assuaged by your pride in Tim’s service to his country and by your knowledge that his country will never forget him. We are humbled by his service and his sacrifice.

Mr. PRESIDENT, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and heroic service of Sergeant Jon L. Stiles. Sergeant Stiles, assigned to the 927th Engineer Company, 769th Engineer Battalion, was killed on November 13, 2008, when an improvised explosive device struck his patrol near Shubuyan, Afghanistan. He was 38 years old.

Sergeant Stiles grew up in Highlands Ranch, CO, and after graduating from high school, spent nearly 13 years in the U.S. Marine Corps and 2 years in the Army. Two years following his discharge, he moved back to Colorado, joined the Colorado National Guard, and was deployed to Afghanistan, where he worked to clear transportation routes for the Army and insurgents running. It is a mission paramount to our survival and a mission which he carried out with dignity and heroism.

This past October, Sergeant Stiles saved the lives of three fellow soldiers when he rescued them from underneath a burning vehicle that was struck by a suicide bomber, an act of incredible bravery that earned him the Bronze Star. He suffered serious damage to his lungs and vocal chords as a result of this incident, but instead of taking medical leave, he insisted on returning to his post.

Mr. PRESIDENT, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and heroic service of Corporal Adrian Robles, who was killed in action in Afghanistan on October 22, 2008.

Corporal Robles represented all that Corporal Robles gave his life for a noble goal. I join all Nebraskans—indeed, all Americans—in mourning the loss of such a fine young man.

Mr. PRESIDENT, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor Marine Cpl. James Clay, who was killed in action in Afghanistan.

Mr. PRESIDENT, I thank you for the opportunity today to pay tribute to a very special man, caring husband and father, and great Senator Gordon Smith.

Senator Smith quickly made his mark as someone who is willing to lead, and a man of high integrity, and a true statesman.

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and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Indian Affairs; and the Finance Committee.

He was also selected four times by the leadership of our party to become the Deputy Whip, an important position we could all look to for guidance and support.

I had the distinct pleasure of traveling with Senator Smith on two occasions to Iraq to assess the situation first-hand with the troops, and become more intimately familiar with the challenges facing our country overseas. We shared a genuine interest and concern in the events taking place in that country, and I will forever be grateful to Senator Smith for taking that journey with me.

Before joining the Senate, Gordon made his mark in the business world—assuming the helm of his family's frozen vegetable processing company. His strength and commitment steered this company to new success, and established himself as a business leader with qualities to emulate.

You can't talk about Gordon Smith without talking about the love he has for people, especially his wonderful family. Gordon and his wife Sharon have raised three wonderful children: Brittany, Garrett, and Morgan. Even while meeting the demands of his job, you always knew his thoughts and actions centered on home.

During his second term in office, Gordon had to face a tragedy almost impossible to bear. Their son, Garrett, lost his battle with leukemia. I was so powerfully reminded that life isn't always fair. Their deep grief was clearly evident on his face that day. Gordon and Sharon had to face a tragedy that few of us can ever imagine.

I wanted to take a moment to express my appreciation for his friendship and his years of public service.

Senator Smith's retirement marks the end of a career in the service of the United States that has spanned more than 6 decades. John, having been born in 1927 and reared in Washington, DC, enlisted in the Navy during World War II in January 1945. After the conclusion of the war, he left the military to pursue a legal education at the University of Virginia, only to rejoin the Navy, but this time with the Marines, to serve in the Korean War.

In 1953, he finished his legal studies while still serving in the Marine Corps Reserves and spent the next 7 years as a government attorney, first as a clerk of appeals court judge, then as an assistant U.S. attorney. Senator Warner left the public sector in 1960 to pursue a career in private legal practice, although it would not be long until he was called into service again.

