

Highlights of just a few of Tim's many accomplishments at the Senate include a 2002 overhaul of the leadership's Intranet, known as the TrunkLine. This successful redesign and restructuring of the Intranet enhanced the ability of staff members to find key information provided from the Leadership, which helps strengthen communication strategies and overall messaging. In 2004, the TrunkLine was recognized by a prominent Internet usability report as one the top 10 government Intranets in the world. Only 3 of the top 10 Intranets selected were from the United States.

In keeping with the vision of helping offices with their technology strategies, Tim led an initiative involving online database access that allowed all Senate offices to develop their own dynamic Web sites. Many offices are now able to more fully manage their own Web sites and share information as a result of this effort.

One of Tim's primary objectives over the past 2 years has been enhancing the conference's ability to utilize wireless communications. A year ago the Republican Cloakroom began posting key legislative updates to the TrunkLine which then generates notices to wireless devices instantaneously when a legislative bill is hotlined. Prior to this change, notifications were done through a telephone broadcast system.

Another technological communications tool Tim initiated for the conference is videoconferencing, which has allowed Senators to talk to State offices, meet with students in their classrooms, and to participate in conferences and meetings of constituents in real time.

Tim also recognized the value of blogging and has implemented a strategy to reach beyond the usual media to take advantage of reaching a new audience with the Republican message.

Tim's leadership in the area of technology strategy has been invaluable to our conference. I appreciate his enthusiasm and tireless efforts to help move an institution known for holding onto traditions into the 21st century. I wish him the very best in his new service.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO KATHLEEN M. FOLEY BARRETT

• Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life and service of an inspiring trooper from the Massachusetts State Police, Kathleen M. Foley Barrett. Kathleen dedicated 27 years of her life to protecting the people of Massachusetts, and I join her colleagues and family in paying tribute to a career defined by compassion, professionalism, and a sustained love of police work.

A native of Cambridge, MA, Kathleen was raised and educated in Weymouth. Initially she considered nursing school, but Kathleen's passion for police work

started her on a career path that few women were encouraged to follow at the time. Kathleen ultimately earned the chance to join the 62nd Recruit Training Troop in November 1980.

After working on the force for 5 years, Kathleen was promoted to the level of master trainer on the State Police K-9 Unit. She bonded instantly with the specially trained canine teams and rose to such prominence that her expertise was called upon to lead seminars and provide instruction on cadaver work. Beyond the borders of Massachusetts, Kathleen was called upon to help the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the rescue efforts following the September 11th terrorist attacks in New York. Two thousand four brought the unfortunate cancer diagnosis that would ultimately claim her, but even that news could not keep her from coming to the aid of her fellow citizens in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Kathleen loved police work, and her colleagues loved her. Over the course of her career she belonged to the State Police Association of Massachusetts, the North American Police Work Dog Association, and the International Association of Police Work Dogs. Her love of animals defined her private life as well as her professional one, and she enjoyed swimming with manatees and feeding bottleneck tigers at Florida's Amazing Exotics Education Center.

As the cancer progressed and the end approached, law enforcement officers from around the Commonwealth and across the country made sure Kathleen knew how much she was valued and respected. State Police Colonel Thomas G. Robbins honored her at her bedside with the Colonel's Award of Excellence, a tribute bestowed on only seven troopers in Massachusetts history. Officers of every stripe bowed their heads upon news of her death on March 23, 2006.

Mr. President, Kathleen's characteristic perseverance stands as an inspiration and challenge to us all. She lived an American life, one of service and struggle, and throughout it all she was guided by an unshakable commitment to her family, her job, and her colleagues. We are thankful for her time with us, we are better for her time here, and I join every Massachusetts State trooper in serving witness to the loss of an exemplary law enforcement officer.●

##### HONORING THE COLORADO UNIVERSITY SKI TEAM

• Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize the University of Colorado—CU—ski team for claiming their 17th national ski championship title at the 53rd Annual NCAA Championship. I am also extremely proud that the CU ski team has been invited to participate in the National Student-Athlete Day activities at the White House on April 6. This is an incredible honor for these young athletes, their coaches, their parents, and the University of Colorado.

The CU ski team overcame insurmountable odds to claim their 17th national ski championship. This year's ski team was the first team in U.S. history to win the national title without a full 12-skier team. This year's team broke and set the largest comeback record in NCAA ski team history—winning the title after being ranked sixth following the first full day of competition. Battling injury, illness, and an underdog status, the CU ski team went on to claim a national victory with a 98-point lead—the fourth largest margin of victory in NCAA ski team history. CU team skiers also claimed four individual titles and eight All-American honors. These team members deserve national recognition for their focus, determination, and spirit.

It is this team's spirit, leadership, and record of achievement that will be honored by President Bush on National Student-Athlete Day, this April 6th. The CU ski team is being honored for their excellence in academics and athletics as well as for their contributions to their community. National Student-Athlete Day also represents an opportunity to recognize the parents, teachers, and coaches who have helped mold and challenge these outstanding student-athletes. This honor is representative of the University of Colorado under the outstanding leadership and commitment of University president Hank Brown, CU athletic director Mike Bohn, and Colorado ski team head coach Richard Rokos. Due to the talent, dedication, and leadership of the CU athletes, coaches, and university leadership, the University of Colorado is back on top of the collegiate skiing world.

Congratulations to the University of Colorado, the ski team, the coaches, and the community that has supported this team throughout this winning, landmark season.

On behalf of the State of Colorado, I am proud to honor and commemorate the University of Colorado's ski team and request that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to the University of Colorado and these outstanding young men and women.●

##### LADY BULLDOGS

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I rise to honor the women's gymnastics team from Madison Central High School. In February, the Lady Bulldogs gymnasts won their 12th straight South Dakota State championship.

The Lady Bulldogs already held the record for consecutive South Dakota Prep Team Titles in any sport with their win last year. The Madison gymnastics program is currently in second place nationally for most consecutive victories and is now just one win shy of the national record. The Lady Bulldogs is the only team in the top 10 nationally that have an active winning streak.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the hard work and dedication of so many in the Madison Central