

Vermont's second largest insurance program, Paul helped Vermont obtain the distinction of having one of the lowest uninsured rates in the country. Under Paul's leadership, Vermont broadened its eligibility standards and was one of the first States in the country to expand Medicaid services to children under the Dr. Dynasaur program. During his tenure, Medicaid programs grew to cover 143,313 Vermonters.

Paul began his career in Vermont as a social worker at the Brandon Training School. He quickly rose to leadership positions as a direct provider and then consultant in the field of mental health, followed by his position as the chief social worker for the Vermont State Hospital. It came as no surprise to those of us who know Paul that he was selected in the mid-1980s to lead the State of Vermont's efforts in creating universal access to health care as the executive director of the Vermont Health Policy Council and through his work for the Vermont Health Care Authority. Also during the mid-1980s he spearheaded the creation of the Vermont Ethics Network, an organization dedicated to increasing the understanding of ethical issues, values, and choices in health and health care.

Over the course of 40 years, Paul has been involved with virtually every health policy initiative in Vermont, particularly the State's efforts to expand health coverage. He is personally responsible for authoring Vermont's 1115 waiver, which over the years, and with many amendments, has provided more expansive and flexible Medicaid services to Vermonters. In his quiet unassuming way, Paul is an integral part of the health care delivery system in Vermont and has gained recognition for being a national health policy leader and mentor. He has always brought a steadfast commitment and institutional knowledge to solving the problem at hand while maintaining a vision for improving Vermont's health care system.

Paul's unwavering commitment toward improving the health status of every Vermont citizen is a great lesson for all public servants. Vermont is truly indebted to him. His deep commitment to the citizens of the Green Mountain State has endeared him to us. He has our best wishes for the future.●

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#### ALBERT W. BILLINGTON

● Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I am pleased today to draw the Senate's attention to a public servant who has given meritorious service to Rhode Island and to the Nation.

Since 1981, Albert W. Billington has been a Special Agent with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). In December, Mr. Billington will retire from the NCIS. He leaves a record of achievement, and his service will be missed.

Al Billington graduated from Northeastern University in 1977 with a bach-

elor's degree in Criminal Justice. Beginning his career as a Special Agent, his first assignment was the San Francisco office where he investigated general criminal matters. Just 2 years later, he began a one-year assignment as the Special Agent Afloat aboard the *USS Enterprise* (CVN 65). During the tour, he led several high-profile investigations while the ship and battle group were deployed in the Western Pacific, and for this he received the NCISRA San Francisco Special Agent of the Year Award for Distinguished Service.

Later, Mr. Billington graduated from the Department of Defense Polygraph Institute in Anniston, AL, and was reassigned as a Special Agent Polygraph Examiner to the NIS Northeast Region Polygraph Site in New London, CT. He rose through the ranks first as the Site Manager and later as the Special Agent in Charge of The Polygraph Office.

As Division Head at NISHQ, he conducted oversight of all polygraph matters for the Department of the Navy.

In 1994, Al Billington was appointed Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Northeast Field Office in Newport, RI, handling all criminal and fraud investigations.

In 1997, he was promoted and reassigned as the Special Agent in Charge of the NCIS Middle East Field Office in Bahrain. He served with distinction during this time of heightened alert and terrorist activity and was awarded the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award by VADM C.W. Moore, Commander Fifth Fleet, USN.

Two years later, he was transferred to NCIS Headquarters and served as the Deputy Assistant Director for Investigative Support.

In 2001, Mr. Billington assumed his present position as the Special Agent in Charge of the NCIS Washington, DC, Field Office.

Upon his retirement, Mr. Billington will be returning to his home in Portsmouth, RI, spending time with his wife, Bonnie, and son, Matthew.

I join with Al Billington's colleagues in expressing thanks for his dedication and valuable service to our Nation, and in wishing him success in all his future endeavors.●

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#### 70TH BIRTHDAY OF SAM MAYNES

● Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Sam Maynes of Durango, CO, on his 70th birthday, although it would be more appropriate to congratulate those with the good fortune to have had Sam for an advocate or friend over the years. I have been lucky enough to count him as both.

