

Goodrich channeled their grief and energy into a foundation established in his memory—a foundation with a unique and uplifting purpose.

The Peter M. Goodrich Foundation provides food, clean water, shelter and educational opportunities to Afghan children facing extreme hardship, dismal circumstances and little hope for the future. The foundation's mission is far broader than offering basic humanitarian services to a country torn by conflict; its work recognizes the untapped potential of a generation of Afghan children, helping them to rise above hate and to embrace values based on understanding, tolerance and respect.

With this vision and this goal, the Goodrich Foundation supports exchange programs that bring Afghan students to the United States and vocational programs that allow them to put their knowledge and skills to use upon their return to Afghanistan. The foundation also promotes the work of The Afghan Women's Writing Project, which helps Afghan women to be heard in their own right rather than solely through their male relatives. These are just a few examples of the tremendous amount of good the foundation has achieved in less than a decade. We can all be grateful to Sally and Don for opening their hearts, amid their personal grief, and lighting an enduring flame of hope after one of our Nation's darkest hours.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO WALTER J. BISHOP

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am pleased to pay tribute to Walter "Wally" Bishop, general manager of the Contra Costa Water District—CCWD—as he retires after 18 years of dedicated service.

A native of Washington DC, Mr. Bishop started his career in 1973 as an engineer for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. Upon arriving in California, he went to work as an engineer for the Ventura Regional County Sanitation District in 1975 before moving to northern California, where he worked for the East Bay Municipal Utility District from 1983 to 1992.

The CCWD serves over 550,000 people in Central and Eastern Contra Costa County and carries a large influence on the direction of California water policy, given its location on the Delta's edge. Starting as CCWD's general manager in 1992, Mr. Bishop continually advocated for a customer-first, entrepreneurial approach throughout the district. Under his leadership, CCWD's Los Vaqueros Reservoir Project was permitted, designed, and completed. It was the first major reservoir to be permitted and constructed in more than a decade.

A well-known leader in both State and national water issues, Mr. Bishop has been recognized by numerous orga-

nizations for his commitment to water issues and policy. He was recently awarded the Edward J. Cleary Award from the American Academy of Environmental Engineers for his leadership in environmental engineering and management. He has also been a two-term member of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council, which advises the Environmental Protection Agency Administrator on everything that EPA does relating to drinking water.

I commend Mr. Bishop for his 18 years of dedicated service to the CCWD. Along with his friends and colleagues throughout Contra Costa County and the San Francisco Bay Area, I thank him for his efforts and wish him the best as he embarks on the next phase of his life.●

RECOGNIZING THE ASSOCIATED: JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION OF BALTIMORE

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to honor The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore on its 90th anniversary. The Greater Baltimore Area is comprised of more than 90,000 Jews, many of whom rely on The Associated to provide support and resources to a vibrant Jewish community in the region. The Associated was officially formed in 1920 by the merger of two community organizations, the Federated Jewish Charities with the United Hebrew Charities. The Associated and its agencies have worked hard to better the lives of Jewish Baltimoreans for almost a century.

The talents, commitment, and compassion of Baltimore's Jewish community activists, philanthropists, volunteers, and professionals have created and sustained The Associated. From Harry Greenstein to Marc Terrill, from Jacob Epstein to Jimmy Berg, men and women have provided their experience and expertise to help turn the organization into one of the most powerful and cohesive Jewish federations in the country today.

Through its Jewish Community Services program, The Associated helps support and serve the needs of the entire Baltimore Jewish community. It provides a wide array of counseling programs to help with substance abuse, relationship problems, depression, and grief. Its social workers also offer outstanding support for parents, caregivers, job seekers, teenagers, and senior citizens. All of these programs and initiatives have been vital in helping many Jewish individuals and families improve both their economic and mental health situations while still maintaining a positive connection to the Jewish community.

The Associated's international outreach also has been just as profound and important as its local impact. Since the early years of the federation, it has played an active role in the relocation of Jews to Baltimore. It helped more than 3,000 German Jews flee the

Nazi regime and settle in the Baltimore area and has provided support for both Iranian Jews and Russian Jews to resettle in Baltimore in recent years as well.

