCpl Wesley Davids, from Dublin, OH, was killed by an explosion in Iraq on May 11, 2005—exactly one day after his 20th birthday.

Ronald Reagan once said that “some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they’ve made a difference. The Marines don’t have that problem!” Indeed, all of our U.S. Marines are making a difference each and every day, and Marine LCpl Wesley Davids was no exception.

Wesley was born to loving parents Michael and Jody Davids. Even from the time he was a little boy, he loved anything that moved fast. When he got older, he loved driving fast cars and fast boats. He owned a Mustang GTS and two other cars. He also worked at a National Tire & Battery store on the North side of Columbus.

Wesley's friends at Dublin Scioto High School, from which he graduated in 2003, describe him as having boundless energy and that between working on his cars and going off-roading, Wesley lived a very active, very full life.

He loved a challenge and testing his own limits. Wesley was a stand-out member of his high school's crew team. According to his coach, Russ Merritt, “Wesley was just a very impressive, strong young man. You just had no doubt that he would give 100 percent.”

Amy Speck, who rowed with Wesley, wrote the following about her teammate in a posting on an Internet tribute site dedicated to Wesley:

I had the privilege to be Wes's coxswain in his crew boat his sophomore year and my senior year. Wes helped lead us to winning the Midwest Championships. He always led by example and was a fighter with a courageous spirit from the beginning.

It was that courageous spirit and strong sense of leadership that prompted Wesley to join the Marine Corps after the September 11 terrorist attacks. His mother, though concerned about Wesley's safety, came to accept his choice to enlist and respected the passion he brought to his decision. Jody knew that her son's determination in this pursuit was strong, and she was very proud of him.

She said that the same passion that defined Wesley in the boat when he