

ability to put a plan together were essential to the overall success of the program. Joe put a special emphasis on honoring the veterans who died before they were able to make the trip to DC.

I am thankful that these revered veterans were able to come to our Nation's Capital to be recognized and remembered for their individual sacrifices. Among the most important of the historic sites they visited was the new World War II Memorial, which honors the 16 million veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States, the more than 400,000 of our finest Americans who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation, and all who supported the war effort from home.

I have met many Honor Flight groups from all over Alabama at the WWII Memorial. Without exception, they are men and women of character and positive spirit who love their country and thoroughly enjoy the visit. They also have not asked for recognition but are humbled and thankful for this honor. Visiting these veterans is one of the most enjoyable things I get to do as a Senator.

On behalf of my Senate colleagues and the State of Alabama, I thank these veterans for their service to the United States of America and am proud of the work Honor Flight Tennessee Valley and the Honor Flight Network have done for our WWII Veterans.●

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT WINCHESTER

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I rise to mark the retirement of Robert Winchester after 35 years in government service. Throughout this time, Bob has been both the consummate professional and a friendly presence in the Halls here on Capitol Hill.

Mr. Winchester had a varied and distinguished career, having worked in different positions and capacities for the Department of Justice, Central Intelligence Agency and the U.S. Army. For most of that time, Bob worked in the intelligence field where efforts and successes are not always rewarded publicly. I am glad we can do so here today.

Mr. Winchester graduated in 1967 from the University of Paris, La Sorbonne, and from Kings College in 1968. From 1969 until 1971, he served in the U.S. Army as an intelligence analyst and was stationed in Vietnam. After being honorably discharged as a staff sergeant, he continued his education at Illinois State University earning a master's degree. He then returned to Europe to receive a master's of advanced European studies with honors in 1974 from the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium.

Continuing his already impressive academic achievements, Mr. Winchester received his juris doctorate from Temple University School of Law. He served as a judge advocate general captain in the U.S. Army Reserves for 13 years. He is a member of the bar of

the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia.

Mr. Winchester worked for 7 years at the Central Intelligence Agency in operational law and legislative liaison positions, and also served as an assistant attorney general for the Department of Justice in Pennsylvania.

During the last 25 years, Bob has served as legislative counsel to the Secretary of the Army and the Army leadership, the Army G-2, the commanding generals of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence at Fort Huachuca, and the Intelligence and Security Command.

Since 1984, Mr. Winchester served as the special assistant for legislative affairs for the U.S. Army's Office of the Chief, legislative liaison and served as the Army's principal liaison to the Congress for all Army intelligence programs and policies. It was in this role that Mr. Winchester became a fixture in matters involving Army intelligence on Capitol Hill. For over two decades, the Members and staff of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence knew that they could turn to Mr. Winchester with a request and he would respond not just in a timely and professional manner, but also with insight and enthusiasm. He was able not only to represent the views and policies of the U.S. Army, but also to ensure that Congress had the information it requested to conduct effective congressional oversight. He made this difficult job look easy.

Mr. Winchester has earned his retirement many times over, but we still hope that he reconsiders and returns to serve his country once again.

Mr. Winchester, thank you for your service and good luck in all your future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO RUSTY TOUPAL

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Rusty Toupal, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Rusty is a graduate of Wolsey High School in Wolsey, SD. Currently he is attending South Dakota State University where he is majoring in consumer Affairs. He has also been a member of the Army National Guard for 7 years and has completed a deployment to Iraq.

He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Rusty for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

DISCHARGE PETITION PURSUANT TO 5 U.S.C. 802(c) (CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT)

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Com-

mittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged of further consideration of S.J. Res. 39, a resolution providing for congressional disapproval of a rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, relating to status as a Grandfathered Health Plan under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and, further, that the resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Michael B. Enzi, Roger F. Wicker, Thad Cochran, John Barrasso, Pat Roberts, Jeff Sessions, Jon Kyl, Richard Burr, John Cornyn, Christopher S. Bond, Richard G. Lugar, George V. Voinovich, Susan M. Collins, Johnny Isakson, Mike Johanns, George S. LeMieux, John Ensign, Lamar Alexander, Chuck Grassley, James E. Risch, Richard C. Shelby, John Thune, Orrin G. Hatch, Mitch McConnell, John McCain, Judd Gregg, Jim Bunning, Mike Crapo, Tom Coburn, Olympia J. Snowe, James M. InHofe, David Vitter, Robert F. Bennett, Bob Corker, Lindsey Graham, Sam Brownback, Saxby Chambliss, Lisa Murkowski, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Scott Brown.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 12:12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 846. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty.

S. 1055. An act to grant the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, United States Army, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

H.R. 1517. An act 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.

H.R. 6190. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

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

At 3:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, announced that the House has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 714) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, and for other purposes.

At 3:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 3847. An act to implement certain defense trade cooperation treaties, and for other purposes.

At 5:37 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by