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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. On this day in 1995, Dr. Ogilvie delivered his first prayer as Senate chaplain; today he will lead us in prayer for the last time.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

O God, our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble, we will not fear! In the midst of these perilous times, we hear Your voice saying, "Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the Nations, I will be exalted in the earth." In response we affirm, "The Lord of hosts is with us; You are our help and hope."

From the Continental Congress through the formation of our Constitution to the establishment of the first Senate, our leaders have acknowledged You as Sovereign of this land and the source of all our blessings.

Lord I thank You for the privilege of serving as Chaplain of the men and women of this Senate. As You have called them to lead our Nation and the world, You have opened their minds and hearts to receive Your guidance and care. It is with profound gratitude that I reflect on these years with them. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TED STEVENS led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

IN GRATITUDE TO CHAPLAIN LLOYD OGILVIE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, while reflecting on Dr. Ogilvie's tenure as Senate Chaplain, I came across a letter of his dated March 31, 1995. He was just 3 weeks on the job. You could already see his devotion not only to his official duties as Senate Chaplain, but his unofficial duties as the spiritual leader of the entire Senate family.

In that letter, he writes about the importance of interceding "personally" for Senators—for praying for Members, for our families, and for our staff. He says that he is just as close as a phone call and provides not only his work phone number, but his home phone number, as well. He asks that we keep him up-to-date about the needs of others in the Senate family. And he talks about building a "caring network of people who support each other."

Yes, this is a man who knew early on the Senate needs more than one prayer at the start of each day. We needed a lot of support from him, from God, and from each other. And that is exactly the kind of spiritual climate Lloyd Ogilvie fostered for 8 years as Senate Chaplain.

He conducted Bible studies—which Karyn and I and many in this Chamber regularly attended. He hosted weekly prayer breakfasts and small faith groups. He researched theological questions and advised us on the great moral issues of our times. And when he took time to offer his own private thoughts to God, he always forwarded our petitions with his.

He even filled in at the last minute when my office needed a third baseman on our Senate softball team. Now that is going above and beyond the call of duty.

Dr. Ogilvie consoled us during our darkest hours—September 11th, the October anthrax attacks, the loss of two Capitol Police officers and three Senate colleagues come to mind. But he was also there for us every day. To help

us cope with the stress of our jobs. To help us overcome struggles in our personal lives. And, most of all, to help us keep things in perspective by reminding us we serve the United States in our offices, but we serve God in our lives.

So I simply want to say thank you to Dr. Ogilvie, for his many prayers on our behalf, for the many hours he dedicated to his position, and for being there—as the spiritual leader of the Senate family—every day in the Chamber and every day in our lives.

And, lastly, I want to thank him for being such a wonderful and supportive friend. I wish him the best in California with Mary Jane. And though Karyn and I will miss them both dearly, we are certain we will hear from them because they will always be family. And there is nothing more precious to the Ogilvies—as they have demonstrated time and again—than family.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SUNUNU). The minority leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, in a few moments the Senate will offer a resolution which honors a member of our Senate family who, as the majority leader noted, will be leaving us soon. Lloyd Ogilvie has the appreciation of every one of the Members of this body. I join in expressing my heartfelt appreciation to him and his family as they begin the next chapter in their lives.

A Senate chaplain was once asked: You pray for the Senate? He replied, no, I look at those Senators as I stand on the dais and I pray for the country.

For the last 8 years, Lloyd Ogilvie has done a lot of praying—for our Nation, for the Members of this Senate, and for our families, for our staffs, and all the people who work in this building, and for those who come to visit the Senate from all over the world. He has prayed for us and with us. For many of us, he has been a source of guidance and support. We are grateful to him for his wisdom, for his friendship, and for his service to this Senate and our Nation.

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