

analysts and operators are detailed from around the intelligence community, and these positions have become valued assignments. With the large growth of intelligence personnel working on counterterrorism since September 11, 2001, Andy has been a teacher, mentor, and supervisor for a generation of analysts. People across the intelligence community would seek out positions working for Andy and at the NCTC, and his efforts to develop them into expert professionals is a key reason that the NCTC is capable of the work it does today.

I understand that after 30 years in government service and 6 years in the grueling environment of the NCTC, it is time for Andy to move on. I am pleased that he will have some time with his family, his mother Marianne, and his two brothers, who all live in California. It has been a long time since Andy graduated from the University of California at Berkeley—with a degree in forestry, no less—and I wish him well as he heads back to California and wherever else his future may lead.

Mr. President, the intelligence community is filled with men and women who serve this Nation with dedication and skill and who are never properly recognized for their efforts and their contribution. I am pleased to be able to honor one of them today and give thanks on behalf of the committee for his career of service.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVE COTE

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I want to take a moment of the Senate's time to extend a 60th birthday greeting to a friend of mine, and a friend of the Senate as an institution, a voice in the private sector who has been a terrific public citizen, and a visionary in the business community who has always kept his eye on the future of his industry even when the present is extraordinarily challenging: Honeywell International CEO Dave Cote.

On July 19, Dave will reach a milestone—he will be 60 years old. Zero to 60—and anyone who knows him can attest that as he enters his sixties, Dave is just getting started.

Mr. President, Dave Cote exemplifies the best of what can be accomplished in corporate America—a one-man innovative force pushing us ahead in the global economy and, along the way and at the same time, proof positive that improving the health of our planet can be a job creator and a generator of economic activity.

Under Dave's leadership, Honeywell has become a world leader in developing and producing technologies and products that save energy and strengthen the environment. From pioneering green jet fuels to reengineering wind turbines, from advanced energy metering to home solar panels, Honeywell is leading the way to the clean energy economy—an economy that could generate 4.5 million jobs over the course of a decade and save us tens of billions of dollars in energy costs.

Long before many other corporate leaders recognized that profit and environmental protection can go hand-in-hand, Dave was pushing for alternatives to hydrofluorocarbons—HFCs—potent greenhouse gases. Now, the rest of the world is catching up. Just recently, Secretary Clinton announced she was making HFC reduction a priority through the Climate and Clean Energy Air Coalition to Reduce Short-Lived Climate Pollutants, and Honeywell is there, ready to race ahead with the alternatives we need. For Dave Cote, that is typical—because Dave is always one step ahead.

I say this having had the chance to work unbelievably closely with him over the last couple of years. The sheer number of emails and phone calls we've exchanged, not to mention his regular presence in the Foreign Relations Committee's room in the Capitol, reflect his energy and his interest in trying to get Washington to deal in facts and respond to reality. They also exemplify why I love working with him—he is a roll-up-your-sleeves, no drama, get-it-done kind of guy. It also doesn't hurt that he is also a big Red Sox fan—he has Boston jerseys adorning his office at Honeywell—and he loves riding motorcycles—you can find him tooling around the Jersey suburbs on his Harley most weekends.

In 2009 and 2010, Dave, JOE LIEBERMAN, LINDSEY GRAHAM, and I spent long hours working together on an effort around a comprehensive climate change bill. And when we needed someone to help convey to some of our more skeptical colleagues the importance of acting quickly on this issue, we knew that Dave was one of the best, if not the best, in the business community to do exactly that. When we convened a group of CEOs to meet with other Senators in June of 2010, as part of the lead-up to designing the climate change bill, Dave stepped forward as a leading business voice in the discussion. And when we finally introduced the American Power Act, Dave was right by our side.

I turned to Dave again last fall when I was serving on the Select Committee on Deficit Reduction. He was proud of his own service as one of the Republican members of the bipartisan Simpson-Bowles Commission, which had put together a bold blueprint of its own to wrestle with the tough choices of the deficit and our national debt. I agreed completely with Dave's view that we needed to act rather than put off doing something about our deficit. He said—and I quote—"The faster we act, the less painful it will be for everyone." But more than any specific policy, what I admired most was Dave's sincerity about the issue—his frequent, encouraging text messages and emails during the long hard slog of the so-called Super Committee, always exhorting me and the Democratic and Republican members of the Committee to go the extra mile, put ideology aside, and do what was right for our country.

Rather than a "moment of politics" for the Congress, Dave urged us to act responsibly and reach a "moment of truth."

Mr. President, 60 is an age where many feel it's appropriate to start slowing down. But anybody who has ever met Dave knows that is not going to happen—he is anything but predictable or conventional, and he is not about to slow down, and that is good news for our country when it comes to this always thoughtful, always earnest public citizen.

My hope—and my belief—is that Dave Cote will spend his sixties the same way he has spent his last decades: proving every day that doing the right thing can also be good business and good for our country.

I wish Dave a very happy birthday, and I look forward to working with him for many years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO FLOYD WILLIAMS

● Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, the end of May marked the end of an era at the Internal Revenue Service. Floyd Williams, a fellow Arkansan, has served as the Director of Legislative Affairs at the IRS for the last 16 years. On May 31, 2012, Floyd served his last day with the IRS, and I rise today to thank him for his many years of service to our Nation.

Floyd began his government service many years ago serving as a congressional page for the late, great Senator from Arkansas, J. William Fulbright. Captivated by the energy of Washington, Floyd spent most of his adult life and professional career in the District of Columbia. During breaks from his undergraduate education at the University of Virginia, Floyd worked as a member of the grounds crew for the Architect of the Capitol, as a document clerk in the Senate Document Room, and as a Senate doorkeeper. After earning his juris doctor from the University of Arkansas, he returned to Washington, where he worked as a Capitol police officer while obtaining an LLM from Georgetown University.

Floyd began his professional career in 1972 at the IRS as a tax law specialist in the Individual Income Tax Branch before working as a legislative attorney for the Congressional Joint Committee on Taxation. He spent several years in the private sector as senior tax manager at Coopers and Lybrand, vice president and legislative counsel for the National Association of Home Builders, and senior tax counsel for the Tax Foundation. Floyd returned to government service at the Treasury Department, where he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs and Public Liaison (Tax and Budget) and previously as Senior Tax Advisor for Public and Legislative Affairs. After his tenure with the Treasury Department, he returned to the IRS as Director of Legislative Affairs, a role he has held for the last 16 years.