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Finally, Mr. President, I want to thank my own staff and the staff of the Democratic Leadership Committees, whom I share with Senators REID, ROCKEFELLER, and KERRY. These bright, talented people are dedicated to the effort to serve the people of South Dakota and the Nation, as well as every Democratic senator and their staffs. They do a tremendous job, and I owe each of them a debt of gratitude.●

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR JOHNSTON

● Mr. PELL. Mr. President, I salute my old friend and colleague the senior Senator from Louisiana [Mr. JOHNSTON] as he reaches the end of his distinguished Senate career.

It has been my special good fortune to know BENNETT JOHNSTON as a friend,

quite apart from our collegial work here in the Senate. I have enjoyed his hospitality on many occasions and have appreciated his good sportsmanship on the tennis court. As I said when he announced his intention to retire last year, he can always be called a straight shooter, in the best sense of the word.

He will, of course, best be remembered for his landmark work as chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, particularly as that committee grappled with the new challenges posed by nuclear energy. I salute him for that, and I know that he has charted new ground where others will surely follow.

One of the most difficult aspects of leaving this body is the loss of daily contact with colleagues whose friendship has enriched the experience of Senate service. BENNETT JOHNSTON has truly been one such colleague, and I wish all the best for him and his lovely wife, Mary, in all that lies ahead.●

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR HEFLIN

● Mr. PELL. Mr. President, sometimes there are those among us whose Senatorial persona overshadows the full measure of past achievement.

Such a man is the retiring senior Senator from Alabama [Mr. HEFLIN]. Those who witness his wisdom and dignity of bearing on the floor of the Senate have no difficulty in envisioning him as the chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court. But they may not perceive the U.S. Marine of World War II who was wounded twice in combat and awarded the Silver Star.

My own special insight into the exceptional character of Judge HEFLIN came when we shared the discomfort of a field trip into the Brazilian rain forest. As always his qualities of wit and wisdom shown through.

Here in the Senate, his unshakable demeanor and integrity have endeared him to all and served as a model for the sort of decorum and comity which should pervade our proceedings. It was inevitable that we should award him with the thankless task of chairing the Select Committee on Ethics.

I thank Judge HEFLIN for all he has done to enrich the life of the Senate, and I wish him well as he returns to Alabama.●

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR EXON

● Mr. PELL. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to express my best wishes to Senator JAMES EXON, who is retiring from the Senate after 18 years of dedicated service to his constituents in Nebraska. He is a true friend and a respected and trusted colleague.

As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senator EXON has provided invaluable leadership in ensuring the integrity of our national defense. I have had the honor of working with him on the problem of U.S. nuclear weapons testing.

At the end of the cold war, Senator EXON utilized his common sense and Midwestern values to grapple with the difficult task of defense downsizing. Senator EXON was not afraid to take on this, and other, difficult issues—deficit reduction and restricting foreign takeovers of businesses that are vital to our national security.

JIM EXON has earned the respect and gratitude of his colleagues, constituents, and citizens of our Nation. I know that I shall miss my colleague from Nebraska and I wish him well in his future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR COHEN

● Mr. PELL. Mr. President, I would like to pay tribute to Senator WILLIAM COHEN who is returning to his homestate of Maine after serving with distinction in the Senate for 18 years. I'm glad to have the opportunity to honor my friend who has made such an outstanding contribution to our region and the country.

I have often lamented the rise in partisanship that has permeated this Chamber over the past several years. I continue to believe that our Nation is best served by leaders who have respect for different views and the ability to compromise and negotiate meaningful policy. Senator COHEN is not only a man who I believe shares this view, but has practiced it and made bipartisan consensus his trademark.

Senator COHEN has been a leader in foregoing bipartisan solutions to some of our Nation's most vexing problems. To ensure the public's trust in Congress, Senator COHEN worked tirelessly with Senator LEVIN to help enact a lobby disclosure and gift ban. When America was embroiled in the Iran-Contra affair, Senator COHEN joined Senator Mitchell in examining and investigating allegations of misconduct by the executive branch. Senator COHEN has always sought a dialog to consider as many views as possible and supported legislation that holds all Senators to the highest standard.

My colleague from New England, the senior Senator from Maine, is also the author of eight books. Senator COHEN is still a young man and while he will be greatly missed in the Senate, I wish him well in what I am sure will be a bright future.●

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR BROWN

● Mr. PELL. Mr. President, I salute the senior Senator from Colorado [Mr. BROWN] on the occasion of his retirement from the Senate. During this term here he has contributed a great deal, especially in his work on the Committee on Foreign Relations.

During the first years of his term, he served as the ranking Republican member of the Subcommittee on International Relations, where I especially appreciated his bipartisan support in helping to forge the State Department authorization bill.