In 1969, he was appointed by President Richard Nixon to serve as the Under Secretary of the Navy. Just over 3 years later, he succeeded John H. Chafee as the Secretary of the Navy. This, of course, was a unique era in the history of the Navy, where John was involved in a number of diplomatic efforts involving the Soviet Union, most notably the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

Senator Smith's political career began in 1978 when he was elected to represent the State of Virginia in the Senate. He is the second longest serving Senator in Virginia's history and, by a margin of many years, the longest serving Republican from the State. Of course, John and I have served many times during our years in the Senate. We served together on the HELP Committee and the Select Committee on Intelligence. But, for me, one of the most memorable times I shared with John took place outside the Halls of the Senate.

During the August recess of 1985, my son Jess and I were joined by John and his son on a fishing and boating trip in Utah. During one day of the trip, after returning from a hike, I was surprised to see a chub-like creature sitting in our campsite. As it turned out, John and some of the others had formed a mud hole down near the river, and he had been diving in and out of it. By the time I had returned to the campsite, John was covered head to toe in pumice mud. Apparently, the mud was good for the skin, but at the time I was unaware of this fact.

On the last day of the trip, John and I were fishing on Lake Powell and I was lucky enough to catch an 8-pound 60-stripped bass. He was impressed with my catch and he asked if I could keep it, apparently he wanted it as a trophy. Then evening, we took part in an event in Deer Valley, UT, but because we didn't have time to change after the flight, we showed up in our fishing clothes. John strode into the fancy ski lodge to meet the shirt-and-tie crowd sporting his jeans and carrying my fish around with him! Though I can't be certain, it sure seemed like he was proud of it.

But, seriously, Mr. President, Senator Warner will always be remembered for his even-tempered nature and for his work on behalf of our men and women in the military. He has never been one to follow the crowd for partisanship's sake, always choosing to follow his own conscience. I must admit that, over the years, John and I found ourselves in disagreement over issues that I believed to be of vital importance. But he was always one to respect the views of his colleagues in either party, even if he went a different way in the end.

I wish to speak today regarding Senator Elizabeth Dole, who will be departing from the United States Senate, I have known Senator Dole well and I am sure I am joined by many of my colleagues in saying that she will be missed.

Senator Dole has shown her enthusiasm and commitment firsthand through her vast contributions over the last 6 years. Her true courage is the powerful force behind her remarkable public service career. Most important, Senator Dole can conceive and articulate goals that lift people and unite them in the pursuit of objectives worthy of their best efforts.

As we look back on the challenges of our economy, Senator Dole has become a robust leader in helping our country focus on creating jobs, strengthening national security, improving education, and making quality health care more affordable and accessible. Her initial determination was demonstrated as she graduated from Duke University and Harvard Law School, then entering her public career by serving under multiple U.S. Presidents, including Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush. Through her career, she served as Secretary of Transportation, Secretary of Labor, and head of the American Red Cross. She
continued her public service by bringing her zeal to the Senate as the first female U.S. Senator from North Carolina.

As a fellow Senator, Elizabeth displays qualities of a true southern belle. She is a powerful role model. Her efforts to make North Carolina and America safer, stronger, and healthier have not gone unnoticed. Most importantly, she has played a key role in serving on the Senate Armed Services, Banking, Small Business and Aging Committees.

Mr. President, I extend my deepest gratitude to Senator Dole. I can say, without reservation, that she is a dedicated public servant and friend.

JOHN SUNUNU

Mr. President, I rise to speak today regarding the departure of my esteemed colleague from New Hampshire, Senator John Sununu. I have known Senator Sununu and his lovely family the best and thank them for the years of service Senator Sununu has been able to provide to this body as a result of their sacrifice. Senator Sununu’s dedication to the U.S. Senate would not be complete without their support, and I am sure that they will all be happy to have their loving husband and father around the house a little more often. Without hesitation, Mr. President, I can say that our loss is their gain. Senator Sununu and his family, I extend my deepest gratitude for the countless hours of service, the simple acts of thoughtfulness, and the years of friendship they have extended to me, my colleagues, and the people of the United States. Given the above and Senator Sununu’s track record, I am certain that we will be hearing more about him for many years to come.

