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MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now ask that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business with Senators allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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REMEMBERING WILLIAM H. GRAY III

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a colleague, a leader, a statesman, and a humanitarian, but most of all I rise to pay tribute to my friend, Bill Gray, who passed away last week.

Bill Gray and I served together in the House of Representatives during a time that was much different than the world we see today. From his early days in Congress, Bill Gray sought to aid and unify an extremely diverse caucus. This collaborative work ethic, along with a comprehensive understanding of the congressional budget process, helped him earn the respect of his colleagues. Bill Gray rose through the ranks to become the first African American to chair the House Budget Committee. Later, he would serve as chair of the House Democratic Caucus and go on to become the House majority whip, the first African American to do so in each position, and at that time, the highest ranking African American in congressional history.

From his first day in Congress, through his rise to leadership, Bill Gray fought for the people of Philadelphia as a tremendous advocate for fairness, equity, and democracy. Bill was willing to compromise to get to a balanced budget because he knew it was good for the entire country, both the rich and the poor. He once said, "A balanced budget is good for the country, the affluent and poor alike. I seek a budget that doesn't sacrifice programs for the poor and minorities, one that is fair and equitable." Gray's advocacy for fairness was also evident at the international level, as he was an early leader in the drive to end U.S. investment in the apartheid government of South Africa.

Bill Gray's commitment to humanity and public service did not begin or end with his time in Congress. Prior to serving in the House of Representatives, Bill was pastor of Bright Hope Baptist Church in North Philadelphia and still ministered to his congregation while serving in Washington. After retiring from Congress, he served as president of the United Negro College Fund, and was later appointed by President Bill Clinton to serve as Special Envoy to Haiti.

Despite all of Bill Gray's historic achievements, he still managed to remember his friends. A few years ago, Bill and his son, Justin, visited my

home State of Nevada. The people he met in Las Vegas knew all too well of his service to this Nation and, even more, they just appreciated him for coming to visit our town. I appreciated him, too.

I will always remember Bill Gray, not only as a trailblazer or public servant, but as my friend. My thoughts are with his family and I hope fond memories offer comfort during this time of grief.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

CALIFORNIA CASUALTIES

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to 21 servicemembers from California or based in California who have died while serving our country in Operation Enduring Freedom since I last entered names into the RECORD on September 11, 2012. This brings to 402 the number of servicemembers either from California or based in California who have been killed while serving our country in Afghanistan. This represents 18 percent of all U.S. deaths in Afghanistan:

CS2 Milton W. Brown, 28, of Dallas, TX, died August 4, 2012, from a non-combat related incident in Rota, Spain. Culinary Specialist Second Class Brown was assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 137, Lemoore, CA;

Sgt Camella M. Steedley, 31, of San Diego, CA, died October 3, 2012, while supporting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Sergeant Steedley was assigned to Combat Logistics Regiment 17, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA;

SGT Thomas R. Macpherson, 26, of Long Beach, CA, died October 12, 2012, in Andar District, Afghanistan, from small arms fire while on patrol during combat operations. Sergeant Macpherson was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA;

SGT Clinton K. Ruiz, 22, of Murrieta, CA, died October 25, 2012, of wounds suffered when his unit was attacked by small arms fire in Khas Uruzgan, Uruzgan Province, Afghanistan. Sergeant Ruiz was assigned to the 9th Military Information Support Battalion (Airborne), 8th Military Information Support Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC;

SPC Daniel L. Carlson, 21, of Running Springs, CA, died November 9, 2012, in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. Specialist Carlson was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Wheeler Army Airfield, HI;

SSG Kenneth W. Bennett, 26, of Glendora, CA, died November 10, 2012, in Sperwan Gar, Afghanistan, from injuries sustained when he encountered an improvised explosive device during combat operations. Staff Sergeant Bennett was assigned to the 53rd Ordnance Company (EOD), 3rd Ordnance Bat-

talion (EOD), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA;

PO1 Class Kevin R. Ebbert, 32, of Arcata, CA, died November 24, 2012, while supporting stability operations in Uruzgan Province, Afghanistan. Petty Officer First Class Ebbert was assigned to an east coast-based Naval Special Warfare unit in Virginia Beach, VA;

Sgt Michael J. Guillory, 28, of Pearl River, LA, died December 14, 2012, while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Sergeant Guillory was assigned to 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion, Camp Pendleton, CA;

SSgt Jonathan D. Davis, 34, of Kayenta, AZ, died February 22 while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Staff Sergeant Davis was assigned to Headquarters Battalion, 32nd Georgian Liaison Team, Regimental Combat Team 7, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA;

