

has worked tirelessly on issues about which she feels passionate: crime, juvenile justice reform and education. She has shepherded numerous bills into law, including legislation that established the Department of Corrections, legislation that guarantees truth in sentencing; and an anti-stalking law. She also authored two amendments to the New Hampshire Constitution, including one to limit abuse of the insanity defense in 1984 and another to earmark sweepstakes revenues to education in 1990. Donna has held many leadership positions during her distinguished career as well. She has been active for many years in the National Conference of State Legislatures and currently sits on their executive committee. She is also a former chairwoman of the New Hampshire Republican Party and a past president of the National Republican Legislators association.

Donna's position in the state legislature has allowed her to travel the world to promote New Hampshire. She has visited Germany, England, Taiwan, Latvia, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Israel to learn about their cultures and economies while helping them learn a little more about our great state.

Donna and her husband John have been fixtures in their hometown of Salem since they moved there almost 30 years ago. They devote their time and energy to many local organizations including the Salem Boys and Girls Club and the Salem Visiting Nurse Association.

Donna's dedication to her community and the legislature are exemplary, and her accomplishments have not gone unnoticed. The editors of New Hampshire Editors Magazine named her "the most powerful woman in New Hampshire" in 1997.

Once again, I would like to thank Speaker Sytek for her tremendous service to the people of New Hampshire and wish her good health and happiness in her retirement. I am proud to call her my friend, and I am honored to represent her in the United States Senate. ●

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD MASTERS

● Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, as Chairman of the Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, I would like to extend my appreciation and congratulations to former Ambassador Edward Masters on the occasion of his retirement on October 18 from his position as President of United States-Indonesia Society.

During his 30-year career in the Foreign Service, in which he reached the senior rank of Career Minister, Ambassador Masters served as U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia and Bangladesh and Deputy Chief of Mission to Thailand. He also held posts in India and Pakistan and an assignment as director of

the State Department's Office of East Asian Regional Affairs that involved policy coordination for the entire area.

Indonesia figured prominently in both Ambassador Masters' diplomatic and private sector careers. As Political Counselor of the United States Embassy in Jakarta from 1964-68, he worked on reconstructing U.S. relations with Indonesia at a very difficult time. This included closing out our economic aid, information and Peace Corps programs because of the highly adverse political situation in Indonesia. Toward the end of that period, he worked with various elements of the U.S. Government and NGOs to reinstitute some of those programs but to do so in a way commensurate with Indonesian culture and sensitivities. He is, in fact, particularly known in both Indonesia and the United States for his ability to work effectively in the Indonesian environment.

As United States Ambassador from late 1977 until the end of 1981, one of his major responsibilities was managing a large and very important economic aid program. He worked in particular and in detail on the Provincial Development Program, the programs to expand Indonesia's food grain production and enhance human resources development. Toward the end of his tour he organized various elements of the mission to develop programs to get the U.S. Government more effectively behind the programs to develop Indonesia's private sector and increase cooperation between that sector and the United States.

In 1994, Ambassador Masters was instrumental in forming the United States-Indonesia Society. The Society is the preeminent institution in the United States devoted to developing a broad range of programs aimed at developing greater awareness and appreciation about Indonesia and the importance of the U.S.-Indonesia relationship in all major sectors in the U.S. Ambassador Masters has given briefings throughout the United States to academic institutions and other interested groups. He has provided witness testimony on numerous occasions before the Senate and House Foreign Relations Subcommittees on East Asian and Pacific Affairs on numerous occasions. He has organized conferences and other forums bringing Indonesians and Americans together to discuss short and long-term issues of mutual concern. One such conference he organized last October in cooperation with the Embassy of Indonesia in Washington DC., brought some of the most impressive, influential, and knowledgeable individuals from Indonesia and the United States to discuss the 50 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries and to provide policy suggestions to both governments on how to strengthen ties in the new millennium.

On September 28, 1998 the Indonesian government recognized Ambassador

Masters' valuable contributions and decorated him with the Bintang Mahaputra Utama, the second highest award given by the Government of Indonesia for his commitment and contribution to forging closer ties between the U.S. and Indonesia.

As Chairman, I would also like to recognize and say thanks Ambassador Masters for the valuable work he has done. When I began my tenure as Chairman, Indonesia was—unfortunately—largely ignored in the United States. Despite being the fourth largest country in the world, and the largest Muslim country, its accomplishments and its importance to the United States as a friend and ally were largely overlooked and reduced to occasional tongue-lashings regrading Timor Timur.

I made changing that situation a top priority of my chairmanship. And my job was made a lot easier by Ambassador Masters.

The United States-Indonesia Society has greatly shaped, increased awareness and knowledge and provided support to those of us in the United States, including both houses of Congress, the administration and the government, the press, NGO community, academia and the population at large on the importance of Indonesia to the United States. Over the last two years this Society has become even more essential in helping the United States to understand the complex dynamics involved in moving from an authoritarian regime to the third largest democracy in the world.

I understand why Ambassador Masters has decided to step down as President; he has earned the respite. But those of us concerned with the U.S.-Indonesia relationship will surely miss him and his steady hand at the tiller. I can only profoundly thank him for his many years of public service to the United States, and to his life-long commitment to improving relations between the United States and Indonesia. As the Indonesians would say, "Terima kasih banyak." ●

OBSERVANCE OF ROSH HASHANAH

● Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, on the occasion of the beginning of Rosh Hashanah and the High Holy Day season, Janet and I are pleased to offer our best wishes to Missouri's Jewish community, and to our Jewish friends throughout the United States and the world. As the High Holiday Machzor, or prayerbook, states, "On Rosh Hashanah it is written and on Yom Kippur it is sealed," what will be our fates for the year to come. With this in mind, it is my sincere hope that this year will bring to all of us: peace throughout the world, peace in Israel, and everlasting peace in a united Jerusalem, the eternal capital of Israel.

During this time of year, your days of awe, know that I join with you in