

within the United States Army and other services. Bell Hall is the central academic and instructional facility of the C&GSC but the building's deteriorating physical plant and patchwork communication infrastructure can no longer support the instructional requirements contained in current and evolving Army curriculum. I am concerned that if a replacement facility is not constructed as soon as possible maintenance costs will continue to increase while Army Operation and Maintenance resources decline and student access to state-of-the-art technology required to teach advanced warfighting skills will remain limited.

Mr. WARNER. I believe construction of a new Command & General Staff College instruction facility will be included in the FY 2003 through 2007 Military Construction Future Years Defense Plan and I would certainly encourage the Army to execute this project as soon as possible.

Mr. ROBERTS. I thank the distinguished chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee for his consideration and ask that the conferees include language in the conference report noting the need to execute this essential project as soon as possible.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

THE RETIREMENT OF STEVE BENZA

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, It is neither an understatement, nor a misstatement of fact, to say that the United States Senate is an impressive, awe inspiring, and unique institution for many different reasons. Certainly one of the biggest reasons that the Senate is such a special place is the talented, dedicated, and bright men and women who work in support of us and our duties. I rise to pay tribute to one of these individuals, Steve Benza, who is retiring today after thirty-two years of service as an employee of the United States Senate.

Though he retains some of the mannerisms and accent that one would expect to find in someone who was born in the Bronx, New York City, Steve Benza is for all intents and purposes a native of the Senate. His family moved to the Washington area in 1958 and he began working in the Senate while a high school student, spending his summer breaks as a Page. Following graduation, Steve spent time working on the Grounds Crew and in the Senate Post Office before seizing the oppor-

tunity to work as a staff photographer, and his career was launched. As an aside, I would be remiss if I did not mention the fact that Senate service is a family tradition with the Benzas, Steve's mother Christine Benza has served with the Architect of the Capitol for the past forty-years.

Beginning his career as a "shooter", even before the contemporary Photographic Studio was established back in 1980, Steve Benza has become a familiar and well liked member of the Senate family. During his career here, Steve has met hundreds of Senators, taken probably millions of pictures, and has become an instantly recognizable institution with trademark mustache and trusted camera slung over his shoulder. In his almost thirty-years of working as an official photographer, Steve Benza has seen and chronicled everything from the mundane and routine to the unusual and historic. Confirmation hearings for Supreme Court Justices, the Fiftieth Anniversary of the D-Day Invasion, the Inaugurations of four Presidents, dozens of State of the Union Addresses and Joint Sessions of Congress, and the Impeachment Trial of President Clinton are all among the events that have been covered by Steve Benza.

In 1997, Steve was promoted from his position of supervisor of the Senate Photographers to Manager of the Senate Photo Studio where he has proven himself not only to be an able administrator, but someone of vision. Under his direction, the Senate Photographic Studio has invested in new equipment and technology, embracing the revolution in digital photography which has allowed for many innovations including quicker turn around time on orders, the creation of an image data base, and expanded services that ultimately benefit us and our constituents. Also under his direction, the Senate Photo Laboratory facilities were upgraded and training opportunities for staff were increased. All in all, the contributions and leadership of Steve Benza have turned the Photo Studio into a modern operation, equipped with the technology of the new century, and as a result, he has increased the efficiency of this vital Senate support service. He unquestionably leaves an impressive legacy of dedication to his job, and he has set an excellent example for others to emulate.

It is hard to believe that after more than three-decades, Steve Benza has decided to retire. I know it is safe to say that he will be missed by countless individuals including all one-hundred Senators, but I am certain that each of us will remember him. I had the pleasure of having Steve travel with me to the People's Republic of China when I led a delegation to that nation in 1997. Beyond putting together an impressive collection of images that chronicled our journey, Steve's relaxed disposition

and ready sense of humor made what was a pleasurable journey all the more enjoyable.

