

General Trapp's experience in south-east Asia, as wing commander in Panama during Operation Just Cause, and as commander of the 366th Wing at Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho prepared him well to lead the Air Force's Legislative Liaison. He is an extraordinary officer who, through dedication and expertise, has built an impressive record of achievement throughout his 28 years of service to our nation.

One of the most exceptional aspects of his background is that General Trapp is from my home state of South Dakota. In fact, Lanny and I were classmates at South Dakota State University, where we both participated in the Reserve Officer Training Corps program. We also entered the Air Force the same year, in 1969, amidst the turmoil of the Vietnam war.

I am proud of the fact that General Trapp has progressed to a leadership position of such significance because I believe it is a tribute not only to him and his family, but to the entire state of South Dakota. While Lanny is currently a long way from his hometown of Brookings, South Dakota, he has served our state and our country well throughout his career and particularly during his time in Washington.

His judgment and unquestionable integrity have formed the bedrock of the maturing relationship between the Air Force and the Senate, facilitating the modernization the Air Force has pursued in the post-cold war era. General Trapp has worked tirelessly to make the senior leadership of the Air Force easily accessible to Members and staff, knowing well the importance of constant dialogue. He has always been very responsive to inquiries and is a frequent and welcome visitor to the Hill. Under his leadership, General Trapp's Legislative Liaison organization enhanced its already strong reputation for responsiveness, thoroughness and accuracy when providing information on Air Force policies and programs to various committees, Senators and their staffs. He and his staff in the Russell Senate Office Building and in the Pentagon deserve to be commended for their hard work and dedication.

General Trapp has been particularly responsive and helpful to me during the past two years. As many of my colleagues know, South Dakota is the proud home of Ellsworth Air Force Base and the B-1 bomber. General Trapp has been very responsive to questions and concerns I have raised from time to time, and the Air Force simply could not find a more fair and understanding representative. He willingly traveled with me to Ellsworth on more than one occasion.

It has been both an honor and a pleasure for me to work with General Trapp during his tenure as Deputy Director and then Director of Air Force Legislative Liaison. He has set new standards of excellence in these critically important positions, and all of us

in the Senate are indebted to him for his efforts. More importantly to me, Lanny has become a good friend. My wife, Linda, and I congratulate General Trapp on his nomination to be a Lieutenant General in the Air Force and wish him and his wife, Nancy, great health and happiness as they embark on their new assignment. We will miss them both.

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#### FISCAL YEAR 1998 LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS CONFERENCE REPORT

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I would like to discuss an amendment that this body passed as part of the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations bill. That amendment, S.1101, would have put into motion a strategy aimed at confronting fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS), the number one cause of mental retardation in this country. Even though S.1101 was a modest, non-controversial and wholly beneficial addition to the Labor/HHS bill, the House refused to accept it. There were no funding trade-offs involved, no unresolved policy concerns. Instead, the measure was killed because of "jurisdictional issues." To quote the conference report: "This matter is one that is more appropriately considered by the authorizing committees; those committees have objected to the inclusion of the provision in the conference agreement."

Mr. President, those committees have had five years to consider this matter. That's how long there have been bills in both the House and Senate that would do exactly what the amendment aimed to do. While Congress considers this matter, tens of thousands of children are being denied the capacity to live a normal life. Tens of thousands of families are confronting overwhelming obstacles as their children drift in and out of hospitals, mental health institutions, detention centers, and substance abuse treatment.

We can label it inertia, a lack of understanding, or bad timing, but there is no sufficient explanation for the lack of attention that has been paid to this issue. Fetal alcohol syndrome and fetal alcohol effects (FAE) are 100 percent preventable, yet new cases are identified every single day. Up to 12,000 children are born with FAS in the United States each year. Thousands more are born with FAE. The incidence of FAS may be as high as one per 100 in some Native American communities.

FAS and FAE are characterized by multiple physical, mental and behavioral problems, handicaps that interfere in tragic ways with a child's ability to live a normal, productive life.

