

said of the agency's efforts, "Without question, America is safer since the stand-up of TSA, and TSA has done an excellent job of protecting the homeland. . . ." Then typically, she added that "there is a lot more to do."

Mr. President, I realize we have much to accomplish here in the United States Senate, but I felt it was important that we thank this great American. I wish to congratulate Deputy Administrator Carol DiBattiste on a distinguished and selfless career; and in closing, offer the thought that the nation would be well-served if sometime in the future she once again rejoined the ranks of public servant.●

HONORABLE PETER B. TEETS

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President I rise today to honor a distinguished American and patriot the Honorable Peter B. Teets, former Acting Secretary of the Air Force and Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Secretary Teets left government service on March 25, 2005 to join his family in Colorado. He did so after four years of selfless devotion to his country serving in what I would characterize as four of the most important jobs within the Department of Defense—as the senior official in the Department of the Air Force responsible for nearly 700,000 military, civilians, and family members with budget authority exceeding \$110 billion dollars. Simultaneously, Mr. Teets also served as the Department of Defense Executive Agent for Space and as the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office. In this later special capacity he was responsible for the acquisition and operation of all space-based reconnaissance and intelligence systems. I think you would agree Mr. President, Pete Teets was an extraordinary public servant possessing uncompromising standards, superior managerial skills and a keen analytical mind wherein he was able to exact the most from the military service he represented and the programs he supervised. His quest for perfection across the board will long be remembered both within and outside the Department.

Prior to joining the Department of Defense, Pete Teets worked in industry for nearly four decades serving first as a Martin Marett flight control engineer and ending that service as the President and Chief Operating Officer, Lockheed Martin Corporation. His resume is replete with ever increasing positions of responsibility spanning the period 1963 to 2001, when he was nominated to serve President Bush as our Under Secretary of the Air Force and Director of the National Reconnaissance Office, two demanding tasks particularly during this time of transformation within the Department of Defense, coupled with the challenges associated with emerging space requirements and system development.

Throughout his tenure, the members of the Senate Armed Services Committee have found Pete Teets to be one of the most thoughtful and insightful DOD officials we have come to know. His ability to reduce complex system assessments into meaningful constructs were, on more than one occasion, immensely helpful to every committee member. His private counsel and immense personal interaction were directly responsible for solving major program problems for which our country is most grateful.

Our Nation deserves no less than the full measure of devotion from the men and women it nominates to our highest positions of authority. Peter Teets fulfilled every expectation the Congress and the nation placed upon him. He did so with a combination of grace and dignity, superb organizational and managerial skill, and with that rare coupling of professionalism and confidence that his Air Force and our Department of Defense would not accept anything short of excellence in accomplishing every assigned mission and task.

I truly hope this is not the last time the nation will call upon Peter Teets and his family to serve this grateful Nation. Indeed, Pete has earned the right to return home and focus on the one thing all of us yearn to do—spend time and focus on family. His many friends in the Senate wish him and his family all the best in the days ahead. We bid Pete a fond farewell and heartfelt thanks for a magnificent job as our Acting Air Force Secretary and as our Under Secretary of the Air Force. We are a better people and stronger Nation today because Pete Teets gave and accomplished so much. We will indeed miss America's "Mr. Military Space" and wish him God's everlasting blessings.●

HONORING CAMERON TROOST

● Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the courage and sacrifice of Cameron S. Troost, a 10-year-old boy from South Bend, IN. Cameron suffers from pediatric bipolar disorder, a devastating but treatable brain disorder marked by severe fluctuations in mood, activity, thought, and behavior. In an effort to contribute to the search for a cure, Cameron volunteered to participate in a four-month long rigorous clinical study at the National Institutes of Mental Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

Though the exact prevalence is not known, the Child & Adolescent Bipolar Foundation estimates that at least three quarters of a million American children and teenagers currently suffer from bipolar disorder, many of whom are undiagnosed. Bipolar disorder is thought to affect 1-2 percent of adults worldwide. Fifty-nine percent of adults with bipolar disorder report that their symptoms first appeared during or be-

fore adolescence. The disorder is often inherited, and symptoms can emerge at any time in life.

Bipolar disorder has a significant impact on our society. Children with the condition are at higher risk for school failure, substance abuse, and suicide. The terrible human and social costs highlight the importance of discovering better treatments, and ultimately a cure, for bipolar disorder. Few controlled studies have been done on the use of psychiatric medications in children. Cameron, however, is bravely doing his part to increase our knowledge of this disease. Cameron volunteered to leave home for several months to participate in a study that required that he be locked in an 8-bed unit, submit to blood tests, brain scans, and other tests, go off all medication, and receive lithium or placebo, possibly risking his own well-being in the process. He consented to being forced into seclusion or medicated if his rages could not be controlled. All the while, Cameron kept up with a home school curriculum.

Cameron's decision to travel far from home to participate in a difficult clinical trial—one that potentially puts himself at risk for the benefit of others—will contribute to our understanding of pediatric bipolar disorder and how to treat it. His self-sacrifice will live on in the form of better treatment options for the many other children who, like him, must live with this condition. For that, Cameron deserves our most sincere recognition.●

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM "BILL" DAVID SMITH

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, today I pay tribute and honor a dear friend of mine who passed away recently. Bill David Smith, whom I have called a friend and relied on for half a century, passed away at the age of 72. He is survived by his beloved wife, Jane Bandy Smith, and two sons, David and Stuart. Bill David was passionate about all things in which he was involved, loved his community of Tuscaloosa, and was very proud to be an Alabamian.

We became friends during our time at the University of Alabama, and I have always appreciated his counsel and support over the years. My wife, Annette, and I have shared many memories with Bill David and his wife, Jane, which we will cherish for years to come.

Bill David was born in Meridian, MS, and spent most of his youth in Gadsden, AL. A University of Alabama graduate, he was an honor student and received both a bachelor's and master's degree in accounting. After graduation, he was a founding partner in the accounting firm, Morrison and Smith LLP. Bill David was actively involved in activities surrounding the accounting profession and served as President