

work and, more importantly, their heightened vigilance and renewed sense of ownership of the river that have helped it to thrive.

One such resident is Judy Hadley of Lincoln, RI a town of about 21,000 people, located on the Blackstone River. As the chair of the Lincoln Land Trust, Judy is a staunch defender of her town's remaining open spaces and a passionate advocate on behalf of the Blackstone. She is active in a number of other local organizations, including the Friends of the Blackstone River, the Blackstone River Watershed Council, and the Lincoln Tree and Trail Commission. She has organized river cleanups and educated her fellow residents about the impact that stormwater has on the Blackstone and its wildlife population.

For many years, a 60-ton excavator sat abandoned on a man-made island in the river a relic of an old gravel mining operation. It was an eyesore and a potential environmental hazard. Two years ago, Judy Hadley went to work: canvassing State and Federal authorities, trying to find the best solution for this problem. No agency seemed to have the right equipment or the resources to handle such an unusual request, but Judy persisted. If she could have dismantled it herself and taken it away piece by piece, I think she would have.

Fortunately, it did not come to that. Last year, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management removed more than 300 gallons of diesel fuel and other fluids from the machinery. The excavator itself was finally taken away this summer by the Army Corps via a temporary land bridge, as part of the wetland restoration project I mentioned earlier.

This was a great triumph, and Judy Hadley's dedication has been cheered by many local residents. Without her persistence, the excavator would still be slowly degrading, leaving open the possibility that oil and fuel would seep out, fouling valuable marsh habitat downstream. Walkers and canoeists would still be shaking their heads at the sight of a rusting hulk across the river. But Judy refused to accept the excavator as just another part of the landscape, insisting that it be removed. In so doing, she has reminded us of the Blackstone River's great worth, as well as its vulnerability, and inspired us to be better stewards of a rediscovered resource.

I know my colleagues join me in saluting Judy Hadley on this achievement.●

HONORING DONALD P. OULTON

● Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I bring to your attention today the exemplary work and most commendable service to one of our country's outstanding public servants. Mr. Donald P. Oulton, Chief of the International Law Branch, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Air Force Electronic Sys-

tems Center, Hanscom Air Force Base, MA. Mr. Oulton retired on September 1, 2003, following an extraordinary career of more than 30 years of service to the Nation.

Born in upstate New York at the beginning of the Great Depression, Mr. Oulton was one of 10 children. Part of a close and loving family, at an early age he and his siblings became accomplished singers and dancers, helping support their large family performing "minstrel shows" through those challenging years. Mr. Oulton became a one-handicap golfer in his teenage years while working as a caddy at a local country club. He had aspirations to become a professional golfer, but his plans were cut short by the call to service in the Korean war.

An outstanding marksman, Mr. Oulton served as an intelligence and reconnaissance scout with the Seventh Infantry Division in the Chorwon Valley. There, he spend much of his time in outposts far in front of the main line of resistance, scouting out enemy positions and coordinating artillery and mortar fire by American and United Nations forces. He performed these duties repeatedly under hostile fire and in extremely harsh and primitive conditions. Of his great physical courage and devotion to duty there can be no doubt.

After more than 9 months of combat at or in front of the main line of resistance, Mr. Oulton returned to the United States and was assigned to the United States National Honor Guard in Arlington, VA. Upon his honorable discharge from the Army he relocated to the greater Boston area, married his lovely wife Carol, and started his devoted family of four children David, Nancy, Sarah and Carol. After more than a decade, he also began to pursue his boyhood dream of becoming an attorney. In 1970, he achieved that goal, and after three years servicing as an Assistant District Attorney in Middlesex County, MA, he began his long association with the United States Air Force, and the Electronic Systems Center at Hanscom Air Force base.

Mr. Oulton's contributions have been monumental. He was on the ground floor of many novel, complex issues arising from the passage of the Arms Control Act of 1976. He quickly became, and remains, one of the Department of Defense's leading experts on the act, security assistance, and foreign military sales. His contributions over three decades are too numerous to recount, but among the most significant have been as the lead attorney for the sale of the Airborne Warning and Control System, AWACS, to a variety of U.S. allies, including the United Kingdom, France, Turkey, Australia, Japan, and most notably NATO. In the build up to, and in the wake of, Operation Desert Storm, Mr. Oulton provided the expert legal advice that served as the foundation for the early deployment of the Joint STARS aircraft before the Air Force formally accepted it. His efforts have been instrumental in promoting

the common defense and freedom throughout the world.

A well-recognized legal expert, Mr. Oulton was the 1980 recipient of the James O. Wrightson Award, as the outstanding Air Force civilian attorney. In 1983, he was selected as the outstanding senior civilian in the electronic systems division of Air Force Systems Command, and presented the Harold M. Wright award. He is widely published and cited in the field of security assistance and foreign military sales, has been an adjunct faculty member at Western New England College, and has been a guest lecturer on International Law at Harvard University.

