

In high school, Tyler proved himself academically, by spending hours studying his books and lessons. His hard work paid off, when he made the honor roll during his senior year—an accomplishment for which he was very proud. After high school, Tyler went on to Butler University, where he graduated with a degree in biology in 1993.

And then, Tyler set his sights on the Marines. A longtime friend of the Swisher family, Jack Buckholz, remembers that Tyler attacked the challenges of boot camp with the same ferocity and determination that he had displayed with everything he did. He spent 6 months training on his own to make sure he was prepared. He ran several miles a day and worked construction to strengthen his muscles. “He had a rope that he would climb every day,” Jack Buchholz remembers. “After that, boot camp was not so bad [at all].”

Tyler entered the Marines as an enlisted man and then worked his way up to Officer’s Commission in 1997 and eventually became on to being a company commander for the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, based in Camp Lejeune, NC. When he died in Iraq, 200 Marines were under his command.

Tyler died doing what all Marine officers aspire to do—[and that is] lead Marines in combat,” said Captain Gary McCullar, one of Tyler’s best friends. “Tyler never faltered. Tyler did it right.

Tyler sought out challenges that most people would shy away from—challenges like training for mountain warfare in Korea, which involved steep climbing, rocky slopes, and living outdoors in harsh elements. “It was miserable,” Captain McCullar remembered. “[And,] he loved it.”

Tyler always pushed himself beyond all expectations and always gave his best—whether it was for himself, his school, or his country.

Tyler was a dedicated and hard-working Marine, but he was also a selfless person, who always placed the needs of family, friends, Marines, and Nation above his own. But, most important to him were his wife Stephanie and their three children: Ashleigh, Madison, and Jacob. Stephanie’s brother Peter Lynch remembers that Tyler was a devoted father and a committed husband. For Stephanie, he was consistently a source of strength. No matter how bad a day she was having, he was always able to get a burst of laughter out of her.

And Tyler’s daughter Ashleigh left him the following message on an Internet tribute Web site:

Tyler Swisher, my Dad, was an amazing man. He was more than a Dad to me . . . he was my hero. He gave me the strength to face many hardships in my life, and he was always there for me. He was the best father anybody could ask for. He’s my inspiration everyday to live life. . . . I will never stop missing him. I’m so proud of you Daddy, thanks so much for being my hero, and protecting us all. With love, Ashleigh.

Todd Smith was one of Tyler’s childhood buddies. At Tyler’s funeral, he ad-

ressed the following words to his friend:

I remember sitting in the [movie theater], watching ‘The Empire Strikes Back’ all day long. You were always there for me more than I was there for you. I could count on you to tell me right from wrong. I could count on you to stick up for me, and you taught me to stick up for myself. I’ve always looked up to you and can’t begin to say how proud I am of you. You made the ultimate sacrifice for your country, and you are truly a hero. I am lucky and blessed you were part of my life.

Tyler’s fellow Marines in Iraq felt the same respect and admiration for Tyler as his family and friends did back home. Doug Miorandi from Phoenix, AZ, expressed his respect for his friend and fellow serviceman on an Internet tribute Web site. This is what he wrote:

I was fortunate enough to have served with Tyler and feel honored to call him my friend. Tyler and I were roommates for over two years, serving at both Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., and the Presidential Retreat at Camp David. From being a ‘spit and polished’ Presidential Security Guard to a hard charging Marine grunt, Tyler epitomized the word ‘Marine.’ I’ll never forget our time together, and I feel fortunate to have been a part of your life.

CPT Tyler Swisher was buried a hero at Arlington National Cemetery, and I am honored that I had the opportunity to attend the funeral services in Ohio for this fine marine. The streets were lined with family, friends and fellow servicemen and women who had come to honor him. Everyone I spoke to that sunny November day had the same thing to say—Tyler Swisher had loved being a marine, and he loved what he was doing.

I would like to conclude with the words of Tyler’s dear friend, CPT Gary McCullar, who was Tyler’s military escort on his final journey home. In a letter to the Cincinnati Post thanking the community and citizens for the respect and honor they showed to Tyler and his family, he wrote the following:

Captain Swisher epitomized the meaning of the Marines. He was a leader, he was tough, he was the best that this country has to offer, but most importantly he was a man who loved his wife and children and enjoyed spending every minute he could with them. Captain Swisher was also the best friend I ever had. I am very proud of how the City honored my friend.

