

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

## RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF DENIS GALVIN UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

• Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to recognize and thank Denis Galvin, the Deputy Director of the National Park Service, who will be retiring at the end of this year after a career of almost 40 years with the Park Service. The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources has jurisdiction over national park issues, and we have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to work closely with Mr. Galvin over the years.

Since beginning his tenure with the Park Service in 1963 as a civil engineer at Sequoia National Park, Mr. Galvin has held several positions with the Park Service throughout the country, including a period in the Southwest Regional Office in Santa Fe. He also worked for several years in Boston in the Northeast Regional Office, and as the Director of the Denver Services Center, the planning, design, and construction arm of the Park Service. Since 1985 Mr. Galvin has held two positions that brought him into frequent contact with the Congress and our Committee, as the Associate Director for Planning and Development from 1989 to 1997, and twice as the Deputy Director of the National Park Service, from 1985 to 1989, and again from 1997 until now.

In his capacity as Associate Director and Deputy Director, Mr. Galvin has been involved in every major policy issue facing the National Park Service. He has been one of the National Park Service's greatest resources, and his knowledge and judgment about national park issues is very much respected, both within the agency and here in Congress. Whenever the Committee held a hearing on an especially important legislative issue affecting the National Park Service, we would often request that Mr. Galvin testify, so that the members of the Committee could benefit from his expertise and advice. Because of his broad and varied background, he could speak with as much knowledge on the merits of particular construction project within a park as he could on general policy issues affecting the entire park system.

I would like to recognize his efforts, especially in his role in the National Park Service leadership, to maintain and protect the integrity of the National Park System. The Park Service has been fortunate to have had many strong and far-sighted leaders in its history. We have been extremely fortunate that Denis Galvin has continued in that great tradition. As he embarks on a new chapter in his life I would like to take this opportunity to thank

Denny for all of his assistance to me and to other members of the Senate, and I extend my best wishes upon his retirement.●

## TRIBUTE TO CARAN KOLBE MCKEE

• Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a loyal friend and trusted advisor who left my staff in late August. Caran Kolbe McKee came to work for me 14 years ago. She served the people of Iowa in a number of capacities in my office. In every case, Caran demonstrated remarkable leadership qualities, steadfastness of purpose, and the kind of problem-solving ability that can make our Government work for the people in the best way possible.

Caran came to the Senate in 1987, when she joined my staff as assistant press secretary. Two years later, she became my press secretary. During this time, she dealt with a range of important issues, including the Gulf War, Supreme Court nominations, whistleblower protections, a farm bill, civil rights legislation, a campaign to apply labor and employment laws to Congress, and the budget battle of 1990. She made certain that Iowans had access to accurate and timely information through the news media and fostered a better understanding of the way in which the issues addressed by Congress affect the lives of individuals and families.

In 1994, Caran took on new challenges as a special assistant. She developed initiatives and reached out to the grassroots. Caran brought to her work a great appreciation for the people who make Iowa the extraordinary place that it is. She grew up on a farm in Western Iowa, graduated from Iowa State University, and maintains many close family ties in Iowa.

Caran is the kind of person who is always looking ahead and making a plan to improve things for others no matter what their stage and place in life. Just last week, President Bush signed into law legislation re-authorizing the Drug Free Communities Act, a bill I sponsored in the Senate. During his remarks, the President took time to recognize a coalition I launched in Iowa to address our state's growing drug problem. Called "Face It Together"—or FIT—it is the first-ever community-based, statewide anti-drug coalition. The goal is to help Iowans work together to keep their neighborhoods, schools, workplaces and communities drug-free. I hope to see this productive effort continue in the years ahead. No individual deserves more credit for making FIT a reality and a success than Caran Kolbe McKee. Her vision for the project, gift for bringing people together and dedication to making the program happen were vitally important.

In recent years, Caran also managed my correspondence with Iowans. In the

Senate, I work hard to made the process of representative government work. I keep in close touch with Iowans by returning home when the Senate is not in session. And since 1981, I have conducted a meeting in each of Iowa's 99 counties at least one time every year. I am committed to an active dialogue with constituents, so at town meetings I always say representative government is a two-way street. While I have come to them for a meeting about the issues, they also have a responsibility to write to me expressing concerns and views and asking questions. Well, each and every one of these letters or e-mail messages deserves and receives as answer from me. Caran made sure that Iowans who wrote or called received a reply that was not just a piece of paper but a substantive, informative response. In this way, she helped representative government work for the people in a fundamental, meaningful way.

Caran Kolbe McKee was a true public servant. She was a mentor to many of her fellow staff members. And she was an inspiration for the way she handled challenges—both professional and personal—with compassion, strength and courage. Now Caran has decided to spend more time with her family. She will be greatly missed, but I admire her decision and wish her the very best. Above all, I extend to her my deepest thanks.●

## RETIREMENT OF NOAA SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, EUGENE PROULX

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise today to express appreciation and congratulations to Eugene Proulx on the occasion of his retirement as the Special Agent in Charge of the Southeast Enforcement Division of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service. For over 28 years, Gene has dedicated himself to the protection of our nation's oceans and living marine resources. His service of 3 years with the United States Coast Guard and 25 years with the National Marine Fisheries Service's Office for Law Enforcement (OLE) have been exemplary, and he is being appropriately honored for this service at an event to be held on December 21st in the Southeast region.

His commitment and leadership with the OLE have been reflected through his service as a Special Agent, National Training Coordinator, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Deputy Special Agent in Charge, and as Special Agent in Charge and Acting Chief. Gene's service as a Special Agent in Charge included assignments in both the Southwest and Southeast Divisions in addition to his many years of service as an agent at various duty posts in the Northeast Division as well as several assignments to Headquarters in Silver