WAYNE ALLARD

Mr. ENZL Mr. President, when the final gavel brings an end to the current Congress, it is one good friend of mine who has not gone unnoticed. Wayne Allard has chosen to retire from the U.S. Senate. I know we will all miss him and the strong and powerful voice he has been for Colorado and the West. His eye for detail and focus on the issues that are of such great importance to his constituents and mine will be very difficult to replace.

Wayne is quite a remarkable guy. He knew at a very young age that he wanted to be a veterinarian and so he directed all his energies towards that calling. He graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in veterinary medicine and opened a veterinary practice in Loveland, CO, with his wife Joan. As he worked at the profession he loved he got to know the people of the area and the problems they faced every day. He wanted to do more than just take care of their animals and livestock, so he started to branch out to a career in politics. He knew he could find the time for both his practice and for politics and the challenge of learning something new interested him.

Wayne had one great advantage as he began—his family’s deep Colorado roots. Wayne’s great-great-grandfather was a trapper and an explorer and he was one of the first permanent settlers of northern Colorado. His family was among the first to move into the area and establish a home there.

Wayne moved onto a family ranch. He learned at an early age the importance of a hard day’s work and of always doing your best. His days were spent baling hay and helping out with whatever needed to be done around the ranch from dawn to dusk. Life on the ranch taught him a lot and instilled in him the values and principles that have served him well throughout his life and his political career. Wayne is a strong believer in the idea of a citizen-potato. He believes that the more experience we have in the workforce, the better we are able to find legislative solutions to address the problems faced by families across the nation.

That philosophy guided Wayne’s efforts in the House and helped him win his present seat in the Senate in 1997. That was the same year that I came to Washington and Wayne was one of the first people I met. Our shared commitment to the people of the West made us natural allies.

It was soon after we were sworn in as freshman Senators that Wayne told me about his plans to hold a small audience conference to get his constituents more involved in the day-to-day operations of the Government. His dream took shape as the Allard Capita Conference. This annual event gives those who attend an opportunity to learn more about how the government works and to share their good ideas about how to change things. When it is over, it sends all those who attend back home to Colorado with a hefty dose of encouragement to continue the dialogue they began there. It has been so successful and Wayne has been able to attract many of Washington’s leaders to participate along with an impressive list of Senators from both sides of the aisle.

History will show that Wayne has been so successful in the Senate because he is committed to getting things done—and not in making sure he gets the credit. It is another philosophy we share. You can get just about anything done if you don’t care who gets the credit. It is another philosophy we both share. It is another philosophy we share. You can get just about anything done if you don’t care who gets the credit. It is another philosophy we both share. It is another philosophy we both share. You can get just about anything done if you don’t care who gets the credit. It is another philosophy we both share.
years to come, the Capitol Visitor Center will be part of the legacy of Wayne’s service to the people of our Nation.

There is another area of achievement that Wayne is probably more proud of—his work on the Sand Dunes National Park, his successful effort to convert Rocky Flats, which was formerly a nuclear weapons facility, to a national wildlife refuge, and his determination to protect and preserve the lake along the Rio Grande River. All these projects were important to him because they enabled him to make a difference back home in Colorado.

Now that his Washington years are drawing to a close, Wayne would be the first to give a lion’s share of the credit for all he has accomplished to his wife Joan. She was there from the start, working alongside him in his veterinary clinic and she is still by his side, the most important part of his work in the Senate. They have long been a remarkable team and it can truly be said that he and I both overmarried. Joan has been his best friend, his most trusted adviser, and his wisest political adviser and confidant.

Today will return to Colorado and to the life that they love. I don’t know what Wayne’s plans are for the future, but I hope and expect I will continue to hear from him whenever he thinks that we just aren’t getting it right when it comes to the land, the environment, or any of the other issues that have driven him during his service in the Senate. Whatever he decides to do, I know we will continue to hear from him and that is something that can only continue to serve us all well. Wayne is a special guy who loves Colorado and his country and he has dedicated his life to making them better places for us and for future generations to live. He can retire secure in the knowledge that he has succeeded because he cared enough to serve.