Indeed the world is a better place because of Tyler Swisher. My wife Fran and I will continue to keep his family—his wife Stephanie and their three children Ashleigh, Madison, and Jacob, his parents David and Mary Beth Swisher, and his siblings John and Sara—in our thoughts and in our prayers.

I thank the Chair very much this evening. I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

## HONORING SENATORIAL SERVICE

BILL FRIST

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that today I honor our distinguished majority leader, Senator BILL FRIST. After serving with BILL for the last 12 years, I have come to know that he is a fine leader, an accomplished physician and a wonderful person. He is a man of compassion and conviction who has served our Country and this body well.

It is only fitting that the majority leader of the U.S. Senate be a person who has dedicated his life to serving others.

We all know of BILL’s remarkable service to people around the world as a transplant surgeon for over 20 years. We have applauded him on several occasions as he has embarked on pilgrimages to help bring needed medical expertise to impoverished countries. We have seen him fight to secure over \$15 billion in Federal funding to fight the spread of HIV/AIDS in Africa. We have marveled at his dedication to serving the people of Tennessee. And time and again, we have witnessed him here on the floor of the U.S. Senate in the middle of the night conducting the people’s business and ensuring the legacy of the Senate continues in the most professional manner.

I hope everyone understands what a sacrifice it is to take on leadership duties here in Washington. The Federal Government never sleeps. When elected representatives come to Washington, they bring with them the hopes, dreams, and aspirations of each one of their constituents. Those who take this responsibility seriously spend every waking moment addressing concerns and working for the people they represent. That is quite a responsibility to bear. When you add to that responsibility the duties of being a leader and looking out for the interests of those you lead, the duties are immense and the sleepless nights really start to mount. I, for one, am grateful for BILL’s exemplary service and willingness to spend his life looking out for the interests of others.

Over the last 4 years, as BILL has been majority leader, I have had several occasions to seek him out and ask for his advice and counsel. In every instance, he has made himself available. There have been times when I have been working on issues of great importance to the citizens of Utah until 1, 2, or even 3 in the morning and, even though the items we were working on did not impact BILL or his constituents, he and his staff were gracious enough to stay up and work with me. For that I am grateful.

As a highly trained physician, BILL has changed the way the Senate approaches health care policy. As a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee and the Senate Finance Committee, two committees with jurisdiction over health care issues, BILL has used his insight and training to shape and move

legislation which greatly improves the health of Americans and the health care system in general. His skill as a physician has greatly improved the knowledge of this body and has made the lives of countless people better.

Tennessee's storied history of capable Senators is long and includes such names as Andrew Jackson, Andrew Johnson, Howard Baker, and, my good friend, Fred Thompson. These men represented the best of what America has to offer, and BILL FRIST has done much to add to this great legacy. As majority leader, BILL has shepherded through some very important legislation, including the Medicare prescription drug benefit legislation, scores and scores of tax cut legislation for the American people, legislation to reduce health care disparities among races, legislation to make health care more affordable and accessible, legislation to bolster America's defenses against bioterrorism, legislation to reduce childhood obesity, legislation to prevent childhood vaccine shortages, and legislation fighting drug abuse.

BILL's willingness to support Federal funding for stem cell research this year made a huge difference in the national debate. I truly appreciated BILL's support earlier this year to pass legislation that would make more embryonic stem cell lines available for Federal funding. Stem cell research is one of the most important issues we face today. Stem cell research gives hope to millions of people who have none. More than 100 million Americans suffer from heart disease, cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, and so many other life-threatening and life-debilitating diseases. Thanks to BILL's support, on July 18 of this year, the Senate passed H.R. 810, the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act, by a vote of 63 to 37. H.R. 810 would have allowed Federal funding for stem cell research using stem cell lines derived under strict ethical requirements from excess in vitro fertilization embryos, regardless of the date they were derived. I am grateful to BILL for taking such a bold and courageous stand on this issue for those suffering from these dreaded diseases and who will be helped by this research.

In closing, BILL is a consummate family man who cherishes family and the values family represents. He has been married to his wife Karyn for 22 years and, even as majority leader of the U.S. Senate, he has always made time for his three sons: Harrison, Jonathan, and Bryan.