The costs associated with caring for individuals with FAS and FAE are staggering. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that the lifetime cost of treating an individual with FAS is almost \$1.4 million. The total cost in terms of health care

and social services to treat all Americans with FAS was estimated at \$2.7 billion in 1995. This is an extraordinary and unnecessary expense.

Aggressive action to fight back against FAS—to detect it and prevent it and help FAS children and their families cope with it—is long overdue. I am asking this body to work with me to ensure that we pass meaningful, targeted FAS legislation next year. Frankly, I am not particularly concerned about which protocols we follow to get us from here to there. Those details pale in comparison to the magnitude of the problem confronting us and the opportunities we have missed to address it. What I am concerned about is that we finally, finally, get the job done.

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#### RETIREMENT OF HUMANA CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DAVID E. JONES

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, I'm honored today to salute one of Kentucky's and this nation's finest business leaders and statesmen, David A. Jones. David will soon be retiring as Chief Executive Officer of Humana Inc., the company he co-founded over 36 years ago.

David is one of this country's all-time great business leaders. His career has been marked by a deep commitment to high principles and community service and he will leave behind a very distinguished history of service to Kentucky and the nation. Fortunately, Kentucky and the health care industry won't be losing his guidance entirely as David continues as chairman of the board of directors of Humana.

A native of Louisville, David earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Louisville in 1954, where he won the outstanding senior award. He also became a Certified Public Accountant that same year. After three years of service in the U.S. Navy, he entered Yale University, earning a law degree (JD) in 1960, while also serving on the economics faculty from 1958 to 1960. David also holds honorary doctorates from the Chicago Medical School, the University of Louisville, Transylvania University and the Claremont Graduate School.

In 1961, David and another young lawyer, Wendell Cherry, discussed ways to build and operate a new kind of nursing home—one that would treat its elderly patients not only with dignity and respect, but with a kind of personal attention rarely seen in nursing homes of that time. The nursing home was called Heritage House and was located in Louisville. The company began to grow and add additional facilities. Eventually, the company, then known as Extencicare, became the largest nursing home company in America with more than 40 facilities. As the company continued to grow, it eventually divested itself of all nursing homes to concentrate on the hospital business.

To reflect the company's new direction, the corporate name was changed to Humana Inc. in January of 1974. During David's tenure as chief executive, Humana Inc. became one of the nation's leading health care companies. The company pioneered the measurement of hospital quality and productivity to achieve consistent care for every patient.

In 1982, Humana established its Centers of Excellence program, designating hospitals that offered unsurpassed specialty care by combining research and education with state-of-the-art treatment. While the Humana Heart Institute International at Humana Hospital-Audubon became renowned for its pioneering research into the artificial heart, other Centers of Excellence were developed in the specialties of diabetes, neuroscience, orthopedics, and spinal injury care.

David continued to lead Humana as dramatic changes occurred in the hospital industry in the 1980s. In 1984, Humana created a family of flexible health care plans. The health insurance side of the company grew and matured, and in 1993, Humana separated its hospital and health insurance divisions. Although no longer in the hospital business, Humana Inc. continues to be one of the leading health care companies in the nation.

In addition to his outstanding business acumen, David is also a deeply committed humanitarian who created the Humana Foundation, a charitable organization committed to the arts, education and other causes around the world. In part because of that support, the Humana Foundation won the 1996 Business in the Arts Award given by the Business Committee for the Arts and Forbes Magazine.

David has helped build affordable housing in marginal neighborhoods, put computers in schools, supported an international theater festival in Louisville, helped launch an African-American business venture fund, helped attract the Presbyterian Church USA headquarters to the river front, and for a brief time in the 1970s, brought professional basketball to Louisville. More recently, he helped raise nearly \$750,000 in flood aid for Louisville residents and businesses by pledging to match contributions from local companies or business leaders.

During his tenure as Chief Executive Officer of Humana, David worked hard for his employees, fought for his beliefs, and strived to make our nation an even better place. He has been a tireless promoter of business in Kentucky, and his efforts undoubtedly helped to make the state an important part of the burgeoning national economy.