The federation has also played an integral part in strengthening the bond between Baltimore and Israel through its new sister city partnership with the Israeli city, Ashkelon. This relationship has already spurred initiatives that will help educate Jewish leaders in both communities on economic and leadership development. A different partnership with the Ukrainian city of Odessa complements the one with Ashkelon by promoting cross-cultural exchange and education as well.

In honor of its 90th anniversary, the federation is doing what it does best: helping people. The Associated has called on its community to log 90,000 volunteer hours together—1,000 hours for every year of existence. This is just one more act of generosity among countless others The Associated has sponsored throughout the years.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore for its continued commitment to tikkun olam—repair of the world—and gemilut chasadim—acts of loving-kindness—as well as all the work it has done to better the lives of Baltimore Jews throughout the past 90 years.●

REMEMBERING CLIFFORD HARDIN

• Mr. JOHANNES. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to a great Nebraskan and great American. Last week, we lost a visionary figure who, through years of service, made lasting contributions to our society: former University of Nebraska chancellor and later U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin.

I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Cliff Hardin. His lifetime of service both in government and academia provides a shining example of the impact one person can have.

As chancellor of the University of Nebraska, Cliff was the steady hand that guided the University through a turbulent era. He was appointed to the position in 1954 at the age of 38—the youngest university president in the country at the time. His tenure at Nebraska lasted 15 years.

In reading the many tributes to Cliff over the last week, I was touched by one particular story that showed his true colors. Upon learning that a rival university had plans to place Nebraska's Black football players in one hotel and the White players in a separate hotel, he refused to let the team even board the plane to go to the game. It wasn't long until the other school changed course and offered the same accommodations for all players.

As Secretary of Agriculture, Cliff was a results-oriented advocate for farmers and ranchers in my home State of Nebraska and across the country. He put a premium on bipartisanship, and his

distinguished record of accomplishments set a wonderful example for me during my time as Secretary of Agriculture. As Congress works this year to reauthorize child nutrition programs, his impact is still felt. It was then-Secretary Hardin who established the Food and Nutrition Service within the Department of Agriculture to administer nutrition programs.

I extend my deepest condolences to the entire Hardin family. Cliff leaves behind a legacy of service and leadership. He will be missed but not forgotten.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. RICHARD J. PAPPAS

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I am proud to recognize Dr. Richard J. Pappas, who assumed the presidency of Davenport University in August 2009 and was formally installed in this role on March 31, 2010. This investiture ceremony was surely a significant milestone for Dr. Pappas and his family, and is the result of many years of dedication and hard work. Indeed, Dr. Pappas is poised to lead this fine institution to new heights as he builds on Davenport University's proud tradition.

With 14 campuses located across Michigan and an enrollment of more than 12,000 students, Davenport University is an important part of the educational landscape of Michigan. With his "Vision 2015," Dr. Pappas has embarked on an effort to reshape and sharpen the focus of the university. Vision 2015 emphasizes academic programming, market position, and financial strength, three aspects critical to the success of a college or university. This is a comprehensive plan, one that will position Davenport University for success for many years.

Throughout his career, Dr. Pappas has proven to be a talented administrator and leader in the field of higher education. Before assuming the presidency of Davenport University, Dr. Pappas served as president of three other institutions: National-Louis University, Lake Michigan College, and Harford Community College. With Dr. Pappas at the helm, Davenport University will benefit from a leader that brings more than three decades of experience in higher education to this position, including 20 years as the head of an institution of higher education. This broad knowledge of the needs of students at both 4-year and 2-year institutions will be especially helpful.

In addition to leading two institutions in Michigan, I am proud to say that Dr. Pappas is a native Michigander. After growing up in Michigan, he earned his undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University and his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan. He is committed to civic and community endeavors, which is evidenced by his years of involvement in charitable organizations and civic boards. As a re-

sult of his many efforts, Dr. Pappas has received several prestigious awards over the years, including the University of Michigan's Norman C. Harris Alumni Award and the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations Pacesetter Award. And above all, Dr. Pappas is a family man and is buoyed by his wife, Pam, and his three children.