CPO Christian Michael Pike, 31, of Peoria, AZ, died March 13 in Landstuhl, Germany, as a result of combat-related injuries sustained on March 10 while conducting stability operations in Maiwand District, Afghanistan. Chief Petty Officer Pike was assigned to a west coast-based Naval Special Warfare unit;

SFC James F. Grissom, 31, of Hayward, CA, died March 21 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, of wounds suffered from small arms fire March 18 in Paktika Province, Afghanistan. Sergeant First Class Grissom was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA;

SGT Deffin M. Santos Jr., 24, of San Jose, CA, died April 6 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit in Zabul, Afghanistan with a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device. Sergeant Santos was assigned to the 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armor Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, GA;

Capt Reid K. Nishizuka, 30, of Kailua, HI, died April 27 near Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, in the crash of an MC-12 aircraft. Captain Nishizuka was assigned to the 427th Reconnaissance Squadron, Beale Air Force Base, CA;

SSgt Richard A. Dickson, 24, of Rancho Cordova, CA, died April 27 near Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, in the crash of an MC-12 aircraft. Staff Sergeant Dickson was assigned to the 306th Intelligence Squadron, Beale Air Force Base, CA;

SPC Trinidad Santiago Jr., 25, of San Diego, CA, died May 2 in Camp Buehring, Kuwait, of injuries sustained in a vehicle accident. Specialist Santiago was assigned to 4th Battalion, 42nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, CO;

Capt Victoria A. Pinckney, 27, of Palmdale, CA, died May 3 near Chon-Aryk, Kyrgyzstan, in the crash of a

KC-135 aircraft. Captain Pinckney was assigned to the 93rd Air Refueling Squadron, Fairchild Air Force Base, WA;

TSgt Herman Mackey III, 30, of Bakersfield, CA, died May 3 near Chon-Aryk, Kyrgyzstan, in the crash of a KC-135 aircraft. Technical Sergeant Mackey was assigned to the 93rd Air Refueling Squadron, Fairchild Air Force Base, WA;

SFC Jeffrey C. Baker, 29, of Hesperia, CA, died May 14 in Sanjaray, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. Sergeant First Class Baker was assigned to 766th Ordnance Company, 63rd Ordnance Battalion, 52nd Ordnance Group, Fort Stewart, GA;

SPC William J. Gilbert, 24, of Hacienda Heights, CA, died May 14 in Sanjaray, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. Specialist Gilbert was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, TX;

SPC Ray A. Ramirez, 20, of Sacramento, CA, died June 1 in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, from injuries sustained when his unit was attacked by an improvised explosive device. Specialist Ramirez was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, GA;

SGT Javier Sanchez Jr., 28, of Greenfield, CA, died June 23 in Sar Rowzah, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when his unit was attacked with an improvised explosive device while on mounted patrol. Sergeant Sanchez was assigned to the Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID J. HAYES

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize David J. Hayes, who stepped down on June 28, 2013, from his position as Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior, and I ask consent that the following remarks about him and his service be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

SELECTED REMARKS ON THE WORK OF DEPUTY SECRETARY DAVID J. HAYES

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CABINET SECRETARIES

President of the United States Barack Obama: "David's leadership at the Department of the Interior has played an important role in my Administration's efforts to expand domestic energy production, including renewable energy as well as America's oil and natural gas resources. His expertise has helped shape our approach to conservation and our efforts to combat climate change, and as the Chair of the interagency working group on energy development in Alaska he has ensured that decisions we make regarding the Arctic are based on the best science. I am also grateful for David's work to help usher in important water rights and legal

settlements that will help restore trust and strengthen our relationship with Indian Country."

Sally Jewell, Secretary of Interior: "David has been a key architect for nearly every significant initiative undertaken at Interior over the last four years," said Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell. "From his work on expanding renewable energy production on public lands and waters, to coordinating federal family energy activities in Alaska, to developing a landscape-scale approach to conservation and climate change, David has left an indelible mark."

Ken Salazar, Former Secretary of Interior: "Over the last 4 years, you have distinguished yourself as a key leader in implementing the President's agenda at the Department of the Interior. Your historic work on energy and climate change, conservation, Native Americans and water challenges have been at the heart of an Obama legacy and will last forever."

"On the energy front, you have been one of the key players in the Administration, implementing the President's all-of-the-above energy strategy . . . You have played a key role in helping create a conservation legacy for the President. Your work has included helping define the future for the Atlantic and Arctic Circle, new urban parks, Gulf Coast Restoration, and the creation of a National Blueway System for America's rivers. The conservation community holds you in the highest regard."