There is no doubt BILL will be successful in any endeavor he undertakes as he leaves this great body. He has proven himself time and again and there is no question in my mind, he will be successful in the future.

Mr. President, I appreciate the efforts and service of our good majority leader, BILL FRIST. He is a great man, a great patriot, and a great friend, and I wish him well in his future endeavors.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I welcome this opportunity to commend our

colleague MARK DAYTON, the Senator from Minnesota, for his distinguished service in the Senate and for his commitment to helping our country live up to its highest ideals at home and abroad.

MARK's life has been about service to others. Whether as a teacher in the bowery of New York, a counselor to troubled teens in Boston, an aide to our beloved Fritz Mondale, or State economic development leader working to bring quality jobs to his constituents, or a Senator, MARK DAYTON has consistently answered the call of public service throughout his long and outstanding career.

He has been a champion of the right to quality and affordable health care for all Americans, and I know how frustrated he has often been by our inability to make greater progress on this critical domestic issue. Sadly, it will be harder to get there without him, but I am optimistic that we will still be able to accomplish it, and I have no doubt that MARK will continue with his commitment and compassion to help lead the charge from outside the Senate.

As a Senator, he had an indispensable role in our effort to expand the availability of prescription drugs. His heart went out to the senior citizens in Minnesota whose only hope to afford the drugs they desperately needed was to cross the border into Canada. Fortunately, in its effort to build a legal fence to keep them out, the drug industry more than met its match in Senator MARK DAYTON. Even my constituents in Massachusetts loved MARK, as they boarded buses from Boston to Minnesota to catch the lifesaving bus to Canada and get their medicine.

MARK also has had the courage to stand against the administration when it launched the tragic and misguided war in Iraq.

He never wavered in the Senate from what he believed was right, and we will all miss the skill and eloquence, the decency, honor, and generosity he brought to our Senate debates.

We regret very much that he won't be here with us in the debates ahead, and we wish him well. Perhaps he will be able to make that Arctic trek to the North Pole that he had to put on hold when he came to the Senate 6 years ago. But I know that whatever new course he chooses, he will continue to be a strong and vital voice in improving the lives of others.

As Robert Kennedy said, "Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

Throughout his brilliant career, MARK DAYTON has sent forth many ripples of hope, and I'm certain he'll send forth many more in the years ahead. We'll miss you, MARK.

SENATOR DAYTON

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to a retiring colleague, Senator DAYTON of Minnesota.

MARK DAYTON has made a career of public service, in the very best sense of the term. After graduating from college, he taught public school in New York City and served as a counselor to teenage runaways before returning to Minnesota. For 20 years, he served in a variety of positions in State government in Minnesota, from commissioner of Economic Development to State auditor.

In the Senate, MARK DAYTON has been an independent voice in the tradition of our former colleague, Paul Wellstone. He eschewed political expediency and instead relied on his conscience in making important decisions. For example, he agonized over his vote on the Iraq war, before ultimately deciding to join the small minority of Senators who voted against it.

I have worked most closely with MARK on agriculture and other issues affecting rural Americans. Throughout his Senate service, he has been a strong and consistent voice on behalf of family farmers. He has helped lead the fight for much needed disaster relief. He has opposed misguided cuts to commodity and conservation programs. And he has been a leader in calling for a significant expansion of ethanol and other renewable fuels that can benefit our rural economies and reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

Senator DAYTON has also been a strong voice on behalf of our troops and their families at home. He has called for better armor and equipment. He has insisted on better care for veterans. And he spearheaded efforts to ensure that soldiers on leave could get all the way home to visit their loved ones rather than simply being dropped off at remote cities and asked to pay last-minute air fares to get home.

MARK DAYTON has insisted on integrity and honesty in every aspect of his public life. He has been a true champion for Minnesota. Lucy and I wish him well as he goes on to other ventures.

LINCOLN CHAFEE

Mr. President, I would like to pay tribute to Senator LINCOLN CHAFEE. Senator CHAFEE has served the people of Rhode Island well. He has distinguished himself in a number of important policy areas, including strengthening environmental protections and strengthening our national security.

I most appreciated his efforts to promote fiscal responsibility. Senator CHAFEE has been steadfastly committed to sound government budget policies. While he supported easing tax burdens for families by ending the marriage tax penalty and increasing the child tax credit, he had the courage to oppose irresponsible, budget-busting measures that, while politically popular, have resulted in huge fiscal deficits and an unsustainable increase in the Federal debt.

