

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