"As the Chief Operating Officer of the Department, you have led historic reforms in the organization of Interior including overhauling the agencies that oversee oil and gas production on public lands and implementing the numerous efficiency measures necessary for these tough fiscal times . . ."

"Your results oriented approach to solving problems makes me very proud of you. In contributing to a lasting Presidential legacy, you have helped create a better world for humanity through your dedication, loyalty, and indefatigable energy."

Congressman Tom Cole (R-OK): "I note with deep regret the decision of Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Hayes to retire from public life," said Cole. "David Hayes has been one of the most gifted and accomplished public servants of his generation. He served the Administration and, more importantly, the country with skill, integrity, vision and leadership."

"Among his many accomplishments, the most noteworthy is surely his settlement of the so-called Cobell lawsuit on terms that were not only beneficial to the government but fair to hundreds of thousands of Native Americans and to tribal governments. It was David who recognized a problem and turned it into a solution, not only in terms of just compensation to Indians for years of mismanagement of their trust accounts but for tribal governments as well. His proposal to use part of the settlement to purchase fractionated lands and return them to productive use will benefit individual Indians and tribal governments in perpetuity. Moreover, the addition of a scholarship fund for needy American Indian students, as a component of the settlement, will benefit generations to come."

"On countless issues, including the complex Oklahoma water issue, efforts to partner with Indian tribes for the management of federal properties and initiatives to foster and speed up the development of resources in Indian Country, David led with skill, finesse and innovation. Moreover, he did so in ways that were inclusive, bipartisan and transparent."

"I wish David every success in private life. However, I certainly hope at some time in the future, he returns to public service. He is

simply too gifted and capable to remain on the sidelines as the great public issues of the day are discussed, debated and solved."

U.S. Sen. Mark Begich (D-Alaska): "David Hayes has been a good partner to Alaska. Together, we made significant progress on streamlining OCS permitting, and Alaska saw the first offshore wells drilled in decades. I know that without his commitment to the Alaska Interagency Working Group, we would not have seen that progress."

Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.): "I have long known David to be an ingenious problem solver who has demonstrated time and again that he can close the deal on solutions for the West's great battles over natural resources."

"I will never forget David Hayes and Secretary Ken Salazar coming to my home in Washington on a Sunday morning to work on a solution that would dramatically improve the [water] allocation. David rolled up his sleeves and worked diligently until we had a workable solution."

U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska): "I appreciate David's willingness to engage on difficult issues important to Alaskans, including contentious land management policies and offshore oil and gas development. The Alaska Interagency Working Group, which he headed, was central to improving the permitting process for offshore exploration. We did not always see eye to eye on what was best for Alaska, but David was effective and fair, and always brought honesty and integrity to what were sometimes tough discussions. I am sorry to see him leave."

President Ben Shelly, Navajo Nation: "Mr. Hayes has . . . tackled difficult topics with aplomb, including water rights settlements, energy development negotiations, and the non-renewable energy dependence of the Navajo Nation. He's demonstrated so with the utmost professionalism and understanding of the difficulty of the Navajo Nation . . ."

STAKEHOLDERS AND COLLEAGUES

Laura Crane, The Nature Conservancy: "The Nature Conservancy commends David Hayes for his commitment to find workable solutions that support renewable energy goals and protect the needs of people and nature. The approach developed for solar development on federal land under Mr. Hayes' leadership represents an important step forward in how energy can be smartly developed on our public lands and should serve as a model for how the Bureau of Land Management addresses all forms of energy development."

Helen O'Shea, NRDC: "David Hayes has been a major leader of the Interior Department during the Obama Administration just as he was during the Clinton Administration. He has left a tremendous legacy, particularly in connection with the development of the Department's new program for managing solar resources of the public lands."

Chris Wood, Trout Unlimited: "David Hayes defines all that is good about public service . . . He understands the imperative of protecting special places such as Bristol Bay, Alaska—the world's most important salmon fishery—from industrial mining. Yet, in a demonstration of his balance, he also led Interior's push to expand renewable energy development on public lands while protecting fish, wildlife and water resources."

"David is smart, hard-working and very responsive to constituents, regardless of what side of the aisle they sit. He is a strong advocate of using collaboration to resolve vexing natural resource problems such as on the Klamath and Penobscot rivers where dam removal will open hundreds of miles for migrating salmon and other ocean-going fish. He will be missed."