While others have lived as many years, very few have achieved a legacy as significant and lasting as his will prove to be. The Southern Ute Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and all of southwestern Colorado will be enjoying the fruits of Sam's hard work long after the struggles and acrimony he en-

dured these past decades have been forgotten. Those who time and again pronounced Animas-La Plata a lost cause obviously didn't know the stuff Sam was made of. I knew—and I knew that so long as there was any chance at all, he would keep fighting. Sam has a warrior's heart, and it was an honor to do battle alongside him.

There are generations of Coloradans not yet born, who may never know the name of Sam Maynes, but who will live better lives because of his tenacity. So congratulations to them, Sam, and happy birthday to you.●

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#### TRIBUTE TO VERMONT ASSOCIATES FOR TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT, INC.

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, today I would like to pay tribute to Vermont Associates for Training and Development as it celebrates 20 years of service in meeting the employment needs of Vermonters, age 55 and older, who are ready, willing, and able to work.

I also acknowledge the organization's founding executive director, Pat Elmer, for her vision, leadership, and management skills as she has guided the organization during the past two decades. The agency has developed a number of programs related to career counseling, job search, and computer training in order to prepare individuals for the work place. In addition, they provide on-the-job training stipends to allow people the opportunity to build their resumes through real-life work experiences.

Too often employers may overlook this valuable, and often untapped, resource, which older workers have to offer the workplace. I commend Vermont Associates for leading the way in changing the mindset of many companies by creating new opportunities for employees and employers alike.

As a member of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, HELP, which has jurisdiction over the Older Americans Act, I commend Vermont Associates for their wise and prudent use of funding from this act. Vermont Associates, and their colleagues across the country, were very helpful to me as I chaired the HELP Committee during the long-awaited reauthorization of this legislation.

I have a strong admiration for Pat's dedication and the many others, including board members and volunteers, who have built Vermont Associates. Vermont is grateful to Vermont Associates for their steadfast commitment to equal access to employment. Collectively, they have greatly improved the quality of life in our small State. For that, Vermont owes a great deal of gratitude.●

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#### TRIBUTE TO JOHN R. (JACK) CHAILLET

● Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding

Virginian and patriotic American who died of lung cancer on November 8, 2003—John R. (Jack) Chaillet, of Fairfax, VA.

Jack, age 69, was a retired D.C. Police detective, who investigated many of the high-profile murder cases of the 1960's and '70's. He served 21½ years on the Metropolitan Police Department before he retired in 1978, serving most of his career as a detective in the Homicide Division.

In 1977, he was a lead investigator in the Hanafi Muslim murders in which seven persons were slain and then D.C. Council member Marion Barry and two others were wounded after 12 Hanafis seized the District Building and two other facilities to avenge the death of members of their sect. Over two days, the group held 134 people hostage.

Among hundreds of other cases, he and his partner were first on the scene of the car-bomb murder in 1976 at Sheridan Circle of Chile's former Ambassador to the United States, Orlando Letelier. This case was taken over by the FBI. In one of his cases involving the murder of a young female child, he collected the largest number of pieces of evidence ever gathered in a homicide case in D.C. including doorframes and bathtub.

During his years in the Homicide Division, Mr. Chaillet developed a reputation as an investigator with patience and thoroughness in the vital collection of evidence. After retirement, he was told that many homicide detectives reviewed his reports for guidance in their cases and considered him a legend in homicide investigation. He was profiled, along with others, in a Washington Post weekend magazine article as one of the most outstanding D.C. homicide detectives. He worked many round-the-clock days and nights knowing the case must be pursued while the trail was hot. There was no overtime pay and the reward was in knowing the case was closed and another criminal was taken off the streets.

Mr. Chaillet helped organize and lectured in a homicide school sponsored by the D.C. Police Department which detectives from all parts of the country attend and, therefore, made his name known through departments across the U.S. In these classes, he had a flair for presentations in slide shows which kept the classes interesting, dramatic and shocking. He also lectured at Criminal Justice classes at several community colleges and universities.

Prosecutors liked to work with him as they knew they could count on him to help make their case with his meticulous notebooks, eloquent speaking voice and unflappability. He developed many contacts in the street and at Lorton Reformatory who provided him with information on open cases even after his retirement.

After retiring from the Police Department, he performed security work for Drug Fair, former Regency Hotel, and the National Press Building. He also did background investigations of

Federal job applicants, field investigations for the Environmental Protection Agency, and court security assignments for the U.S. Marshal's Office.

