in Pal Alto, California, HP employs more than 120,000 people worldwide and had a total revenue of $47.1 billion in its fiscal year 2003, a 17 percent increase over the prior year. HP’s success is due in large part to an emphasis on innovation and technology leadership. HP’s success is due in large part to an emphasis on innovation and technology leadership. HP’s success is due in large part to an emphasis on innovation and technology leadership.

In succeeding Lewis Platt, Ms. Fiorina has some big shoes to fill. In Lewis Platt’s seven years as CEO, HP raised its revenues 187 percent and its earnings 436 percent. But Carly Fiorina is prepared to build on HP’s success and guide the company into new territory. She comes to HP with nearly 20 years of experience in technology and telecommunications at AT&T and Lucent Technologies. As president of Lucent’s Global Service Provider Business, she led the division to dramatic increases in its revenue rate, revenue and market share. She has a well-earned reputation for developing clear corporate strategies, building strong leadership teams, and accelerating growth in large technology businesses.

Carly Fiorina’s move to the top of Hewlett-Packard has implications beyond the company, the industry, and our state. There is one reason for this: the woman is such an individual as also an important milestone for American women. It is not only that a pioneering company in such a forward-looking industry would break this critical barrier. HP chose Ms. Fiorina to lead the company because of her merits, not her gender. That is clear. However, her selection is important for every American woman. In July 1999, the same month that the U.S. women’s soccer team inspired millions of American women to raise the bar and reach for the stars, HP named a woman as the CEO of one of the largest companies in America. And that is not all. She is a mother of five, a grandmother of 12, a great-grandmother of 16, an aunt, and a great aunt to many. Edna has witnessed events spanning the invention of the automobile to man’s walk on the moon, to the birth of the Internet.

All of us can benefit from an appreciation of our roots and our place in history. Knowing where we came from can be a helpful step in knowing where we are going. I applaud the Sanders/Cunningham family for their sense of heritage, their oneness, and their sense of empowerment. I wish them all the best as they gather in Springfield to celebrate who they are, where they have come from, and what they have become, and as they look forward to what they are yet to be.

In closing, I would like to pay special recognition to Steven E. Richie, a 4th generation member of this family who has spent countless hours researching and preparing for this grand family event.

TRIBUTE TO MR. FRANCIS M. WILSON

Mr. WELSTONE. Mr. President, I rise in recognition of the anniversary of the Purple Heart Medal.

This medal has been given to U.S. soldiers for wounds received in military action ever since George Washington invented the award during the Revolutionary War. Recipients of this award have demonstrated courage and love of country. Many of its recipients have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom. We must never forget the sacrifices made by Americans who have fought for our democracy and prosperity.

In celebration of this anniversary and to stand as a permanent token of America’s gratitude for the sacrifices made by recipients of this distinguished medal, a memorial will be dedicated at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in the great State of Minnesota on August 7, 1999. I wish to publicly thank those who made the memorials possible and I especially wish to publicly thank those veterans who have earned the Purple Heart Medal by giving selflessly for democracy and our country.