As many of us know, Steve Benza is a devoted family man. Though I understand that he has not made-up his mind as to what he will do in his retirement, I am certain that spending time with his wife Alma, and children George and Annie, will be a big part of his activities, as will pursuing his passions of fishing and golfing. Regardless of what Steve chooses to do in the future, I wish him many years of health, happiness, and success, and I want him to know that I am grateful and appreciative for his many years of loyal service to the United States Senate. It has been a pleasure to know him and I will certainly miss him.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL TERESA M. PETERSON, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I would like to recognize the professional dedication, vision, and public service of Colonel Teresa M. Peterson who is leaving the 14th Flying Training Wing (14 FTW) after two years of devoted service to become the Director of Transportation on the Air Force staff in the Pentagon. It is a privilege for me to recognize her many outstanding achievements at Columbus Air Force Base, and to commend her for the superb service she has provided the Air Force and our great Nation.

As Commander of the 14th Flying Training Wing, Colonel Peterson spearheaded the training and education of our Nation's next generation of Air Force pilots. The epitome of an Air Force officer and accomplished pilot, she provided our Nation's future warriors with inspirational leadership and an outstanding training environment. Her talents were showcased in every aspect of Columbus AFB operations and highlighted through outstanding performances on command inspections such as the 1998 Headquarters Air Education and Training Command (AETC) Operational Readiness Inspection.

Colonel Peterson's quality of life initiatives for Columbus AFB provided the installation with \$56 million in improvements. Those initiatives included construction of a \$6.3 million Unaccompanied Officer Quarters and a \$25 million, 202 unit, highly sensitive family housing complex. She deftly negotiated resolution of several complex contracting challenges on the family housing project and ensured that contractor issues were handled quickly and efficiently. Her vision and oversight of numerous facilities construction and renovation projects significantly enhanced the training environment and living conditions of Columbus AFB personnel.

Under Colonel Peterson's leadership and guidance, Columbus AFB was a showcase for visitors which included

the Secretary of the Air Force, members of Congress, foreign dignitaries, numerous flag officers, and friends and families of the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Program. Her dedication to the Air Force and her people and the vision she established for Columbus AFB are her greatest assets, netting Columbus unprecedented recognition with AETC and the Air Force.

She aggressively met the increased Air Force pilot demand through activation of the first reserve associate squadron, seamlessly integrating reservists with active duty instructor pilots to mitigate force reduction problems. Colonel Peterson managed the second busiest military airfield east of the Mississippi River, with more than 200,000 aircraft operations annually. Her area of responsibility included 49,000 square miles of airspace in close coordination with 13 civilian satellite airports. Under her command, Columbus AFB has remained one of the safest flying operations in the AETC.

She astutely enhanced pilot training at its initial phase by establishing co-equal T-37 squadrons with an operating concept for synchronized training and operations under two distinct supervisors. She managed pilot training and support operations for USAF and international officers using a fleet of 247 T-37B, T-38A, T-1A and AT-38B aircraft and 14 instrument simulators. Her extraordinary aviation skills, coupled with her vast experience and boundless warrior spirit, ensured that Columbus AFB was aggressively able to meet the challenge of increased Air Force pilot demand. Her efforts produced 585 Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training and 481 Introduction to Fighter Fundamental student pilots who flew 146,795 sorties totaling 198,722 hours during her tenure.

As Colonel Teresa Peterson leaves Columbus Air Force Base, she leaves behind a legacy of excellence and "firsts." She was the first woman in the Air Force to command a flying squadron; the first active duty woman to command an Air Force flying wing; and, the first woman pilot to make the rank of brigadier general. She is recognized as an honorary member of the Tuskegee Airmen (Alva N. Temple Chapter) and a member of the Mississippi University for Women's National Board of Distinguished Women. Colonel Peterson is an outstanding officer and a credit to the United States Air Force and our great Nation. I call upon my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to recognize her service to Columbus Air Force Base and wish her well in her next assignment.

