

137 local legal aid programs, with more than 900 offices serving all 50 states and every congressional district.

LSC and LSC funded programs make a crucial difference to millions of Americans. In fact, LSC-funded programs close nearly 1 million cases per year and provide other assistance to more than 5 million people.

Recipients of LSC funding help clients secure basic human needs, such as access to wrongly denied benefits including Social Security, pensions and needed health care. Families of 9-11 victims, flood victims, and hurricane evacuees have received crucial legal assistance in obtaining permanent housing, unemployment compensation and government benefits. Further, members of our Armed Forces and their families receive help with estate planning, consumer and landlord/tenant problems and family law.

It is LSC-funded attorneys who help parents obtain and keep custody of their children, help family members obtain guardianship for children without parents, assist parents in enforcing child support payments and help women who are victims of domestic violence. In fact, three out of four legal aid clients are women, and legal aid programs identify domestic violence as one of their top priorities.

I know firsthand the important work of the Legal Services Corporation. Before I was elected to Congress, I worked as a legal aid attorney in Polk County, IA. I experienced the challenges—and also the rewards—of representing people who otherwise would not have the legal assistance they deserve. And I developed a deep appreciation for the role that legal aid attorneys play within our system of justice.

The fact is, our promise of “equal justice under law” rings hollow if those who are most vulnerable are denied access to quality legal representation. As former Justice Lewis Powell said: “Equal justice under law is not merely a caption on the facade of the Supreme Court building. It is perhaps the most inspiring ideal of our society . . . it is fundamental that justice should be the same, in substance and availability, without regard to economic status.”

Given the vital role played by LSC-funded attorneys, it is disturbing to note that, this year, more than 50 percent of eligible clients who seek assistance will be turned away because of lack of LSC program resources. With unemployment nearly 10 percent, and with poor Americans struggling to keep their jobs, cars and basic necessities, the need for legal aid attorneys has never been greater, yet funding for LSC remains inadequate. This is something Congress needs to address and I look forward in the coming months and years to doing so.

On this anniversary, I salute the Legal Services Corporation and LSC-funded attorneys for the vital work they do every day on behalf of Americans who need qualified counsel. Every day that a legal aid attorney protects

the safety, security and health of our most vulnerable citizens, they bring this nation closer to living up to its commitment to equal justice for all.

COMMENDING JACOB TRIOLO

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the outstanding service Jacob Triolo has provided to the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship in his capacity as a professional staff member. When Jacob—known to most as Jake—joined the committee staff in the spring of 2007, I knew that I had selected a top-notch staffer who cared deeply about making a difference in peoples’ lives. We will miss his dedication and insight when he leaves Capitol Hill next month to pursue a law degree at Washington & Lee University in historic Lexington, VA.

A native of Oregon and a 2004 dean’s list graduate of the University of Oregon, Jake came across the country to Capitol Hill in the summer of 2004 to begin working for my good friend and former colleague, Senator Gordon H. Smith. Starting out in the front office as a staff assistant, Jake immediately sought out additional responsibilities and was promoted to the position of legislative correspondent in less than a year’s time. In 2007, when I was looking to hire a new staff member to handle a wide-ranging portfolio of issues for the Small Business Committee, I was immediately impressed by Jake’s ability to multitask and his willingness to tackle a variety of issues simultaneously. His astute research, concise analysis, and willingness to accept new challenges made him an ideal candidate to represent the committee on a variety of small business initiatives, including entrepreneurial development programs, disaster oversight, science and innovation, and funding for the Small Business Administration. Additionally, those who know Jake, including Senator Smith, spoke glowingly of his professionalism and creativity.

Jake immediately hit the ground running, compiling intelligent and thoughtful background memoranda and hearing materials that contained tremendous insight and detailed analysis. One of his first endeavors as part of my staff was playing a leading role in developing legislation that would overhaul the SBA’s disaster response program. In the wake of the devastation wrought by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita back in 2005, Jake helped me to identify the causes of the Federal Government’s substandard response by working on the Small Business Disaster Response and Loan Improvement Act of 2007. Early in his tenure, Jake came into the office over several weekends, on his own volition, and successfully advocated to include these key provisions into the farm bill conference. As a result of his diligence and persistence, I successfully worked with a number of my Senate colleagues in advocating for private lending institu-

tions to have the option of making private disaster loans following large-scale disasters. This change, which was passed into law, will greatly improve our country’s ability to respond to natural disasters. As a responsible and trusted member of the committee team, Jake has also traveled to the gulf region to monitor progress and attend critical field hearings focused on rebuilding communities devastated by hurricanes.