Again, I am privileged to have an opportunity to honor Dr. Pappas as he embarks on a wonderful journey. There is no more noble cause than educating our next generation of leaders. His imprint on the lives of these young people will be tremendous, and I know he is well-suited and eager to undertake this challenge. I look forward to hearing about Davenport University's many successes in the years ahead.●

REMEMBERING BRANNON WOODHAM

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, Brannon Woodham was one of the finest people I have ever known. He combined a deep and mature Christian faith, a love of family that constantly showed itself in his conversations and actions, a rich appreciation of the exceptional nature of his country which he had faithfully served for so many years, and a loyalty to his friends and church.

We were in the same Sunday School class for over 30 years. Ever positive and welcoming, he was one of the constants—a rock really—that set the class's tone and direction. This fellowship and spiritual journey meant much to him and enriched his classmates.

That on this day Brannon would want no pomp and circumstance, there can be no doubt. But, if it were done, he would say better it be done quickly, and, importantly, honestly because he was indeed an honest man. In fact, I think he would want me to express his love to all of you and to note—what we already know—that if his honesty had offended anyone, he would ask pardon, shaking his head ruefully saying he couldn't help it, that was just the way he was made.

In Sunday School class, he was a wise and perceptive participant. He had great spiritual depth, Scriptural knowledge, and mature beliefs. He did not speak too often but when he had something to say, he said it—in plain words. Often his wit brought a burst of laughter—usually because he had hit the nail on the head. As Jesus might say, "You are close to the kingdom, brother." Importantly, those beliefs that he stated, he lived.

Mary and I were honored to be among his friends and were always pleased to have his invitation to his home in the woods when he hosted his storied church supper club. That was a special time of food and fellowship, on his bridge, getting a tour of his workshop—to be at "his place," which he had shared with his beloved Ursula, his partner for 48 years, and to have a di-

rect look into the heart of a great man who lived a good life.

Mary and I often enjoyed lunch with Brannon after church at the Whistle Stop or some such place. In those conversations, his principles shone through and he would talk with pride and joy of his children, grandchildren, the baseball games, going to Auburn, working together. They had a unique bond.

Brannon believed in honesty and hard work—the Protestant ethic, if you will, for which he made no apology.

Politically, he was not a party man, following, I suppose, the best traditions of good civil servants. But he was an encourager to me. He wanted me to be a "statesman," not a politician. I would indeed feel very badly if I had failed him in this regard.

You may not know that he was an excellent writer. He wrote me many handwritten letters—long ones—that I cherish. They were filled with wisdom, good values, sound policy ideas, and what he was hearing from the community. A year or so ago, he gave me a copy of a plan he helped write some 40 years ago as part of a committee for the development of Mobile. He was proud of their work, and indeed their concepts and vision are still valid today.

His accomplishments are many. One of his most important was the critical role he played in the growth and character of Ashland Place United Methodist Church for four decades.

As a Southeastern Conference champion wrestler at Auburn, he demonstrated courage, strength, and discipline. There are just two in the ring and only one winner. He was a consistent winner.

I have come to understand the importance of our top civilian personnel at our military bases. Generals come and go but able civilians keep the bases running. Our civilian leaders are crucial to our military's success, and they are promoted on merit and on performance. At Robbins Air Force Base, Brannon led the avionics section that consisted of some 2,300 personnel. A place where errors are not allowed.

I visited him in the hospital, not long after his heart surgery. I thought he looked good, and he felt confident. But Brannon was no Polyanna. He was a realist. His words and manner conveyed that he well knew that he had had serious surgery, that nothing was guaranteed, and in the scheme of things life is short—"but a vapor" the Scripture says.

Daughter Ursula says later on during his final illness, and as he weakened, he knew the end was near and he was at peace. Of that I have no doubt. See, he knew he had had a good life of family and friends. He had done his best to be true. He was confident in his salvation. He felt blessed. And right he was.

So we celebrate honestly this remarkable and good man: a champion and fearless wrestler; a great leader at one of our Nation's military bases; a