

and, in 1944, in the Saipan and Tinian operations.

After the war, General Greene returned to the Marine Corps Headquarters and in 1953, he graduated from the National War College, after which he served as Special Assistant to the Joints Chiefs of Staff for National Security Affairs. Beginning in 1955, he commanded the bases at Parris Island, SC, and Camp Lejeune, NC. After holding the post of Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, General Greene earned his third star in 1960 and became Chief of Staff. In 1964, after his promotion General, he became Commandant of the Marine Corps.

During General Greene's career, he earned myriad citations, commendations, and awards including the Distinguished Service Medal, with one gold star, and prestigious medals from the governments of China, Korea, Brazil, and Vietnam.

I have come to the Senate floor on many occasions to extol Vermonters' contributions to the United States and to our military forces. General Wallace Greene served his country and his people with honor, pride, and dignity. General Greene will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on Thursday, April 3, 2003, among the many other Americans who have dedicated their lives to public service in the Armed Forces.

#### ANNIVERSARY OF TUNISIAN INDEPENDENCE

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I rise to recognize the 47th anniversary of Tunisian independence. On March 20, 1956, Tunisia took its place among the free nations of the modern era.

Shortly after Tunisia's independence, in 1957, the United States stood by Tunisia in a challenging post-independence environment. Through the pledge of economic and technical assistance, the United States helped Tunisia to achieve its national goal of a self-confident and self-sustaining modern nation.

Through the vicissitudes of history Tunisia has sustained the hardiness of its Berber forebears as Roman, Vandal, Moor and Ottoman Empires have come and gone. Each has left its cultural mark, but today Tunisia stands independent, and proud of its history. Today, Tunisia has shown its commitment to democratic ideals as a leader in the Arab world in promoting the legal and social status of women.

In this its 47th anniversary of independence, Tunisia and the United States can look back on a much longer and more important relationship. In 1797 Tunisia was among the first countries to recognize the nascent United States of America. This recognition enabled America to make its way in the international community. In the 21st century, Tunisia has also shown support for the United States in the war against terrorism, and our two nations should seek ways to enhance cooperation.

Congratulations on your 47 years of independence, and may you find that each subsequent year brings further peace and prosperity to Tunisia.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### HONORING THE LIFE OF PHIL KAUBLE

• Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life of a fellow Hoosier, Phil Kauble, who passed away on March 24, 2003.

Phil Kauble worked and lived in Kokomo, IN. He was the kind of man who helped to define that hard-working community. Phil was first a steelworker, and later in life a dedicated crusader for pension reform.

Those of us who knew Phil were inspired by his commitment to the cause of pension reform. After his career as a steelworker, Phil became dedicated to protecting retired steelworkers by fighting to correct a discrepancy in the pension laws that had hurt him and others when Continental Steel closed its Kokomo mill in the 1980s.

Phil was tireless in his work to correct this problem. For over 20 years he displayed an unwaivering commitment to help his fellow retired steelworkers and his community by making the pension system fairer. One of the many consequences of his determination is legislation I have authored to require improved notification procedures by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, PBGC, a Federal agency that oversees the maintenance of benefit pension plans, fondly referred to as "Phil's Bill."

Phil never gave up the fight. All who knew him were very proud of his many contributions. Phil always believed in the promise of America and the difference one man can make. He truly made a difference. Later today, I will be reintroducing "Phil's Bill." I know that he would insist that we push on. That is what we intend to do.

Phil Kauble showed us that one person can make a difference. His own life experience led to an extraordinary commitment to correct a serious gap in the pension system and to help his fellow citizens. His tenacity and idealism will be missed.

When we reflect upon the lives of men such as Phil Kauble, we are reminded that we live in a country where the true power to shape the destiny of government is vested in the people. We will all miss Phil deeply, but his memory will serve as a beacon and his life as an example of the virtues of civic involvement.●

##### RETIREMENT OF ADJUTANT GENERAL BOENISCH

• Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a man from my home state of Wyoming who has dedicated his life to public service. The Wyoming National Guard has been ex-

tremely fortunate to have MG Edmond W. Boenisch, Jr., to head its ranks for the last 8 years. As the adjutant general for the State of Wyoming, Ed has been responsible for managing Wyoming's Air National Guard and Army National Guard through over 500 deployments around the world and insuring that our citizen soldiers are highly motivated and properly prepared to meet any challenge. No leader can expect to maintain consistently high performance under stress and challenging conditions if the people he leads do not have confidence in him. I believe that the Wyoming Guard's success is a reflection of General Boenisch's personal commitment and dedication to the personnel under his command.

Through 20 years of service, General Boenisch has brought leadership to Wyoming's National Guard. Raised in a home of solid faith and the son of a drill instructor, Ed learned early to value self-discipline and moral conviction. Through his life and over 30 years of marriage, Ed and his wife Linda have shared their strong faith with their family. The challenges of raising two daughters, Laura and Lisa, and an ever demanding career have not shaken Ed and Linda's compass for God, family, and country. As Eucharistic Ministers, they both share their spirituality and are vital members of their church and community.

I would be doing a great disservice if I did not mention Ed's strong ties to the Wyoming education community. Before becoming adjutant general, Ed spent 20 years working in a variety of positions in Laramie County Community College. With a master's degree in student personnel and guidance and a PhD in college student personnel administration, Ed has written several books on stress management. After such a long and distinguished career, I can attest that General Boenisch knows a thing or two about managing stress.

Although we will miss General Boenisch, I am proud that he will continue his public service as deputy director for the Wyoming Community College Commission. As a warrior and a scholar, I know that Gen. Edmond W. Boenisch, Jr. will continue after this post to be a vital asset to our State. I would like to thank Ed on behalf of the people of Wyoming for his years of service and wish him success on the next stage of his career.●

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on Finance:

Special Report entitled "Report on the Activities of the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate During the 107th Congress" (Rept. No. 108-31).

By Mr. WARNER, from the Committee on Armed Services:

Special Report entitled "Report on the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services" (Rept. No. 108-32).