Additionally, as ranking member of the Senate Small Business Committee, I am charged with fully considering the concerns of entrepreneurs and small firms nationwide. As such, Jake labored extensively on the Patent Reform Act of 2007, helping me to ensure that small businesses retained their voice in the process by preparing me for negotiations with the Judiciary Committee on provisions that would protect their unique interests. While this legislation did not pass, his efforts helped guarantee that entrepreneurs will be taken into account during discussions of policy changes, such as modifications to the post-grant review process—work that will provide a solid foundation as the Senate continues its attempt at patent reform this Congress.

Jake’s command of individual subject matters and appreciation for collaboration has been a direct result of his tenacious study and exposure to the legislative process. In large measure, his success as a Hill staffer is due to his ability to cultivate lasting professional relationships with staffers from other offices in the Senate, House, and at Federal agencies. His sense of humor and easygoing personality make him easily likeable, and many of his colleagues have become close friends throughout the years. Jake is also a tremendously caring individual, and his family plays a central focus in his life. That is why when his sister, Renata, came to Washington for an internship, Jake was certain to look after her as she followed in her big brother’s footsteps.

Jake is fond of saying that the classic movie “Mr. Smith Goes to Washington” has influenced his career, and provided him the impetus for attending law school. Well, Mr. President, Jake Triolo has gone to Washington, and he is now headed into a vast frontier where, with his knowledge, resilience, and passion, he has a bright future with no bounds. I fully expect that in 3 years’ time, Jake will be back in Washington, serving our Nation’s people in one capacity or another. A dedicated public servant who has demonstrated a capacious appetite for learning and a true talent for public policy, Jacob Triolo has been an asset to me and to the committee staff during his nearly 2½ years here. I wish him luck at Washington & Lee and in every endeavor he pursues.

COMMENDING JIM FISHER

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of Jim Fisher and his contribution to my home State of Idaho. For much of the past three decades, Jim has worked at the Lewiston Morning Tribune—first as a political reporter and then as an editorial page editor.

Over the years, Jim and I have crossed paths several times, particularly on the opinion page. In most cases, our views on a given issue were not congruent. On the few occasions when Jim and I shared the same opinion, I especially had to take a second look at my position. But you could always count on Jim to be grounded—he always thought the issue through before reaching an opinion. He challenged his readers to think and question their assumption or knowledge about an issue. He relished being a lightning rod and getting people to talk about the subject of the day.

During my time as an Idaho State senator, Governor, and now as U.S. Senator, Jim has continued to challenge me to reach for solid, grounded thinking. In doing so, I respect and value his viewpoint even when we disagree. His desire was to make his community and state a better place. He wanted to give a voice to those that could not be heard. Jim Fischer did his job well.

I extend to Jim my thanks for his many years of outstanding work on the editorial page in promoting critical thinking on the issues important to Idaho. Vicki and I wish him the best in his retirement.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAYKEEPER

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to recognize the 20th anniversary of the San Francisco Baykeeper.

Created in 1989 as the first “waterkeeper” organization on the west coast, Baykeeper has experienced many successes over the past 20 years in its efforts to reverse the environmental degradation of the past, and promote new strategies and policies to protect the water quality of the San Francisco Bay. The “waterkeeper” concept dates back to a 19th century English tradition, and today, the International Waterkeeper Alliance is 157 programs strong, with each organization working to enforce provisions of the 1972 Clean Water Act and other Federal and State laws.

Baykeeper fills a unique niche in the bay area by acting as the watchdog for the San Francisco Bay. Baykeeper has become the bay area’s most effective advocate, working tirelessly to address the most pressing problems facing the bay.

In its 20 year history, Baykeeper has fought tirelessly to hold polluters ac-

countable for illegal toxics, protect native fish and wildlife, keep pesticides out of the bay, and fight for an end to sewage spills in the bay. Today, as it gets ready to enter its third decade of defending the bay from pollution, Baykeeper is seeing progress toward its vision of a healthy, thriving bay.

For 20 years, Baykeeper has worked passionately and effectively to ensure a thriving San Francisco Bay for generations to come. I commend Baykeeper staff and volunteers for their continuing efforts to restore the bay to a teeming estuary that attracts millions of birds, fish, and marine mammals—as well as enchanted visitors, devoted residents, and passionate recreationists. I look forward to future generations having the opportunity to enjoy this special part of California for many years to come.●

REMEMBERING KEN GORELICK

• Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, on June 8, 2009, a brilliant physician, humanitarian, intellectual and caring person passed away. I knew Ken Gorelick and his extended family for almost 50 years and fully believe that more physicians like him would make health care more effective for many. With all of his intelligence he had a unique belief that his principal responsibility was to devote as much energy as he could muster to help those who needed professional care recover from their illnesses. He was daring in his choices of treatment for his patients always searching to reach beyond conventional methodology for the best outcome.

