A TRIBUTE TO ERIC HARNISCHFEGER

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I want to mention the efforts of Special Agent Eric Harnischfeger, who has been on detail from the U.S. Secret Service to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary for the consideration of the fiscal year 2000 bill. Eric has been a considerable asset to the subcommittee, assisting in the preparation of some of our more difficult law enforcement accounts. His management of counterterrorism programs, office of justice programs, and state and local law enforcement accounts is greatly appreciated. Eric’s ability to provide keen insight and a friendly manner toward any task he is asked to deal with assured a competent resolution.

Eric’s professionalism, wit, and jovial manner will be missed. Agent Harnischfeger brings the highest standards that the Secret Service is known for and has done an excellent job for us. I just want to thank him publicly for all his efforts over the past year. Based on his performance here, I am sure he has a bright future at the Service. We wish him the very best.

ON THE DEATH OF AKIO MORITA

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, today I rise to note the passing of Akio Morita, the brilliant Japanese business leader who did so much to rebuild his country after World War II. I ask that his obituary that appeared in the October 4 New York Times be printed in the Record.

The obituary follows:

(From the New York Times, Oct. 4, 1999)

AKIO MORITA—REPUBLICAN OF SONY AND JAPANESE BUSINESS LEADER, DIES AT 78

(By Andrew Pollack)

Akiro Morita, the co-founder of the Sony Corporation who personified Japan’s rise from postwar rubble to industrial riches and became the unofficial ambassador of its business community to the world, died on Sunday in Tokyo. He was 78.

Mr. Morita died of pneumonia, according to Sony. He had been hospitalized in Tokyo since August, after returning from Hawaii, where he had spent most of his time since suffering a debilitating stroke in November 1998. More than anyone else, it was Mr. Morita and his Sony colleagues who changed the world’s image of “Made in Japan” from one of paper parasols and shaky imitations to one of high technology and high reliability in miniature packages.

Founded in bombed-out Tokyo department store after World War II, Sony became indisputably one of the world’s most innovative companies, famous for products like the pocket-sized transistor radio, the video-cassette recorder, the Walkman and the computer disk.

And Mr. Morita, whose contribution was greater in marketing than in technology, made the Sony brand into one of the best recognized and respected in the world. A Harris poll last year showed Sony was the No. 1 brand name among American consumers, ahead of American companies like General Electric and Coca-Cola.

A tireless traveler who moved his family to New York in 1963 for a year to learn American ways, Mr. Morita also spearheaded the internationalization of his businesses. Sony was the first Japanese company to offer its stock in the United States, in 1961, one of the first to build a factory in the United States, in 1972, and still one of the only ones to have even a couple of Westerners on its board.

So as Thanksgiving approaches, I encourage every believer in this land to open the Bible, read a favorite passage or two, and give thanks to God for this wonderful, sacred Book.