

not only marked a decisive moment in the American Civil War, but proved to be the turning point in our Nation's history. More Americans perished during the Battle of Gettysburg than in any other battle in American history. It is with this understanding that we must, as President Abraham Lincoln so eloquently said in the Gettysburg Address, "highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain" in defending our Nation's freedom. This rings true today as our Nation's servicemen and women continue the long tradition of protecting our freedom and values.

Today, I would also like to recognize the important work of the Army Heritage Center Foundation, which continues the proud tradition of protecting and preserving our Nation's rich military history. Based in Carlisle, PA, the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center works with the U.S. Army to preserve the memories of soldiers and their families, honor their service, and help educate the American public about the Army's contributions to our nation. The center's world class archives store a collection of Army memorabilia and artifacts, so we can remember how life was lived and the repercussions of war. The Army Heritage Center Foundation's support for the 150th anniversary commemorative coin is just another way they continue to fulfill their mission.

As a Pennsylvanian, I am proud of the role my State has played and continues to play in shaping our Nation's history. It is my hope that these coins will commemorate a day of great national pride and remind us of the sacrifices that generations of American soldiers and their families have made to safeguard this Nation. Therefore, I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.

(At the request of Mr. REID, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

#### RECOGNIZING THE TRANSPORTATION TRADES DEPARTMENT, AFL-CIO

• Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO, as it marks its 20th anniversary representing our Nation's transportation workers. The TTD is a leader in the effort to ensure that our transportation needs are fully met, and they work to remind us of the critical role that workers serve in this industry.

As chairman of the Commerce Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and a member of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, I have found TTD to be a trusted, valuable resource to help strengthen our infrastructure and expand our skilled, well-trained workforce. We are working together to address our ailing bridges and highways, improve our rail systems and ports, and modernize our air traffic control systems.

I am proud to have worked with TTD to guard against those who would put safety, security, and service at risk. TTD and I have fought against risky privatization schemes for Amtrak and air traffic controllers and to rein in air carriers who seek out low-cost, poorly supervised foreign repair facilities. There is absolutely no excuse for cutting corners on safety anywhere in the transportation industry.

Our work in transportation is far from done. With our economy mired in a recession and lingering unemployment crisis, we need to rebuild our infrastructure and put Americans back to work. We must do more to modernize rail, transit, and ports, improve safety on our roads, and invest in the technologies that will make air travel safer and more efficient. Transportation workers are a strong partner in these bold steps, and I look forward to continuing to work closely with TTD in pursuit of these shared goals.

Twenty years after its inception, the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO, continues to be a leader in a more efficient, productive, and connected nation. I congratulate the organization on this milestone anniversary and wish it continued success in the future.●

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO THE DELTA CHAPTER SIGMA CHI VETERANS

• Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the brothers of the Delta Chapter of Sigma Chi fraternity at the University of Georgia who honorably served in our Nation's Armed Forces during the Vietnam war.

These men made tremendous sacrifices, leaving behind their loved ones and the comfort of college to serve our Nation. One of our brothers, Joe Laslie, gave his life.

This weekend, members of the Delta Chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity will honor the brothers who served during the Vietnam war at a memorial brunch. This will be a touching event, especially for the family of Joe Laslie.

Joe made the ultimate sacrifice during the summer of 1968. Many of his close friends at school did not attend his funeral because they did not learn of his death until the following semester. This event will give us the opportunity to pay our respects.

I am truly humbled to have had the opportunity to know these men. As fraternity brothers, we competed in sports and threw parties, but we also we built strong bonds of friendship, and learned respect and honor.

I am proud of my brothers who so dutifully served our Nation. It is because of their dedication and sacrifice that we are able to live in a safe, free country.

As a tribute, I would like their names to be etched into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for posterity:

Kenan J. Kern  
Donald G. Charlton  
Lloyd G. Ewing  
William E. Schley  
Tom J. Jones  
G. Elliott Hagan, Jr.  
Warren A. Norman  
Steve J. Ernest  
Clyde W. Fitzgerald, Jr.  
David G. Jones  
William M. Riley  
John S. Noell, Jr.  
John A. Ewing, Jr.  
William O. McDonald  
John B. Thurman, III  
William E. Johnston  
Harris W. Sims  
Emory Lee Brinson  
Richard H. Warner  
J. Rufus Youmans  
Warren B. Taylor  
R. Daniel Weigle  
James F. Martin  
Otha C. Dent  
Richard B. Smith  
James R. Klein  
Joseph T. Laslie, Jr.\*  
Martin T. Bailey  
James W. Friedewald  
William W. Bell, Jr.  
Otis L. Durham  
John Richard Owens  
Richard B. Russell, IV  
Daniel H. Bull●

##### TRIBUTE TO TERRY LINDSEY

• Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to a local leader and a true public servant, Mr. Terry Lindsey.

Several years ago, Terry took the helm of marketing at Engineered Fabrics, one of the largest employers in the Rockmart, GA, area. At the end of March, after 33 years on the job, he will leave Engineered Fabrics better than when he started.

In addition to serving Engineered Fabrics, Terry has spent a great deal of his life promoting his community.

Over the years, Terry has sponsored and hosted several Washington fly-ins, giving the Polk County delegation the opportunity to discuss issues of importance to the community with the Georgia congressional delegation—whether it be issues impacting small businesses, banks, education, or other critical issues to Polk County.

I have had the opportunity to get to know Terry during these visits, and I can tell you he is a salt-of-the-earth kind of guy. His friends will tell you that he loves his job, wife, country and God, and is truly thankful for what he has.

Terry, a longtime member of the Polk County Chamber of Commerce, has been involved in strengthening his community through activities such as the Youth Leadership committee and hosting the Development Authority of Polk County and the Intergovernmental Committee of Polk. He has also been a member of the Rotary Club of Rockmart/Polk County, and has provided guidance and encouragement as a mentor. I have no doubt he has touched many lives throughout his career.

The leadership and public service he has provided over the years is tremendously valuable, and he should be very proud of all he has accomplished.