IN MEMORY OF ROWLAND EVANS

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, the best example of the free press was Rowland Evans and the best brief on this outstanding cause was from his partner, Robert D. Novak, in the Washington Post, Thursday, March 29. I ask consent that the brief be included in the RECORD for his friends that knew him and for the millions more that were informed by his writing.

The brief followed by [Robert D. Novak]

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ROWLAND EVANS, REPORTER

(Alas by Robert D. Novak)

On Monday morning, Dec. 17, 1962, I returned from my honeymoon and found multiple phone messages from Rowly Evans on my desk in the Wall Street Journal's Washington bureau. Evans, a reporter for the New York Herald-Tribune, asked me at a subsequent lunch to collaborate with him in a daily newspaper column.

The goal was a product short on ideology, long on reporting first on reporting, and first on May 15, 1963, and ran in this space under our double byline until Evans retired from the column 30 years ago. Over the years, I grew to admire and respect what he did, although we occasionally disagreed on the tone of his column.

Our column encounterd the most criticism when we investigated, years after the sinking of the U.S. Navy communications ship Liberty during the Six-Day War. It was not anti-Israeli bias that caused Evans to probe an incident that both governments wanted to hide. Rather, it was courage—born of patriotic fervor—over the needless death of 34 U.S. Naval personnel that he laid at the feet of Israeli defense forces.

That same courage had led Evans as a Yale freshman on Dec. 8, 1941, to protest the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor by enlisting in the Marine Corps, taking him to combat in Guadalcanal.

American security was his guiding star. It led him to support U.S. efforts to save Vietnam from communist oppression, though that decision eventually led to his being fired by his friend Robert F. Kennedy. It led him away from his family's ties with Democrats and toward the Reagan Revolution.

But his was the life of an athlete attended. But behind the charm of a Philadelphia society boy was a tough Marine who loved his country and never waivered in seeking the truth.

BRYANNA HOCKING WINS MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I am delighted to congratulate an Oregon citizen and former intern in my office, Bryanna Hocking, of Eugene, OR, on her selection as a recipient of a George J. Mitchell Scholarship to study in Ireland beginning in the fall. The competitive, national scholarship enables American university graduates to pursue a year of study at institutions of higher learning in Ireland and Northern Ireland. These scholarships are awarded to individuals between the ages of 18 and 30 who have shown academic distinction, commitment to service, and potential for leadership.

Bryanna will be an excellent student ambassador to Ireland. In May 2000, she received a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service. An active member of her community, she was founder and co-chair of the Georgetown Women's Guild, which organized forums and discussions on the University's issues and served on the executive board of the Georgetown College Republicans.

Bryanna is an aspiring journalist, an ambition sparked by her concerns about how the media dealt with the Balkans, Rwanda, and other areas where ethnic strife led to genocide. Bryanna hopes that she can combine her passion for journalism and international affairs in a career in which