To commemorate his life I ask that a eulogy which was prepared for his funeral be printed in the RECORD. It so fully describes the unusual character of this great human being who will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

The eulogy follows:

KENNETH PAUL GORELICK, M.D.

Psychiatrist, essayist, poet, and leading poetry therapist Dr. Kenneth Paul “Joshua” Gorelick has left us and this world, after two years of valiant efforts to overcome brain cancer. He was 67.

When recently asked why he had chosen psychiatry as a career and life pursuit, Ken responded that he had been fascinated by psychology’s promise of a “way to understand the invisible parts of life” and “to understand life stories.” This great fascination was driven by Ken’s intrinsic love of life and people and the human narrative, which, in turn, propelled him on the lifelong journey of an insatiable learner, an inspired teacher, and a caring doctor. He read widely and avidly; he relished the arts and supported them; he wrote extensively, both prose and poetry; he instructed and lectured; he ministered to those in need and healed those he could. Ken possessed that rare Renaissance mind that brought a rich and textured approach to his daily life, his practice as a psychiatrist, and his teaching of psychiatry at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital and George Washington University (GWU), where he was awarded Professor Emeritus status, and numerous national and international conferences. Yet, throughout his life of great academic and professional

pursuits and accomplishments, he never stopped his joyful appreciation and examination of human behavior and the human condition, and he never stopped attempting to improve that condition through is work and his daily interactions with others.

Born and raised in Paterson, New Jersey, the son of Russian Jewish immigrant parents, Ken was inspired to become a doctor early on. When he was four, his father had a heart attack and the daily doctor visits left an indelible impression. A favorite story of his recalls the compliment he received early in his training from a medical school professor for conducting a skillful psychiatric interview. He explained that he had asked just what he had learned to ask customers during his childhood in Gorelick’s Bakery, “How may I help you?”

Ken’s academic life testified to his fervent desire for learning and understanding. He was first in his class at Montclair Academy (New Jersey) and at Rutgers College. He was awarded the Phi Beta Kappa Prize, as well as General Electric, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and Henry Rutgers scholarships, and he graduated summa cum laude. Accepted at Columbia, Yale and Harvard Medical Schools, Ken chose instead to accept a Fulbright scholarship to Bordeaux in order to research French literature and study French language, continuing what had by then become a lifelong passion for the beauty and power of the written and sounded word.

Again applying to Harvard, Ken was accepted, and he then graduated in 1967. After his medical internship at Mount Zion Hospital and Medical Center in San Francisco, he returned to Harvard in 1968, completing his residence in 1971 at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center. During this period, he also served on the Harvard University faculty as Clinical Instructor in psychiatry.

At St. Elizabeth’s, the first Federal mental health facility, Ken was an expert in the Hospital’s history. He gave numerous lectures and keynoted the St. Elizabeth’s 150th Anniversary celebration in 2005. He was a founder of the Historical Museum. Ken was deeply moved and inspired by founder Dorothea Dix’s commitment to “the most humane care and enlightened curative treatment.” Ken brought this commitment to his private practice and hospital work, encouraged a patient enterprise program, and led DC Council members and others on a visit to Bethel, Germany to see model humane treatment of patients.

Ken was a noted pioneer and widely respected leader in the use of literature in the field of psychotherapy, particularly poetry therapy, serving on the executive boards of the National Federation for Biblio/Poetry Therapy, as president of the National Association for Poetry Therapy, and on the National Council of Creative Therapies. In recognition of his many contributions to the field, he received the Outstanding Achievement Award and the Morris Morrison Education Award in 2004. With colleague Arleen Hynes, he established the first standardized training curriculum for poetry therapy, founded the Bibliotherapy Training Program at St. Elizabeths, and served as its co-director and clinical supervisor, training hospital staff and community mental health professionals in the use of poetry and other literature in the treatment of hospitalized patients with severe and persistent mental illness. From 1993 to 2007, he co-directed the Wordsworth Center for Poetry Therapy Training.

A much sought-after speaker and workshop leader, Ken presented workshops, seminars, and Grand Rounds lectures nationally and internationally at hospitals, universities, and organizational meetings. His articles on mental health, psychopathology, and literature were published in the American