Thank you, Wayne, for your heartfelt commitment to Colorado and the Nation, for your willingness to service the people in the Senate and most of all, thank you for your friendship. Diana joins in sending all the best for a continued rich and rewarding life to you and Joan. And Wayne, for me, please keep track of and share the good fishing spots. I know most of them will be in Wyoming.

Larry Craig

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I appreciate having this opportunity to wish Larry Craig all the best as he retires and returns home to his beloved Idaho. I have enjoyed having a chance to work with him on issues of concern to the people of our States. He has been an important part of the work we have done on many of the issues that have come to the floor of the Senate and he will be difficult to replace.

Even since he first arrived in the Senate, Larry has been a champion for the West and a strong and powerful voice on the issues that concern the people of Wyoming and Idaho. His dedication to making his home State a better place to live and his determination to make a difference in the Nation through his service in the Senate has made him a force to be reckoned with for many years.

Larry has long Idaho roots that date back to his family’s arrival in Idaho more than a century ago. He was born on the family ranch that his grandfather had homesteaded back in 1899. The ranch has been a proud home of the Craig family ever since.

Sometime during the days when Larry was a young man growing up in Idaho, he was bitten by the political bug. It got him started on the path toward what would be a career of public service. Then, in 1974, Larry was elected to the Idaho State Senate. It set him on a path that would take him to the United States Senate.

Because of his background as a rancher and his views about the importance of the land and the need for us to be good stewards of all the resources under our control. After all, as we have heard so very often, when it comes to the land, they aren’t making any more of it. That is why Larry has always been there to ensure that Idaho’s natural treasures were well taken care of. It is not an exaggeration to say that Larry has been the guardian at the gate to ensure the Federal Government didn’t overstep its boundaries or the boundaries of the land in Idaho during his watch.

His commitment to the land and to the people of Idaho who rely on it for their livelihood particularly showed itself during his service on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. He took full advantage of the opportunity to work against any effort that would adversely affect the ability of the people of Idaho to make good use of their State’s land. Also on his agenda was the Endangered Species Act and the problems that had come with its application. It was a fight Larry was determined to win and he did more than just express his concern. He rolled up his sleeves and got to work. The new law he helped to write is not only more effective, but it is also designed to minimize its impact on property rights, employment and our State and local economies.

In the years to come I will most remember Larry for his ability to present his case with power and emotion whenever he would speak in committee or on the floor. Larry’s speaking and his debating skills are second to none. He has been called one of the most influential of all the western Senators and his conservative style has proven to be one of his greatest strengths.

Larry is probably best known for his work on immigration and his support for the ability of seasonal workers to come to the United States to work on our farms. He knows the importance of developing solutions to tough problems like immigration that do not hurt State economies or make life harder for our family farms and ranches.

The habits that he learned on the family ranch have been with him his entire life and that is why you will usually find him hard at work in his office when he is away from his office and it is one he can share with his grandchildren. As the grandfather of three children myself, I can identify with his interest and the time he sets aside to be with his eight grandchildren.

Speaking of his favorite hobby, he once said, “My wife knows she’s not a golf widow or a skiing or a hunting widow. She’s a gardening widow.” Larry is also a tremendous artist. His “works” are widely prized and collected.

Larry, I will be sorry to see you and Suzanne leave, saddlebags flapping in the wind as you ride off into the sunset. Now there will be time for all the things you have put off for some day, for now there will be plenty of some days for you to share with Suzanne. Diana and I wish you all the best in whatever you choose to do in the coming years. As we have found, the end of one great adventure is only the beginning of the next. So it will be for you. Good luck and God bless.

