

policies of the directors of the Federal Reserve, through contraction of the money supply, prolonged and worsened the effects of the Great Depression.

I believe Dr. Friedman's greatness was not in being an academic but in taking economic principles, and his immovable convictions, to everyday people through his books, columns, public television series, speeches, and television appearances.

To truly honor the life and achievements of Dr. Milton Friedman, we should heed the lesson he dedicated much of his life to: the free society and the free economy are both essential and inseparable. In his book "Capitalism and Freedom," Friedman reminds us that, "Economic arrangements play a dual role in the promotion of a free society. On the one hand, freedom in economic arrangements is itself a component of freedom broadly understood, so economic freedom is an end in itself. In the second place, economic freedom is also an indispensable means toward the achievement of political freedom." ●

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, today I wish to note the passing and celebrate the life of Milton Friedman.

Nobel laureate Friedman was an economist whose work expanded academia to influence Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher, Alan Greenspan, Ben S. Bernanke, and many others. If I may dare to join such company, he also influenced me.

Friedman argued that the goal of monetary policy should be long-term, stable growth in the supply of money. He championed individual initiative and deregulation and influenced decisions from severing the dollar from gold to ending the military draft.

The Wall Street Journal today quoted Carnegie Mellon University Professor Allan H. Meltzer as saying "It's hard to think of anyone who's had more of a direct influence on social and economic policy in this generation."

The PBS airing of his 10-part series "Free to Choose," a defense of free market economics, made a huge impression on me. I watched them all and learned much.

Friedman was born in 1912. After graduating from high school before his 16th birthday, Friedman won a scholarship to Rutgers University. He later studied at the University of Chicago, where he met his future wife, Rose Director. Friedman graduated with a master's degree from the University of Chicago in 1933 and earned a doctorate from Columbia University in 1946. He served as an economic adviser during Barry Goldwater's Presidential campaign, won the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1988, and was most recently a senior research fellow at the Hoover Institution.

His contribution to our country was vast, and I mourn his passing. ●

#### TRIBUTE TO MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Murray State University

in honor of their recognition by the annual U.S. News and World Report America's Best Colleges issue. By constantly striving for academic excellence and inspiring their students to succeed, the faculty of this institute of higher education continues to provide the tools needed to ensure a bright future for all graduates.

Every year, thousands of schools are surveyed by U.S. News, and the rankings are based on expert opinion about academic program quality and statistics that measure the quality of a school's faculty, research, and students. The information gathered is consolidated and measured to determine individual college ranking in the final report.

Murray State University has a long history of academic excellence and continues to excel in enriching the academic careers of the students who attend. The school was ranked sixth in the South as a "Top Public" university. In addition, Murray was ranked 15th in the South among public and private universities in the individual category of "Best Masters Universities." The 10,000 students who attend this school are ensured a successful academic career with diverse degree programs and exceptional faculty support.

I now ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating Murray State University on their exceptional academic accomplishments. Achievements such as this bring great pride to the entire Bluegrass State. It is a true example of Kentucky at its finest. ●

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. FRANK WISEMAN

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Dr. Frank Wiseman, who is the recipient of the 2006 U.S. Professor of the Year Award for the State of Kentucky. This is a prestigious program that honors and awards the most influential undergraduate instructors in the country.

Since 1981, the U.S. Professors of the Year program has saluted exceptional professors who have demonstrated a heightened dedication to teaching, commitment to students, and creative instructional techniques and methods. The program is sponsored by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education which collaborates with multiple higher-education associations to direct and promote the program.

As a professor of chemistry at Georgetown College in Georgetown, KY, Dr. Wiseman uses innovative teaching methods to help his students understand the complexities of chemistry, a subject many find challenging. He has developed games and animation exercises as well as a unique grading system to address the diverse needs of his students. By introducing and applying creative educating tactics along with standard science research methods to assist his students, Dr. Wiseman personifies everything an educator should strive for in their career.

I now ask my fellow colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. Wiseman for his dedication and commitment to the education of America's future. In order for our society to continue to advance in the right direction, we must have professors like Dr. Wiseman in our institutions of higher learning, in our communities, and in our lives. He is Kentucky at its finest. ●

#### COMMENDING NATALIE WILSON CRAWFORD

● Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, today it is my pleasure to commend Mrs. Natalie Wilson Crawford for her service to the Nation and to the U.S. Air Force.

Mrs. Crawford is an internationally recognized expert on air and space power who has been at the California-based RAND Corporation since 1964. For the past 9 years she has held the position of vice president, RAND Corporation, and director of Project AIR FORCE, one of the principal research divisions of this famous think tank.

For 60 years, Project AIR FORCE, originally called Project RAND, has provided independent and objective analysis on issues of major concern to the U.S. Air Force. During her tenure as its director, Mrs. Crawford built and sustained an outstanding research team, expanded the research agenda, and further cemented RAND's strategic relationship with the Air Force's senior leaders.

Among her many honors, Mrs. Crawford has twice been awarded the Air Force's Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service. In 2003, she received both the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Air Force Analytic Community and the Lieutenant General Glenn Kent Leadership Award.

In October 2006, Mrs. Crawford stepped down from her administrative roles in Project AIR FORCE, but she will continue to act as a senior advisor to RAND's chief executive officer and as a senior mentor on the USAF Scientific Advisory Board, where she has served since 1988.

It is my pleasure and privilege to thank Natalie Crawford for her extraordinary contributions to preserving America's national security. The dedication and energy she has shown in her four-decade career demonstrate the highest ideals of service and commitment. ●

#### HONORING DR. DAVID E. JANSSEN

● Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, today I honor Dr. David E. Janssen, who is retiring after an impressive career spanning 40 years as a public servant in the State of California.

Dr. Janssen is retiring as chief administrative officer of the county of Los Angeles where he has served with distinction since August 1996. I extend to him my sincere congratulations for the decades of dedicated service that he has given to his Nation, his State, and his county.