

their beef comes from. I support that. I have pushed for mandatory COOL for years, and I will continue to do so in this Congress.

TRIBUTE TO HOWARD LIEBENGOOD

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I today pay tribute to my friend, Howard Liebengood, who died earlier this month. Howard's most recent service to the Senate was as Senator BILL FRIST's Chief of Staff. I was privileged to meet Howard when I came to the Senate 27 years ago, when he was our Sergeant at Arms. Howard was a treasured and invaluable member of the Senate family who will be greatly missed.

As I reflect on the privilege of serving my State and working with so many able and dedicated Senate staffers, Howard Liebengood stands out as one of the most effective members of our Senate staff whose exemplary career is testimony of his dedication to public service.

Howard's hallmark was his ever-present smile and vast knowledge of Senate practices and procedures.

His air of calm pervaded hot debates on tough issues as he reminded us that more challenging issues had been resolved with less acrimony in days past.

His outstanding record of service will stand as an everlasting manual from which present and future generations of Senate staffers can learn. Howard made the Senate a better place to work and our Nation a better place to live. His enormous contributions over his lengthy career will be remembered and cherished by his colleagues.

My staff joins me in sending our deepest sympathy to the Liebengood family.

FOOD AID FUNDING

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, very soon the administration is expected to send to Congress supplemental appropriation requests to address ongoing military needs in Iraq and the humanitarian crisis posed by the tsunami in the Indian Ocean. My hope is that the administration will include adequate food aid funding in that supplemental proposal. Recent press reports suggest they may be moving in that direction. If, however, the administration's proposed supplemental fails to provide adequate food aid funding, it is my intention to offer an amendment that would essentially accomplish four things.

First, my amendment would provide full funding to meet U.S. food aid commitments from the tsunami under PL-480 title II. Second, my amendment will replenish PL-480 title II development funds that help meet our ongoing development programs across the globe. Third, it will shore up PL-480

title I funds that have been used as a stop-gap measure to address the crisis. And finally, it will replenish the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust, BEHT, so that our aid workers and development personnel can be assured of adequate resources to carry out their important lifesaving work in future crises.

The tsunami brought images of destruction and human suffering on a scale that is hard for many of us to imagine. Americans responded with great generosity by committing unprecedented funds through private donations. Some \$50 million, I am told, has been pledged through the American Red Cross alone.

Federal workers and their cooperators in Washington and around the globe made an extraordinary effort to respond. Food resources that were prepositioned, and even some in transit, were shifted to address this crisis. For all their hard work and creativity, I commend them.

What concerns me now, however, is how we proceed after the television networks scale back their coverage. Enormous need will remain even after the emergency is contained. It will be months, perhaps years, before rice paddies are desalinated, fishing boats are rebuilt and fishing nets are repaired. Self-sufficiency will not happen overnight. And while the people most directly affected by the tsunami are struggling to achieve a measure of self-sufficiency, the dire need for food aid continues in places such as Ethiopia and Sudan and many others. That is why I believe it is so critical that we reinforce our food aid capacity.

In his inaugural address, the President spoke forcefully about ending tyranny and spreading democracy. Everyone shares those objectives. We also know that those objectives cannot be achieved solely by force or gesture politics. They demand a commitment to diplomacy and human compassion. Adequate funding for food aid is central to that process, and I invite my colleagues to join me in this effort.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RED ROVER MARCHING BAND

• Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, President George W. Bush's inauguration ceremony was truly a spectacular event. The sights and sounds that thousands of Americans witnessed on Thursday, January 20, 2005, will remain in their minds forever.

The 243 students of the Easton High School Red Rover Marching Band in Easton, PA, however, will have the lasting memory of marching up Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House to perform for the President and First Lady.

The Presidential inauguration is not only a time to peacefully celebrate a transition of power, but it is a time for students and bands from all over the nation to perform for the President and the First Lady. As bystanders and thousands across the country watched the inaugural parade, the performers put a face and familiarity to such a momentous event.

Prior to the inauguration, on Tuesday, January 18th, 2005, I had the opportunity to meet with the students of the Red Rover Marching Band and to listen as they practiced for their inaugural performance. The Red Rover Marching Band was chosen out of 300 bands from across the nation. In our meeting, I could feel the excitement of these high school students as they prepared for the opportunity to display their talents and participate in such an important event. It brings a great sense of pride to the residents of Easton and to all Pennsylvanians that the Red Rover Marching Band was selected to represent the musical talents of Pennsylvania youth in the inaugural parade.

It is a great honor for the Red Rover Marching Band to participate in such a dramatic event of pomp and circumstance. I am thankful for the time that they put in practicing and reviewing their song selection. They should be proud to be among the many other top-notch bands that performed before the President and First Lady in the Inaugural Parade. Their hard work certainly paid off. I am pleased that the Red Rover Marching Band represented our Commonwealth and specifically Easton, Pennsylvania on such an historic day in our Nation's history. ●

REMEMBERING G. FRED DiBONA, JR.

• Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, today I reflect on the loss of a dear friend. On January 11, 2005, G. Fred DiBona, Jr. passed away after a 15-month battle with cancer. I have known Fred for more than 11 years and have developed a close relationship with Fred and his family. The DiBona family has suffered a tremendous loss, and I offer them my condolences and deepest sympathy during this difficult time.

On February 20, 1951, G. Fred DiBona, Jr. was born in South Philadelphia to Common Pleas Court Judge, G. Fred DiBona and the former Rose D'Amico. Fred Jr. was raised in Philadelphia, and went on to graduate from South Philadelphia High School and Davis and Elkins College. He also received a law degree from the Delaware School of Law.

At the age of 25, Fred became chairman of the Philadelphia Zoning Board of Adjustment. After a three-year post with the Zoning Board, Fred served as President of the Philadelphia Port Corporation, President of the Greater