Senator CHAFEE has also been an unwavering supporter of reinstating pay-as-you-go constraints on the Federal budget first implemented by President Bush's father in 1990. Under those rules, any tax cut or increase in Government spending must be accompanied by an equal spending cut or revenue increase.

I also appreciated Senator CHAFEE's commitment to bipartisanship. He understands that reaching across the aisle and working together more often than not results in better decisions and better, longer lasting policy solutions. His efforts were not always appreciated by those in charge over the last couple of years. But those of us who worked closely with him know his commitment is genuine and his word is good.

I was pleased to welcome Senator CHAFEE to the Senate in 1999 when he was appointed to fill the seat of his late father. I had the pleasure of working often with John Chafee. We were both members of the Senate Finance Committee. I was not surprised to find that the son, like his father, was tough but fair-minded and a man of strong principle.

Senator CHAFEE brought a unique set of skills to the Senate. A native Rhode Islander, he earned a B.A. in classics from Brown University and was captain of the wrestling team. Instead of following immediately in his father's footsteps, however, he initially worked as a blacksmith at harness race tracks in the United States and Canada and later in manufacturing management. These experiences gave him a great deal of respect for working people and helped him build a strong sense of independence and plain old common sense.

It is also clear that Senator CHAFEE never forgets his other important job. As a father of three school-aged children, he often reminds his colleagues to consider the impact of our decisions on the next generation. Whether he is working to preserve fragile wetlands in his beloved home State, helping strengthen our homeland security, or preventing massive debts from accruing, he talks often about our responsibility to our children.

Senator CHAFEE has served the State of Rhode Island with integrity and compassion. He will be missed.

CONRAD BURNS

Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge my colleague from Montana, Senator CONRAD BURNS, who will be leaving this body after serving Montanans for the past 18 years.

Since our States border one another, Senator BURNS and I have had the opportunity to work together on issues important to our region and the Nation. Senator BURNS has been a strong advocate for the interests of his State.

In 2002, Senator BURNS and I joined forces to create the Bipartisan Task Force on Tribal Colleges and Universities. One of the goals we set for the task force was to secure adequate resources on the Federal level to support and grow these valuable institutions.

Senator BURNS, as chairman of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, was a strong advocate in helping the task force achieve this goal. Under his leadership, the tribal colleges received some of the largest increases in Federal funding since their inception. This support has opened the door of opportunity for thousands of American Indians.

During this past year, we have also worked together on agricultural disaster assistance legislation. Because both of our States have a strong agricultural sector in our economy, this issue is very important to our constituents. The support he has given to agricultural disaster legislation in both the Senate Appropriations Committee and the full Senate has been important to our efforts, and I appreciate his strong support.

Senator BURNS was also a valuable member of the ICBM coalition. During these past years, he and I have worked together to make sure our Nation has a strong military deterrent to emerging world threats.

Since he arrived in Washington as a Senator only 2 years after I did, we have watched the debates and policy discussions in this body together for almost two decades now. During that time we have seen economic ups and downs, a major change in international power structure, and the new challenges we face after the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Again, Mr. President, I have appreciated the opportunity to work with Senator BURNS and wish him well as he leaves the Senate.

JIM JEFFORDS

Mr. President, today I would like to take a moment to recognize my friend and colleague, JIM JEFFORDS, who after 32 years of distinguished service in Congress is retiring to spend more time with his family.

JIM JEFFORDS' family roots in Vermont can be traced all the way back to 1794. After attending public schools in Rutland, JIM received his undergraduate degree from Yale University and his law degree from Harvard Law School. He served in the U.S. Navy and retired from the U.S. Naval Reserve.

I have worked closely with JIM JEFFORDS for years on the Centrist Coalition. He is a good friend and someone I could always trust. JIM has always been independent-minded with a strong sense of integrity, a real commitment to fiscal responsibility, an unparalleled dedication to the environment, and a passion for improving education for our children. During his time in Congress, JIM JEFFORDS left his mark on some of the most important legislation this institution has passed, including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the 2005 highway bill.

In 2001, JIM JEFFORDS made a historic and difficult decision to switch his party affiliation to an Independent. He was never afraid to make tough deci-

sions, and this one was no exception. It took courage to stand up against the rising tide, knowing that his decision would tip the balance in the Senate and set us on a new course.

