and as the Chairman of Peach Bowl’s Community Events Committee. Not surprisingly, Coy's efforts have won him the highest recognition in many forms including winning the prestigious Sam Nunn Award for Outstanding Support of the National Guard; the Ogletree Distinguished Service Medal for Outstanding Support of the Georgia Guard; the National Distinguished Service Award from the Association of the United States Army; the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Award for Outstanding Public Service; the Army Commendation Medal, awarded for public service on behalf of Army Forces Command; the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce Phoenix Award; the Dobbins Air Reserve Base Man of the Year Award; the Eli White Award of the Old Guard of the Georgia Guard; and, twice winning the National Guard Association’s Patrick Henry Award.

I am pleased and proud to be able to have this opportunity to commend my good friend, Coy Short, on his many years of public service and the invaluable support he has given to our armed forces, particularly those who serve in the Guard and Reserve. It is my hope that others will be inspired to follow the lead that Coy has set for public service. The qualities of patriotism, selflessness, and duty were obviously instilled in him at an early age, and we have all benefitted from his devotion to service. Certainly Coy’s mother, Eloise Strom, as well as Coy’s wife Judy, deserve special recognition for the role they played in Coy’s success.

Coy, we appreciate all your good work and know you will continue to find ways to make a difference in the lives of those who live in Georgia, Atlanta, and all those who serve in the armed forces of the United States.

THE DEPARTURE OF STEVEN APICELLA, LEGISLATIVE FELLOW

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to recognize my Legislative Fellow, Steven Apicella, who will be leaving the LOTT staff, my team, at the end of this session.

I must admit, when Steven first joined, I had no idea or why he was lurking in my meetings. However, I quickly learned that thanks to the wisdom of my Chief of staff and then Legislative Director, the Department of Energy had lent me and Mississippi one of their best.

Over the past twenty months, Steven has become an indispensable part of my legislative shop. He has worked hard on a broad range of issues—each time jumping in feet first, soaking up knowledge and moving legislation forward in this often complicated process.

Steven began his Capitol Hill experience during the lengthy and grueling TEA-21 negotiations. He quickly realized my transportation priorities for my home state of Mississippi, and was helpful in making sure these issues were at the top of his long hours spent hammering out the details of TEA-21. Steven earned the respect of staff, as well as mine.

Steven advised me on a variety of high-tech issues, and was an active participant of the team which formulated a focus for the Republican Technology Task Force. He worked with the staffs of several of my colleagues to reach a consensus—often not an easy task.

Steven has also been very diligent in advancing a meaningful and updated encryption policy—one that balances national security, law enforcement and trade interests. He continually made sure that all parties realized that these are not mutually exclusive priorities.

I am pleased and proud to be able to thank the leadership of Energy had lent me and Mississippi a Legislative Fellow, Steven Apicella, at the end of this session.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I rise today with both pride and sadness as we say goodbye to a long time member of my staff, Ivan SchLAGER. I have known Ivan for more than three years. One of the first things I learned when I was “rookie” turned out to be my wife, Peatsy Hollings, and before Ivan knew what had happened, he was driving and wading through the snow of New Hampshire in support of my effort.

After finishing at Northwestern and law school at Georgetown, Ivan joined the Commerce Committee staff in 1989 and began to assist both Senator ROCKEFELLER and myself at the Subcommittee on Tourism and Foreign Commerce. In this job, he played an important role on many of the international trade agreements concluded over the past decade, including most notably the Uruguay Round agreement which created the WTO and the North American Free Trade Agreement.

I truly believe that Ivan is one of the most knowledgeable and substantive individuals with regard to international trade. He was instrumental in insuring that all voices were heard during these important debates. More than 3 years ago, Ivan became the Commerce Committee’s staff director and he has overseen its operations since that time. He has provided the committee Democrats with a thoughtful and pragmatic approach to a remarkable variety of issues. Moreover, he has developed a fine working relationship with Chairman McCaIN, his staff and the remainder of the Republicans on the committee.

On many occasions, these relationships have assisted in forging a bipartisan consensus on a variety of issues that have helped advance good public policy in areas such as telecommunications and broadcast policy, aviation, trucking and rail issues, technology development and environmental and oceans concerns.

One particular issue stands out, last year’s tobacco debate. Under difficult personal circumstances, Ivan worked closely with both Republicans and