PETE DOMENICI

Mr. President, it is always a bitter-sweet moment in time for me when we come to the close of a session of Congress or the clock tick to the final hours of our legislative activities, it also signals the day when several of our colleagues will be retiring and ending their service in the United States Senate. When the current session ends, one of my good friends and great allies in the Senate will be returning home to his beloved New Mexico. He is Senator Pete Domenici and I know we will all miss him and his powerful presence in the Senate.

In the coming months to come, Pete may no longer be serving with us, but he will not be forgotten. He has left his mark on the Senate and on us all in too many ways for us not to remember him and how hard he has been working for the people of New Mexico, the West, and the Nation over the years. Every day he came to the Senate he was focused on what he could do today to make our tomorrows better for us all. The leadership he provided on so many issues will be very difficult to replace.

Pete began his journey out of college when he was deemed to be a good enough pitcher to be signed by a Brooklyn Dodgers farm team. It was a good life, but it wasn’t the one for Pete. He decided after the season was over that baseball wasn’t what he wanted to do and so he decided instead to do a different kind of pitching—to the people of the city he lived in. That pitch helped launch him on his true life’s work—serving the people of his State and helping to make New Mexico a better place to live.

When Pete decided to get involved in politics his friends told him he was
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Mr. President, I appreciate having this opportunity to join with my colleagues in wishing JOHN WARNER all the best as he retires from the United States Senate after 30 years of service to the people of Virginia. JOHN has had a long and distinguished career and he will be greatly missed.

Like so many of us, JOHN’s early years had a great influence on his life and helped to shape his character and mold his destiny. JOHN’s father was a surgeon and he saw to it that JOHN’s education began at an early age and included samples of just about everything there was to learn. JOHN was soon picking up on a course of study that included math, music, science, Latin, and much, much more.

During those early years, JOHN felt the call to serve his country, so he joined the Navy when he was 17 years old so he could be part of our Nation’s heroic effort in World War II. He then joined the Marines and went on to all his staff. He treats his staff like Members of his extended family and not like staff. I think that is why they work so hard for him. They love him like a father because he treats them, as he treats everyone, with kindness, respect, and with a combination of his own brand of style and substance he has been part of a great effort to make those goals a reality.

JOHN has been one of the strongest and most knowledgeable Navy senators. Amazon, the Senate’s overwhelming, has made him one of the Senate’s strongest and most knowledgeable Members and one of our nation’s military leaders. He has been one of the Congress’ most respected and most sought after experts on our actions in Iraq, the war against terrorism, and our efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. His experience has also made him a leader in the Senate’s oversight on defense spending.

Through the years, JOHN has been an important part of the debate on global warming. His concern about the issue and the future of our Nation led him to raise our common sense proposals, regardless of our party affiliation, in an effort to reach a consensus on the issue that would ultimately lead us to a workable solution.

There are two important reasons why JOHN has been such a tireless worker on this and other similar issues. JOHN shares my love of the great outdoors and all that it has to offer. He enjoys taking time from his busy schedule to hunt and fish with his grandchildren. He does that because he believes in the use of our Nation’s military. He has been one of the Congress’ most respected and most sought after experts on our actions in Iraq, the war against terrorism, and our efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. His experience has also made him a leader in the Senate’s oversight on defense spending.

The story is told that when PETE was accepted into law school his father made him a deal. I will finance your law school education, he told him, but he also said, if you do not do well, I will be proud to pay your way. If you bring home an “F” I will expect to be repaid.

Well, my friend, as you return home, your father would be very proud of the report card you will take with you from the Senate and from the people of New Mexico. You have done a great job and everything you have done in your life and in your career you have done very well. You take with us our great praise and an “A” from all for effort, time, and determination for the results you have achieved. God bless and be with you, PETE and Nancy. I know we will all miss you and think of you often. Make sure you leave your number with us for I know we will be reaching out to you for your advice and thoughtful suggestions in the days to come. That is one thing that will never change.
HAGEL will certainly come to mind. I don’t think anyone has a more interesting life story to tell than CHUCK and certainly few have achieved the level of success he has been able to attain in his public life and in the business world.