JIM JEFFORDS embodies what it means to be a good Senator—honesty, a strong work ethic, courage, dedication, and being true to one's convictions. He is also thoughtful, modest, and soft spoken. With these character traits it is hard to believe that he has a black belt in tae kwon do.

JIM JEFFORDS has been a true fighter for Vermont. His compassion and conviction will be missed in the U.S. Senate. I wish JIM and his family many happy years ahead.

MIKE DEWINE

Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute and recognize the accomplishments of a colleague who will be leaving the Senate at the end of this term. Senator MIKE DEWINE has represented Ohio in the Senate for 12 years. During his tenure, he has been an important advocate for the interests of the Buckeye State.

Senator DEWINE will be remembered for his work on the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee and particularly his success as chairman of the Subcommittee on Retirement Security and Aging. He was a vital and constructive member of the conference committee on the Pension Protection Act, and he illustrated what can be accomplished when you are willing to work across party lines on a common goal.

I have also admired Senator DEWINE's commitment to our Nation's children and his efforts to stop teen drug and alcohol abuse, as well as crack down on tobacco companies' marketing of their products to children and teens. With unfailing courage, he took on those in his own party and other special interests to protect our kids from harmful tobacco products.

In addition, I believe he has set a good example for all of us in the Senate in how to honor those from our States who have fallen in service to our Nation. With deep admiration, I have listened to Senator DEWINE come to the floor and speak about the lives and families of Ohio service men and women who have died in Iraq and other fields of battle. It is clear that he understands and deeply respects the sacrifices made by our troops and their families.

Mr. President, for these and many other reasons, I have been honored to serve with MIKE DEWINE. I would like to join my colleagues in wishing the Senator and his family the best in the future and in paying tribute to his contributions to the Senate and our Nation. I wish him well.

MIKE DEWINE

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise today to bid farewell to one of our esteemed colleagues, MIKE DEWINE of Ohio. It has been my special joy and privilege to work closely with Senator DEWINE for the last decade. Since 1997,

we have led the Antitrust Subcommittee, each taking our turns as chairman and ranking member. Thanks to MIKE's honesty, candor, and cooperative nature, we have forged a productive bipartisan partnership as we have worked to promote competition in many vital sectors of our Nation's economy.

This productive, bipartisan working relationship has been a hallmark of Senator DEWINE's leadership of the Antitrust Subcommittee since he assumed the chairmanship of the committee in 1997. From the beginning, he reached out to me and established our tradition of setting our agenda jointly, planning our hearings together, and even sponsoring legislation and writing letters to the administration jointly. We tackled together such thorny issues as encouraging competition in telecommunications, health care, the oil and gas, and airline industries, investigating dozens of important mergers ranging from AOL/Time Warner to ATT/Bell South, and pursuing anti-trust reform legislation. While we have not always agreed on every issue that came before our subcommittee although I am happy to say we agreed more often than not—MIKE DEWINE and I always agreed that we should put partisanship aside and accomplishing practical results for the American people first.

On a personal note, our close working relationship has caused me to come to know MIKE DEWINE very well. I have come learn that MIKE is a sober-minded, hard working, and caring person. In my career, I have been privileged to know and work with a few distinguished Members of this Chamber whom I can truly call statesmen, leaders, and friends. MIKE DEWINE is one of them. He will be missed.

Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the great service of retiring Senators PAUL SARBANES, MARK DAYTON, and JAMES JEFFORDS.

Senator SARBANES' service in the Senate stretches back three decades. First elected in 1977, he had previously served as a Congressman and before that as a delegate in the Maryland State House. I have been so grateful to the Senator for his advice and his work in this Chamber.

Senator SARBANES is the son of immigrants from Laconia, Greece, and he has often spoken about the pride that he has for his Greek heritage, as well as the inspiration that he draws from it through his work in the Senate. His parents instilled in him a reverence for the principles of democracy and a respect for the values of opportunity and fairness. He has championed these values throughout his life in public service, passing important legislation to reform the accounting industry, the 2002 Sarbanes-Oxley Act, among many other legislative accomplishments.