He was a native of Washington and a graduate of Anacostia High School, where he was an outstanding football player and received the All-Metro Award for two consecutive years. He served in the Army as a military police officer in Germany.

He was a Member of the American Legion, Almas Temple Shriners, Scottish Rite, Masons, and the Fraternal Order of Police. He was a football coach for the Camp Sprints (Maryland) Boys Club for many years and a volunteer for charitable golf tournaments sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police and Heroes, Inc.

Survivors include his wife, Marie, of Fairfax; his sons, Kurt of Fairfax and Kyle of Berryville, daughters-in-law Karolyn and Caroline; and one grandchild, Logan James as well as many other relatives and a host of friends in the metropolitan area.

My sincerest condolences are offered to his family and friends.●

#### DEDICATION OF THE BURCH TRIBAL OFFICE BUILDING

● Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, today I rise to observe the dedication and naming of a building by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in Ignacio, CO, a place I am privileged to call home.

On December 1, 2003—about a week from now—the Tribe will dedicate a new tribal office building to the memory of its former chief, Mr. Leonard Burch, who passed away earlier this year. The building will bear his name.

Leonard Burch was a quiet man of enormous vision, who led the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for nearly three decades, from a little-known, mostly poor tribe to the pre-eminent energy-producing Indian tribe in the world—a leader among tribes, just as Leonard was a leader among men.

Leonard's dream for the Tribe was audacious, but he persisted where others might have faltered and he believed—believed in his vision, but more important, believed in his people: his faith in the inherent strength of the Southern Utes was unshakeable.

it speaks well of the Southern Ute Tribe that they were perceptive enough to know a great leader when they saw one, and continued following his lead even when the way was difficult. Leonard and the Tribe deserved each other, and their mutual commitment was rewarded in a community transformed.

Leonard Burch will be missed by the Southern Ute Indians, by me, and by all who call southwest Colorado home. He remains in our hearts and, with the dedication of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Office Building, his memory will be forever honored by the tribe he loved.●

#### HONORING LTC DARWIN EDWARDS

● Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I wish to speak about my friend, Darwin

Edwards, curator of the Museum of Aviation at Robins Air Force Base for the past 14 years who passed away Saturday after a lifetime of service.

Lieutenant Colonel Edwards was born in Whigham, Georgia 67 years ago. Interested in flight from a young age, he attended the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado as a member of its fourth class. He then served in the Air Force for 33 years, including a tour in Vietnam where he earned the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross and many other honors from the United States and foreign governments.

Darwin Edwards was able to combine his love of aviation and his desire to serve his fellow Americans by joining the Museum of Aviation at Warner Robins. This museum, with 93 aircraft and missiles, is a first-rate facility with aircraft spanning World War II though the Cold War, including fighters, bombers, and cargo and trainer aircraft. It also includes helicopters and missiles.

Darwin Edwards worked hard to build up the museum. His personal touch was a big reason the museum has developed into the fourth largest aviation museum in the United States. Until he was stricken ill at his home several weeks ago, he was working on its \$30 million Century 2000 Next Generation expansion program.

I have known Darwin Edwards for many years and sincerely express my admiration and respect for him. Several times, I used the museum to hold Christmas receptions for cadets who had received nominations to the service academies. Each time, Darwin took the time to take the young men and women on a personal guided tour of the museum, providing his insight and detailed knowledge of this outstanding facility.

Darwin Edwards leaves behind his wife, Sheila, his two sons, Richard and Howard, as well as a granddaughter, and six sisters and three brothers. He also leaves behind many friends as well as a grateful Nation.

We will miss Darwin Edwards greatly and we extend to his family and friends our heartfelt condolences.●

#### TRIBUTE TO NORMAN TOBIN

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise to commemorate the passing of Norman Tobin on October 12, 2003, someone I respected and admired for many years. Norman and I belonged to the same synagogue for decades.

He was a talented, generous person who was a leader in philanthropy and the Jewish community. I considered Norman and his wife Zeldia good friends and know how strong the ties were in the Tobin family.

I sent my deepest sympathy to the Tobin family and an acknowledgement of my gratitude for having been enriched by my contact with this great man.

I ask to print a copy of the obituary that appeared in the Star Ledger in the RECORD.