CHUCK grew up in a small Nebraska town where he learned the value of a day’s work at an earlier than usual age. CHUCK found his first job when he was only nine and he’s been hard at work ever since. When he lost his father at the age of twelve he, as the oldest child, to help raise the younger ones of his family.

That was also about the time that CHUCK made his first run for office. When he was in high school he decided to run for Student Council President. He knew he would have to do something different in his campaign to separate himself from the others who were running, so he tied a chicken to the hood of his car and drove around the school and asked why he was in the race. No one had ever seen anything quite like that before and he won quite easily I am sure.

After his high school years, CHUCK heard the call to serve his country and he joined the Army and served in Vietnam. He was seriously wounded twice and received two Purple Hearts during his military service. During one of his missions, he and his brother were trapped in their armored personnel carrier when an enemy mine exploded beneath them. CHUCK pulled his unconscious brother to safety and probably saved his life. It took 10 years for him to fully heal from the effects of the injuries he suffered that day.

When he graduated from the University of Nebraska he began his political career in earnest. He joined the staff of a Republican congressman from Nebraska and impressed him and his staff so much that he steadily rose in responsibility.

Equally impressive has been CHUCK’s success as a businessman. He sold almost all he had to begin a cellular phone company with two partners. His hard work and determination to succeed paid off and his investment was multiplied many times over.

That kind of success would have been enough for most people, but not for CHUCK. CHUCK felt the call to bigger things and he set his sights on going to Washington to make life a little better for the people of Nebraska.

That was his platform when CHUCK ran for the Senate in 1996. The experts thought he was a long shot and a lot of people said he didn’t stand a chance. Once again, CHUCK defied the odds and relied on the judgment of the people of Nebraska instead of the predictions of the experts. The people of Nebraska knew a good thing when they saw it and CHUCK was sent to the Senate to represent them.

CHUCK and I were part of the same freshman class and when we arrived we both looked forward to being named to the committees on which we would serve so we could make a difference for our States and the Nation. CHUCK was very pleased and proud when Senator LUGAR offered him an invitation to join the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

CHUCK took full advantage of the opportunity and made it the focus of his efforts in the Senate. He made a point of visiting other countries and meeting with foreign leaders to increase his expertise on foreign policy. Working closely with Senator LUGAR and Senator BIDEN, he has been a voice on the committee that is sought after for his perspective on the issues that involve our relations with other countries.

Over the years I have enjoyed serving with CHUCK and working with him on two of his top priorities, cutting Federal spending and making our tax system more workable and more responsive to the needs of our national economy. He can be very proud of all he has achieved, especially his support of fast track authority so the President could negotiate trade deals that cannot be changed by the Congress. His work in the area of international trade has made a great difference throughout the United States and helped improve our relationship with our trading partners.

Now CHUCK’s Washington years are coming to a close and he will be moving on together with Lilbeth to something new and different in their lives. Diana and I have always found that when one great adventure ends another one takes its place. That is our wish for you. Whatever the future holds for you and Lilbeth we wish you all the best. The only good part about saying goodbye is the knowledge that you will keep in touch with us and continue to offer your good advice and the unique brand of common sense that you learned from your service in Washington, your success in your business, and your years growing up in Nebraska, Wyoming’s neighbor to the East.

FURTHER CHANGES TO S. CON. RES. 70

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, pursuant to section 223 of S. Con. Res. 70, I previously filed adjustments to the 2009 budget resolution for H.R. 2095, the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008. These adjustments were based on CBO’s Congressional Budget Office’s estimate at that time of the budgetary effects of H.R. 2095.

CBO has since revised that estimate, increasing the amount of net savings over both 5 and 10 years. As such, H.R. 2095 still meets the conditions required for the release of the reserve fund under section 223, including being fully paid for over both the 6- and 11-year time periods.

Consequently, I am revising the adjustments made on September 29 pursuant to section 223 to reflect CBO’s updated estimate. This adjustment affects both the budgetary aggregates.