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patrol craft was narrowly missed by a barrage of recoilless rifle fire.” Again, his valor and heroism was established early in his career. He was awarded a Bronze Star Medal with Combat V and the Navy Combat Action Ribbon for his service.

Vice Admiral Amerault’s follow-on sea tours demonstrated the tactical brilliance that would become his trademark. His next tour was on board USS Taylor (DD 468) as Engineer Officer. During this tour he earned a coveted Shellback certificate for crossing the equator. He then reported as Chief Engineer on board USS Benner (DD 901) where he earned his first of three Navy Commendation Medals.

Several sea tours followed in steady progression. He was Executive Officer in USS Dupont (DD 941). He also was Executive Officer in USS Thach (DD 47) and Commanding Officer of USS Samuel Gompers (AD 37). It is difficult to convey the challenges and hardships that were faced by this officer and his family during these many and arduous sea tours.

As Vice Admiral Amerault progressed in the Navy he served as Staff Combat Information Center Officer for Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group TWO; and Commanded Destroyer Squadron SIX, Amphibious Group FOUR, and the Western Hemisphere Group. Again, these were all difficult tours of tremendous responsibility that required an incredible commitment to duty and country.

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As he ascended to the highest echelons of leadership in the Navy, Vice Admiral Amerault garnered many commendations that further highlight his stellar career. They include the Distinguished Service Medal; Legion of Merit (seven awards); the Bronze Star with V; two Navy Commendation Medals; three Navy Achievement Medals; and a Bronze Star Medal with Combat V and the Navy Combat Action Ribbon for his service.

Vice Admiral Amerault also has the distinction of being the Navy’s “Old Salt”—the active duty officer who has served as an officer of the deck underway the longest. Standing beside this officer throughout his superb career has been his wife Cathy, a lady to whom he owes much. She has been his key supporter, devoting her life to her husband, to her family, and to the men and women of the Navy family. She has traveled by his side for those many years. They are the epitome of the Navy family team.

From the start of his career at the Naval Academy, through Vietnam, the Gulf War, Kosovo and beyond—thirty-six years—Vice Admiral Amerault has served with uncommon valor. He is indeed an individual of rare character and professionalism—a true Sailor’s Sailor! I am proud, Mr. President, to thank him on behalf of the United States of America for his honorable and most distinguished career in the United States Navy, and to wish him “fair winds and following seas”.

RECOGNIZING VOLUNTEER REFEREES FOR THE 2001 SIGMA NU CHARITY BOWL

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, recently the Epsilon Xi Chapter of Sigma Nu at the University of Mississippi celebrated the eleventh anniversary of the Sigma Nu Charity Bowl, benefiting Ole Miss. Founded in 1989, the Sigma Nu Charity Bowl has helped many unfortunate men and women, who from accidents or injuries have been permanently paralyzed. Since 1990, over $500,000 has been raised to help these individuals.

Throughout the years, the Epsilon Xi Sigma Nu Charity Bowl has become one of the largest college philanthropy events in the nation. Every year, Sigma Nu competes in a football game against another fraternity from Ole Miss or another university. It has become an annual event that the citizens of Oxford, the parents of the players, and the Ole Miss community enjoy each year. This year’s recipient was a very deserving young man named James Havard, who enjoyed watching Sigma Nu defeat Phi Delta Theta 18-13. I would like to recognize some very special men who generously gave their time and talents in order to make the Charity Bowl a great success. Steve Bremer, Michael Miles, Kevin Roberts, Scott Steenson, and Michael Woodard are to be commended and honored for their efforts in serving as volunteer referees for the charity bowl football game. They graciously took time out of their busy schedules in order to make the game more enjoyable for the players and the fans, but more importantly they gave James Havard an opportunity to enjoy a better life.

These men belong to the Professional Football Referees Association Charities, PFRA. The PFRA is also very involved in helping other charitable organizations such as the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This distinguished organization has been very helpful in getting aid to individuals like James, and they have given many people a chance to have a better life.

