

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.

For the past decade, Dr. Janssen has played an invaluable role in helping the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors accomplish its Federal and State legislative priorities.

While his many accomplishments are too numerous to list here, his most recent efforts clearly demonstrate just how much he has meant to Los Angeles county and my State over his entire career.

Dr. Janssen has advocated closely on important Medicaid reform proposals and helped to improve the flexibility of Federal foster care funds.

He coordinated and developed advocacy strategies with local government and housing and community development groups in the Los Angeles region to protect vital community development block grant funds.

Working to improve the county's health system, Dr. Janssen helped assure critical Federal funding guarantees and assisted in creating an action plan in the event of an avian flu epidemic. He also collaborated with the State's congressional delegation, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, and the administration to secure funding for Martin Luther King/Charles R. Drew Medical Center—King/Drew—in south Los Angeles, preserving critical, life-saving services, and ensuring that the patients served by King/Drew continue to have access to care.

In an issue that is of utmost importance to my State, he worked closely with key administration officials and members of Congress to ensure that Los Angeles Air Force Base would not be closed or realigned.

In terms of homeland security, Dr. Janssen led the county in working to boost funding and increase the allocation of first responder grants to local governments. Likewise, he supported legislation to adopt a threat-based formula that directs homeland security funds where they are needed most.

These are just some of Dr. Janssen's significant accomplishments on behalf of Los Angeles county and the State of California. As he retires, I extend my gratitude to him for his many contributions throughout a distinguished career. With sincere best wishes, I congratulate him upon his retirement from public service. I am pleased to join his many coworkers, family, friends, and associates in wishing him health, happiness, and good fortune in all his future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO CHUCK LARSON, SR.

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, one of the joys of my job as a Senator is working closely with talented, dedicated Iowans from all walks of life. One of those exceptional people is Chuck Larson, Sr., U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Iowa. With his retirement next month, he will conclude an extraordinary career in public service spanning nearly four decades.

Chuck has dedicated his life to the law and public safety, as director of

Iowa public safety in the 1970s, as a consultant in Saudi Arabia to the Kingdom's Highway Patrol Project in the early 1980s, as director of the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy, and as a member of the President's Drug Free Communities Committee. In December, he will complete two terms as U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Iowa.

My staff and I have worked closely with Chuck for many years. I could cite many examples of his leadership and professional excellence, but one instance stands out in particular. Some time ago, my office was contacted by members of an Iowa jurisdiction where various law enforcement agencies and key players in the community were not communicating effectively, leading to an increase in drug and gang activity. My staff contacted Chuck, and he intervened in that community personally and directly. He set up meetings with community members and law enforcement agencies and brought them together in a positive spirit. Today, that community is considered a national model for cooperation in the fight against drugs and gangs. And one thing that all groups in the community agree on is that it was Chuck's leadership and personal skills—going above and beyond his job description—that led to this success. Thanks to Chuck's work in that community and cross my State, Iowa is a better, safer place to live, work, and raise a family. Indeed, there is no doubt in my mind that Chuck's dedicated work is one big reason why Iowa has one of the lowest crime rates in the United States.

One key to Chuck's success is that he speaks with the authority of a seasoned veteran of decades on the front line fighting crime and improving public safety. Throughout his distinguished career, he has put public service above personal gain. We have all heard the saying that "you get what you pay for." But in Iowa, when it comes to U.S. attorneys, that is not the case. We get far better than we pay for. Despite modest salaries, Iowa has been blessed with U.S. attorneys of the highest caliber. And most folks in Iowa know this and appreciate it. We hold our law enforcement professionals—from police officers right up to the highest ranking prosecutors—in special esteem. And we are grateful for the excellence, professionalism, and long hours that they bring to their jobs.

I will miss Chuck's counsel and his can-do, cooperative attitude. My staff and I have turned to him again and again over the years, and he has never let us down. It has meant so much to be able to rely on someone of his caliber for authoritative answers and prompt action.

Though I am sorry to see Chuck go, I know how much he is looking forward to spending more time with his family—his wife Ellen and his children and grandchildren. I am grateful for his decades of truly distinguished and brilliant public service, and I wish him the very best.●

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REDFIELD FIRE

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish to remember the fire that devastated the community of Redfield, SD, on November 16, 1986. Though there was a tragic loss of life and many families saw their property and possessions destroyed, the community was able to come together to help each other through those difficult times and to ultimately rebuild and thrive.

The fire began sometime prior to 4:30 that morning and was reported by Dawn Waldner. Soon local police and firefighters were on the scene, but the blaze proved uncontrollable. It was in the process of consuming an apartment building with 31 apartments and many of the downtown businesses in Redfield. The fire was so hot that it cracked the windows of any building in the vicinity of the flames. The Senior Citizens Center, Crawford Furniture, Coast to Coast hardware, Blaine St. Clair's business office, American Family Insurance, KQKD Radio, and a TV repair shop were among the businesses that were destroyed or damaged.

The day's greatest loss, however, was the life of young Rebecca Nelson, who was just over a year old. She was trapped in the burning apartment building, and though people on the scene made heroic efforts to save her, they could not discover her in time. Civilian Gene Freshour and police sergeant Dave Dosch both risked their lives by going into the building without masks to search for the child. Firefighters Bob Tiff, Jim Haider, Ron Eimers, and Rich Gruenwald formed a search team, also risking their lives, in the attempt to find Rebecca. Despite the brave actions of all those involved in the effort, she could not be rescued.

The fire burned so hot that firefighters said they could see the water evaporating before it even hit the fire. The tar on the streets melted, and ammunition in the hardware store was set off. By the time the embers were cold, over a million gallons of water had been used putting it out. It wasn't long, though, before the community came together to start the hard work of healing and rebuilding.

With the help of two community development block grants, the city was able to purchase much of the damaged property. Over 580 truckloads of debris were taken from the area, but new businesses have moved in and prospered. The site also is home to a memorial to Rebecca Nelson. There will be a memorial service in memory of the events of the day on November 16, 2006, at Siegling's Parking Lot, near the Rebecca Nelson Memorial. I extend my deepest condolences to those who suffered losses in the fire and commend the community for their unity and perseverance in rebounding from this disaster.●

BIGHORN CENTER TRIBUTE

● Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Bighorn