

their own lives in defense of their fellow citizens. Indeed, since the department's founding in 1903, 18 Connecticut State troopers have died in the line of duty.

Trooper Kenneth Hall was no different in that regard. A 22-year veteran of the Connecticut State Police who also served as a marine sniper in Vietnam, Trooper Hall's life exemplified the kind of personal courage and unflinching dedication to public service that are so engrained in the culture of America's law enforcement community. Trooper Hall loved his job and was absolutely devoted to helping and protecting the people of his State and Nation. And that was ultimately what he died doing.

Late in the afternoon on September 2, Trooper Hall stopped a vehicle on I-91 in Enfield, CT, for a routine traffic violation. While he was pulled over on the side of the road filling out paper work, Trooper Hall's police cruiser was struck from behind by a pickup truck. The car was severely damaged, and Trooper Hall was rushed to Baystate Medical Center, just across the border in Springfield, MA. Tragically, in spite of the best efforts of first responders to save his life, Trooper Hall passed away not long after the accident. He was only 57.

In death, Trooper Hall left behind a number of significant, enduring legacies. He was beloved by his colleagues on the Connecticut State Police force, who saw him not only as a wonderful officer, but as a first-rate friend. And he was also part of a larger family of local and State law enforcement officers across the country who considered him a brother in arms. Is it any wonder then, that thousands of police officers, some from as far away as Louisiana and California, gathered at his funeral in Hartford on September 11? What a fitting tribute for such an amazing officer, a man who dedicated the better part of his life to serving the public good.

But perhaps the most important of the numerous legacies Trooper Hall left behind is his large, closely-knit, and incredibly loving family. For his wife Sheila, seven adult children, Tara, Troy, Norman, Teon, Tyco, Andrea and Michael, and countless other family members, Trooper Hall was more than just a dedicated member of Connecticut's State Police force. He was the consummate family man—an individual who relished every opportunity to spend an afternoon with relatives or dote on his grandchildren.

So, it is with great sadness that I join Trooper Hall's loved ones, friends, colleagues, and everyone else whose life was touched in some way by this wonderful man, in mourning his untimely death. While I realize there are few words that can assuage the enormous sense of grief they undoubtedly feel, it is my hope that Trooper Hall's

years of commendable service to his State, love for his family, and devotion to his friends will provide them with some measure of comfort during the months and years that lie ahead.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR "KENNY" AND JUDY SIMMONS

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize two very special parents in my home State of West Virginia—parents who have so defined the unconditional love that a parent can have for a child, that their actions have had a national impact in the fields of adoption and foster care.

Each year, Members of Congress have the honor and privilege of recognizing, through the Congressional Coalition on Adoption, extraordinary persons who have answered one of our Nation's most important calls to action to provide our most vulnerable children with a forever family.

Children are the future leaders of our great country, and adoption and foster care are causes that has always been close to my heart. I am proud to officially recognize two West Virginian angels—Arthur "Kenny" and Judy Simmons—as true angels in adoption.

Kenny and Judy adopted two 13-year-old boys, Joshua and Terry. The willingness to open a home to older children is special; all too often these children are left behind. Prior to adoption, these young boys struggled with uncertainty and one child endured 23 different homes while waiting for permanency. Judy and Kenny have given him a home, security and a future. The needs of children in foster care are challenging. But when we help these vulnerable, young people, we change their life, and in fact the lives of the entire family and communities. This is why throughout my Senate career, I have worked to improve Federal policies for adoptions and child welfare including the 2008 Fostering Connections Act and the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997. We should provide support and encouragement for foster and adoptive families the quality training and education they need and the all of the support possible for the case-workers and judges making the tough decisions about a child's placement.

Each fall, I have the pleasure of honoring one of the families in our State who have opened their hearts and homes to children in need. It is my great honor to highlight these heroes among us. The Simmons' family gives all they can and never gives up. They are the epitomy of what a committed, forever family, is all about. For this, I want to recognize, honor, and thank them for their passion and dedication and for being true angels in adoption I admire.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2009, the Secretary of the Senate, on September 24, 2010, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1674. An act to provide for an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions.

S. 3717. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Company Act of 1940, and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to provide for certain disclosures under section 552 of title 5, United States Code, (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

S. 3814. An act to extend the National Flood Insurance Program until September 30, 2011.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1517) to allow certain U.S. Customs and Border protection employees who serve under an overseas limited appointment for at least 2 years, and whose service is rated fully successful or higher throughout that time, to be converted to a permanent appointment in the competitive service.

#### ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Assistant Secretary of the Senate reported that on September 24, 2010, during the adjournment of the Senate, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 1674. An act to provide for an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income