I want to thank Senator SARBANES and his dedicated staff for their extensive and laudable work on the surface transportation reauthorization bill and

in particular for their tireless efforts to ensure our Nation's transit systems are adequately funded. With so much congestion on our roads it is critical that we continue to invest in our trains, buses, ferries, and other modes of transportation to reduce congestion and reduce travel times. Senator SARBANES did this work in his role as ranking member of the Banking Committee, and millions of people everyday—especially in New York—who ride trains and buses to and from work should be grateful that we had him on our side for so many years.

I could stand here for a long time singing the praises and accomplishments of Senator SARBANES after a long and distinguished career in the Senate. I will end by saying this: We will miss him and he has left his mark on this great Chamber.

I will also express a fond farewell to Senator DAYTON.

It has been an honor to serve on the Armed Services Committee with Senator DAYTON.

He has done a wonderful job for the people of Minnesota. In his time in the Senate Senator DAYTON worked hard to live up to the legend of Senator Wellstone, to honor the values that Senator Wellstone championed in this body.

One example: I was grateful to Senator DAYTON for his support of the Non-traditional Student Success Act, a piece of legislation to help more people attend college while working and raising families—to open the doors of opportunity wider for more and more Americans.

I am grateful to MARK DAYTON for his work to honor his values, and I know he leaves this body having made the people of Minnesota proud.

I will also say a few words about Senator JEFFORDS.

Senator JEFFORDS has ably represented Vermonters here in the Congress for decades. In doing so, he has reflected the independent spirit of Vermonters, and no more so than when he took the courageous step in 2001 to become an Independent and caucus with the Democrats.

Since that time, I have had the great pleasure of working with Senator JEFFORDS on the Environment and Public Works Committee. His tenure at that committee was a fitting capstone to his career, as he has long been focused on environmental protection.

Throughout his long and distinguished career, Senator JEFFORDS has been a strong advocate of renewable energy. In many ways, he has been ahead of his time. In 1990, he introduced a bill to promote ethanol and other alternative fuels, and nearly 10 years ago he introduced legislation to create a 20-percent renewable portfolio standard. During his tenure first as chairman, and then as ranking member of the EPW committee, he has been a strong and clear voice for a cleaner environment.

He has been an ally and a champion of reducing pollution from power-

plants, fighting global warming, and making our buildings more energy efficient. And he has worked hard to hold the administration to task for numerous rollbacks of our landmark environmental laws. During his tenure on the committee, Senator JEFFORDS has been ably assisted by a staff led by Ken Connolly and Alison Taylor. I thank them and Senator JEFFORDS' entire staff for their assistance to me and my staff.

Unfortunately, I could not attend the final EPW meeting this week, but I understand that Senator JEFFORDS announced that he is returning home to Vermont, and described home as "the place you can go where they have to take you in."

I know that Vermont will welcome Senator JEFFORDS back with open arms, and I know that he will always have a home away from home here in the Senate.

Finally, I also wish the very best to my Republican colleagues who will leave the Senate at the conclusion of this Congress. The Senate, at its best, is a body that promotes bipartisanship, deliberation, and cooperation, and the dedication to shared values. It has been a privilege to work with my departing colleagues on the other side of the aisle.

#### REMEMBERING MARY ARNOLD

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, as we approach this Christmas season, our joy is tempered by sorrow over the loss in late November of one of our Senate family members. The sorrow is borne of shock and loss as we mourn the sudden departure from this earthly life of our dear friend, Mary Miller Arnold. Yet, as we grieve, we must also give thanks for her life and for the enrichment she brought to all of the lives she touched.

It has been my honor and privilege to have served in the U.S. Senate for nearly 50 years. During this time, I have come to greatly appreciate and revere the work of the staff of the U.S. Senate. These wonderful women and men play a sometimes invisible but always crucial role in the work of the Senate. They are dedicated, professional public servants who work long and unpredictable hours. When the Senate is in session, their families' lives suffer and their social lives are almost nonexistent.

These are noble people who contribute to the history of our country every day, but, sadly, they will rarely be mentioned in the history books. Yet their lives are perfect examples of humble attention to duty and service. Such a life was Mary Arnold's.

I came to know Mary from her previous positions in the U.S. Senate and to appreciate her work as well as to like her personally. I was pleased and proud to have the opportunity to appoint Mary Arnold to her position as a Senate doorkeeper when I was the Senate majority leader, September 1, 1987. She did not disappoint. One year later