I ask that my colleagues join me and Mr. Oulton's many friends and family in saluting his many distinguished years of selfless service to the United States of America. I know our Nation, his wife Carol, and his family are extremely proud of his accomplishments. It is fitting that the Senate honors this true patriot today.●

LIEUTENANT GENERAL EMIL R. "BUCK" BEDARD, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

● Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, I would like to pay tribute to LTG Emil R. "Buck" Bedard, who will retire Monday and return to private life after more than 36 years of selfless service to our Nation as a United States Marine. I have had the pleasure to work with Lieutenant General Bedard on matters of importance to the U.S. Marine Corps and to our Nation's defense. His experience and expertise will be missed by many of us in the Senate, as will his integrity, keen insight, and good judgment.

Buck Bedard was born in Argyle, MN, where he graduated from Argyle high school. He then slipped away from Minnesota's grasp and attended the University of North Dakota. Following his graduation, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps in December 1967. General Bedard also holds a master of science degree, and his formal military education includes the U.S. Army Advanced Infantry Course, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the Army War College.

While he was a lieutenant, Buck Bedard served as a rifle platoon commander and company executive officer with 2d Battalion, 27th Marines, and 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, in the Republic of Vietnam. Subsequently, he was ordered to Quantico, VA, where he served as a staff officer and then as the commander with Schools Demonstrations Troops.

Then-Captain Bedard was assigned to the U.S. Army Intelligence School as an instructor, and he later served as a company commander in the 3d Marine Division in Okinawa, Japan. Following that tour of duty, Captain Bedard became the Marine officer instructor at the Naval Reserve Officer Training Unit at Vanderbilt University and was

a Platoon and Company Commander at the Marine Corps Officer Candidate School in Quantico, VA. Following his promotion to major, he served as the Logistics Officer, 7th Marines, and then as the executive officer, 3d Battalion, 7th Marines.

Then-Lieutenant Colonel Bedard served as the assistant operations officer, 1st Marine Amphibious Force, G-3, Pacific Plans Officer, and finally as the G-5. Assigned to NATO and stationed in Holland, LTC Bedard served in the Central Region Operations Division in charge of reinforcement operations of Allied Forces to Central Europe.

Then-Colonel Bedard was reassigned to Twenty-Nine Palms, California, where he directed the Combined Arms Exercise Program at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center. He became the Assistant G-3 for Operations for the 7th Marine Expeditionary Brigade and the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. From May 1991, through June 1993, Colonel Bedard commanded the 7th Marine Regiment, which deployed to Somalia in December, 1992. In July, 1993, he was assigned as the Assistant Division Commander for the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California, and in October 1993, he was reassigned as J-3 Operations Officer, Joint Task Force, Somalia.

In June, 1994, Colonel Bedard was advanced to Brigadier General and was assigned as the President, Marine Corps University and Commanding General Marine Corps Schools, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Virginia. His next assignment in June, 1995, was as the Deputy Commander, Marine Forces Pacific, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii. General Bedard assumed command of 2d Marine Division in July 1997, and was promoted to Major General on September 1, 1997. He assumed command of 2d Marine Expeditionary Force in July 1999. On June 29, 2000, General Bedard relinquished command of Second Marine Expeditionary Force and was advanced to his current rank. Lieutenant General Bedard has been the Deputy Commandant of Plans, Policies and Operations at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, since July 2000, where he has skillfully guided Marine Corps operations following September 11th, 2001, and during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Throughout his career as a U.S. Marine, Lieutenant General Bedard has demonstrated his outstanding character, discerning wisdom, and deep sense of duty to his Country, his Corps, his Marines, and their families. On behalf of the U.S. Senate I thank Lieutenant General Bedard for his exemplary career, his many accomplishments, and his devoted service to our Nation. We also thank his wife, Linda, and their three children for sharing him with his country. Congratulations, Lieutenant General Bedard; your mission has been very well accomplished.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:57 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3087. An act to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

H.R. 3146. An act to extend the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program, and certain tax and trade programs, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 69. A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2754) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. HOBSON, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. WAMP, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. VISCLOSKEY, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. BERRY, and Mr. OBEY.

The message further announced that the Speaker appoints the following Members as additional conferees in the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 3) to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion: Mr. CHABOT, and Ms. LOFGREN.

At 12:12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2555. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2657. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

S. 111. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park, and for other purposes.

S. 233. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Coltsville in the State of Connecticut for potential inclusion in the National Park System.

S. 278. An act to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area, and for other purposes.

At 12:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3161. An act to ratify the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to establish a do-not-call registry.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1657. A bill to amend section 44921 of title 49, United States Code, to provide for the arming of cargo pilots against terrorism.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on September 25, 2003, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

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EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4397. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Interest Rate" (Rev. Rul. 2003-104) received on September 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4398. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The Jobs and Growth Act of 2003—Information Reporting for Payments in Lieu of Dividends" (Notice 2003-67) received on September 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4399. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled