

knows what families go through when that happens.

In nominating Tammy Duckworth, President Obama knew he was getting a committed veterans advocate. She will be a strong voice for veterans. At the hearing the other day before Senators AKAKA and BURR, I know she made a dramatic impression when she gave her testimony. She is the kind of person I am proud to count as a friend. I am so honored that she served our country. She has shown extraordinary heroism throughout her life, and she will show it in her record of public

service with the VA, and she will show that the trust President Obama put in her was well placed.

We all look forward to working with Tammy as she enters a new phase of service to our Nation and our veterans.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.  
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate is adjourned until 9:30 a.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:42 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate, Wednesday, April 22, 2009:

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

LADDA TAMMY DUCKWORTH, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (PUBLIC AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS).

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.