Nationally, his opinions and actions help set the direct for health care policy, not just in this country, but all over the world. He has been the architect of many initiatives in this country, but has also been a leader in improving and expanding health care de-

livery in Romania. In a joint venture with Baylor Medical Center in Texas, Humana is helping rebuild the health care system in Romania, which is struggling to survive as a new democracy.

A compassionate heart has kept him humble and grounded, his path straight, his words true, and his conviction undiminished. The career of David Jones should be an model to all those who aspire to succeed in business. Indeed, David is a man of integrity, ability, and dedication, and we commend him for the great service he has rendered this Nation.

Mr. President, I know that all the Members of the Kentucky delegation, and my colleagues in the Senate, wish David good health and great happiness in the years to come.

#### COMMENDING DAVID E. LARKIN FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE WITH THE BOY SCOUTS

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, I wanted to take just a moment to commend David E. Larkin for his extraordinary leadership, motivation and direction in the development of the Dan Beard Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Larkin has recruited, developed and motivated the Executive Board of the Dan Beard Council, BSA, representing one of the most prestigious philanthropic Youth Service Organizations in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.

During his tenure on the council, he succeeded in improving the quality of life among the youth of that area by creating Challenge Camp, where more than 1,000 "at risk" youth were able to experience the cherished values of Scouting.

His imagination and creativity brought into being "The Scout Family Jamboree," an event attracting some 45,000 attendees, showcasing not only Scouting, but numerous community activities and events.

Over the years, Larkin has served the greater community by enriching the relationships between the Scouts, the United Way and Community Chest, increasing both awareness and funding. He also created alliances between the Boy Scouts and the Greater Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky Schools and Educational Institutions, resulting in "Learning for Life" and Career Explorer programs.

His exceptional leadership and vision provided to be the catalyst for approval of a comprehensive \$14.5 million Camp Re-Development Capital Campaign to construct a 25 acre lake, Cub World and Boy Scout Camp.

Larkin has provided the leadership, high standards, the means and the methods necessary to expand the Scouting program to where it now involves a record 65,000 youths and adults annually throughout Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky. He has dedicated his life to the concepts of duty, honor and country central to the mis-

sion of the Boy Scouts and I know that the entire community will miss his guiding force.

Mr. President, let me close by thanking David Larkin for his commitment over the years to instilling the values of this country through the Boy Scout program. I know I speak for all Kentuckians when I say that his work will be felt by generations of Boy Scouts to come. We wish your much luck in all your future endeavors.

#### A VERMONTER MOVES ON

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the lifetime of service that Mary Miller has given to the state of Vermont. I have been fortunate to have had Mary in my Montpelier office, working for the people of Vermont for 17 years. Anyone involved in rural development, small business, or affordable housing has undoubtedly seen for themselves her whole-hearted commitment to these issues which are so important for our small state. Even before joining my staff Mary was working to improve the lives of her fellow Vermonters through her service to Common Cause, and as a state legislator for her home base in Rutland County.

It is difficult to put into words Mary's boundless energy, her enthusiasm—and her ability to simultaneously make Vermonters feel good about what they are doing while helping them achieve their goals. At times I have felt that members of Congress are only Constitutional impediments to our staff. Mary is a humbling case in point. I have met hundreds of thousands of Vermonters over the past 25 years. I have been to every corner of the state many times over—and it's fair to say that often more people recognize Mary than recognize me. Sometimes it is not even close.

There is no mud season too miserable, no pothole too large, and no snowfall too deep to keep Mary from meeting with Vermonters. I remember one spring in particular when she traveled for miles over muddy, rutted dirt roads to meet a small business owner who had benefitted from one of the revolving loan funds I have worked to set up around the state. As I recall, in this particular case the owner was not home, but his dog was and gave her quite a reception. He may be the only revolving loan fund recipient in the state that Mary has not met, and even his dog would recognize her.

Despite this outreach schedule, that would put many of her chronologically challenged co-workers to shame, Mary has always found time for fun. Even as she approaches the age when more conventional people are thinking about retirement, Mary is planning her next white water rafting trip.

I know I am not alone in saying that I will miss her lively presence in the office. I will miss her colorful reports on the weather which close out the daily press brief and her unflagging