These men and the PFRA are to be commended for a job well done, and for their continued efforts in improving the lives of others.

THE ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL COMMERCE ACT

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, one of the most significant accomplishments of the 106th Congress was the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, commonly known as “ESIGN.” This landmark legislation establishes a Federal framework for the use of electronic signatures, contracts, and records, while preserving essential safeguards protecting the Nation’s consumers. It passed both Houses of Congress by an overwhelming majority, and went into effect in October 2000.

I helped to craft the Senate version of the bill, which passed unanimously in November 1999, and I was honored to serve as a conference and help develop the conference report. I am proud of what we achieved and the bipartisan manner in which we achieved it. It was an example of legislators legisitating rather than politicians posturing and unnecessarily politicizing important matters of public policy.

Much of the negotiations over ESIGN concerned the consumer protection language in section 101(c), which was designed to ensure effective consumer consent to the replacement of paper notices with electronic notices. We managed in the end to strike a constructive balance that advanced electronic commerce without terminating or undermining the basic rights of consumers.

In particular, ESIGN requires use of a “technological check” in obtaining consumer consent. The critical language for the players and the fans can be developed and proposed, provides that a consumer’s consent to the provision of information in electronic form must involve a demonstration that the consumer can actually receive and read the information Companies are left with ample flexibility to develop their own procedures for this demonstration.

When the Senate passed ESIGN in June 2000, I expressed confidence that
IN MEMORY OF OLIVER POWERS

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I rise today to inform my colleagues of the passing of Oliver Bennett Powers a Senior Broadcast Engineering Technician for the Senate, and native of Chickasha, Oklahoma. Oliver passed away suddenly while vacationing with friends and family near Norfolk, Virginia on June 23, 2001. He was a respected, well-liked, and dedicated member of the Senate Recording Studio staff. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Anita; two sons, Isaiah and Lucas; his mother, Ella Belle Powers of Chickasha, Oklahoma, and brother, Roy Powers, of Norman, Oklahoma. Our hearts go out to them.

Oliver was born in Chickasha, Oklahoma, where he graduated from high school in 1971. He was also a graduate of the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, also located in Chickasha, and went on to earn a Master’s Degree in Journalism from the University of Oklahoma. Oliver began his service to the U.S. Senate in 1986, when he became director of audio and lighting for the Senate.

Oliver will be missed by all of those who knew him through his community, his church, and his work here in the Senate. Oliver embodied the best of what we’ve come to expect from Oklahomans. He was hard working, yet soft-spoken and gentle; highly professional, yet humble, and always kind and respectful. He was representative of so many staff here that work tirelessly and anonymously on behalf of the Senate.

On behalf of the United States Senate, let me say thank you to Anita, Isaiah and Lucas and the other members of the Powers family for sharing him with us these many years. He will be missed.

EXTRADITION OF SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC TO THE U.N. ICTY

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to commend the authorities of Serbia for, at long last, handing over Slobodan Milosevic to the International Criminal Tribunal. It is iron-ic, and perhaps fitting, that his arrest and transfer to the international court took place on June 28—one of the most noted dates in Serb history, when in 1389 the Serbs were defeated at the battle of Kosovo Polje, ushering in a period of Ottoman rule. It is my hope that future generations of Serbs will remember June 28, 2001 with the same sense of historic importance and as the beginning of true and long-lasting democracy and respect for the rule of law.

Milosevic has been charged by an independent, impartial, international criminal tribunal with crimes against humanity and violations of the laws or customs of war against the ethnic Albanian population of Kosovo. And according to the ICTY, once the Tribunal has found him guilty, the Tribunal can expect more indictments of other accused to be made.

The United States seeks friendship and partnership with all of the people of the former Yugoslavia. Our presence and contributions at the donor’s conference are evidence of our intentions. Yet while we welcome yesterday’s developments, we must also not forget that 26 accused remain on the run, most of them in Bosnia and Serbia. I call on the accused to turn themselves over to the jurisdiction of the Tribunal. We must also remember that 26 accused remain on the run.

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