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, it has been more than a year since the Columbine tragedy, but still this Repub-

lican Congress refuses to act on sensible gun legislation.

Since Columbine, thousands of Americans have been killed by gunfire. Until we act, Democrats in the Senate will read some of the names of those who lost their lives to gun violence in the past year, and we will continue to do so every day that the Senate is in session.

In the name of those who died, we will continue this fight. Following are the names of some of the people who were killed by gunfire one year ago today.

June 7, 1999: Devron Baker, 17, Baltimore, MD; Allen Galathe, 19, New Orleans, LA; Jose Junco, 27, Houston, TX; Raynell Lawrence, 24, New Orleans, LA; Kenneth Martin, 41, New Orleans, LA; Earl Merriweather, 23, Atlanta, GA; Solomon Morrison, 65, New Orleans, LA; Lawrence Piedra, 39, Philadelphia, PA; Allan P. Raidna, 30, Seattle, WA; Angel Retemar, 19, Bridgeport, CT; Timothy Stovall, 12, New Orleans, LA; Unidentified male, 49, Bellingham, WA.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a letter to Senators LOTT and DASCHLE dated May 25, 2000, be printed in the RECORD.

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

U.S. SENATE,
SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE,
Washington, DC, May 25, 2000.

HON. TRENT LOTT,
Majority Leader,
Hon. TOM DASCHLE,
Minority Leader, U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

SENATOR LOTT AND DASCHLE: S. 1902, the Japanese Imperial Army Disclosure Act, contains provisions affecting intelligence activities and programs. This legislation, which amends the National Security Act of 1947, would permit the release of any portion of any operational file of the Central Intelligence Agency. As you know, these are issues of significant interest to, and clearly within the jurisdiction of, the Select Committee on Intelligence. Therefore, pursuant to Senate Resolution 400, we hereby request that S. 1902 be referred to the Intelligence Committee for consideration.

Sincerely,

RICHARD C. SHELBY,
Chairman.
RICHARD H. BRYAN,
Vice Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION RULE CHANGE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I would like to give notice to Members and staff of the Senate that the Committee on Rules and Administration has approved the following change to its Rules of Procedure.

The Committee's rules approved at the beginning of the 106th Congress require 4 members of the committee to

constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony under oath and 2 members of the committee to constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony not under oath.

The Committee intends to amend paragraph 3 of Title II of the Rules of Procedure for the Committee on Rules and Administration to state:

3. Pursuant to paragraph 7(a)(2) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules, 2 members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony under oath and 1 member of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony not under oath; provided, however, that once a quorum is established for the purpose of taking testimony under oath, any one member can continue to take such testimony.

This amendment shall be effective on June 8, 2000, and will make the Rules Committee's quorum rules more consistent with the quorum rules of most other standing committees.

PENNSYLVANIANS RAISE FUNDS FOR WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of 30,020 Pennsylvanian Wal-Mart associates. These dedicated individuals, along with 870,000 other Wal-Mart associates nationwide, raised more than \$14 million for the National World War II Memorial Campaign.

This outstanding achievement brought the World War II Memorial Fund to more than \$90 million. This donation brings the fund increasingly closer to its goal of \$100 million. On June 6, 2000, Barbara Ritenour and Bonnie Cowell from Belle Vernon, PA joined 40 other Wal-Mart associates to present this contribution to former Senator Robert Dole, National Chairman of the World War II Memorial Campaign on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this event on June 6 was to thank those who went above and beyond the call of duty to help meet this financial goal. It was the small contributions of bake sales and parking lot carnivals that made such a difference.

Wal-Mart employs over 1,900 World War II veterans. They recognize the importance of constructing a memorial to salute the men and women who fought in the war as well as those who supported it from the home front.

I commend the efforts of those so dedicated to the memory of those who served in World War II, and I wish the World War II Memorial Campaign continued success as they work to meet the remainder of their \$100 million goal.

RYAN WHITE CARE ACT

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, yesterday we passed the Ryan White