

people we need to provide a consistent, unified front. We need to support the Bush Administration's policies towards Cuba. We endanger lives and prolong the suffering of the Cuban people by supporting travel and trade with Cuba.

Not many people know that I once lived in Cuba. Before Castro took power, I played alongside many Cubans for a baseball team in Havana. I saw the beautiful Cuban beaches and got to know the country and its people well. I have fond memories of Cuba and my wife Mary and I would like to go back and visit someday.

But as long as good Cubans like Dr. Biscet and others are jailed by a ruthless dictator like Fidel Castro, I will not travel to Cuba I will wait until the day I can visit a free Cuba—A Cuba that respects human rights and free speech; a Cuba where children are not brainwashed under Castro's propaganda classes and where their spirits are free, where they can grow up without fear, and where they can grow up in freedom.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COMMUNITY PHARMACY

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I pay tribute to the St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy of Crescent Springs, KY on its outstanding dedication to the community.

The St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy has been in operation for nearly 2 years now. Since then it has provided an invaluable community service by filling expensive drug prescriptions for the needy for free.

In this era of high costs for prescription drugs, it is very comforting to know that there are groups such as St. Vincent de Paul which are helping low-income people afford the prescriptions that they need. In its first 6 months of operation alone, the pharmacy has 2,000 prescriptions totaling \$180,000 in value. These efforts are made possible by concerned citizens and volunteer pharmacists that dedicate their time to this worthy endeavor.

The people of northern Kentucky, and across the entire Commonwealth, can all be proud of the dedication and kindness shown by the people at the St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy. In order for our society to continue to be at its best, we must have organizations like St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy in our communities and our lives. Kentucky is in your debt, and you make us all proud.●

##### DEPARTURE OF LESLIE BROWN FROM RECLAMATION

• Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, today I bid farewell and best wishes to Ms. Leslie Brown, who leaves the Bureau of Reclamation's Washington office after fifteen years of dedicated service.

For the majority of her 15 years at the Bureau of Reclamation, Leslie has

served in their office of Congressional Affairs with distinction and efficiency and without regard to ideology or partisanship. During my tenure both as chairman and as ranking member of the Water and Power Subcommittee of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Ms. Brown worked closely with my staff to make sure that testimony was submitted in a timely manner. She always worked to ensure that we got the information we needed from Reclamation in order to address many of the water resources issues facing Oregon and the western United States. We will miss Ms. Brown at Reclamation. With her there, we always knew we could get the information and assistance we needed in a timely manner and always with a smile on her face.

While Reclamation and those of us in this body who work with that agency are sad to see her leave Reclamation, I am pleased that Ms. Brown will continue to work with the Congress from her new post in the Congressional Affairs office at the Department of Agriculture's Rural Development—where she will continue to help Congress address the needs of rural communities throughout the United States.

Mr. President, I ask you and others in this body to join me in wishing her good luck and thank her for everything that she has done for me, for Oregon, for the Energy and Natural Resources Committee and for the Senate.●

##### HONORING MYRON EDLEMAN

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I today publicly recognize Myron Edleman on his retirement from the Farm Credit Council. He has had the honor of representing farmers and ranchers in American agriculture since the mid-1980s when he was first elected to his first Farm Credit System entity board of directors. Over the years, the system configurations may have changed but Myron's service to the system remains as dedicated as it was when he first walked into a board room. He has served as an association director, a bank director and as representative on the Farm Credit Council. Additionally, he has been appointed to select committees, advisory committees, search committees and other system assignments too varied and too numerous to itemize. His tenure at Farm Credit has been mutually rewarding. He takes with him friendships and associations that he will forever treasure and leaves behind a legacy of commitment and effectiveness which few involved in the system have equaled.

Myron was born and grew up in Willow Lake, SD. He was an outstanding student at Willow Lake High School and served as valedictorian of his senior class. He lettered 16 times, once a year for football, basketball, and track. He was named to All-State teams in both basketball and football. Despite an opportunity to try out as a catcher for the Chicago Cubs, Myron instead opted for a football scholarship at Kan-

sas State University. But his love, known even then, was ranching and instead of pursuing his college education, he returned to Willow Lake to go to into partnership with his father.

Returning to Willow Lake, he married his high school sweetheart, Jean Brower, raised three children, and was a vital part of this small South Dakota community. He served as an elder and a deacon of the Presbyterian Church and was a member of the Gideons. He served also on the Willow Lake Farmers Elevator board of directors for many years. He and his father worked together raising purebred Hereford bulls and today's Edleman Ranch is a fourth generation operation which he owns and operates with his eldest son, Marshall. Together they run a Red Angus commercial cow/calf operation. He is also involved with sons Marshall and Jason as joint owners of the Split Rock Cattle Company. Additionally, he is chairman of Beef Origins, a family-owned business which is involved in a computer based livestock identification program. Unexpectedly, Jean passed on in 1989.

Myron's in-depth knowledge of both the livestock and farming industries has proven invaluable in his ability to represent farmers and ranchers in a positive and effective manner. His ability to articulate that knowledge and share it in a meaningful way has also been essential to the success he has achieved as a director. And his unwavering commitment has been without peer. No matter how last minute the meeting, how inconvenient the conference call time or how many times flights had to be re-booked. Myron has always been there, on time and on top of the issues. Add to this mix his strong personal characteristics of honesty, integrity and a keen intelligence, plus a handshake that conveys not only strength but honor, and it is easy to see why Myron is widely regarded as the most respected and effective director in Farm Credit System.

Always able to separate his personal politics and opinions from his directorial duties, Myron has worked unceasingly for agriculture and those who are part of the industry in an unbiased and professional manner. His countless contributions will be missed not only by his colleagues and his friends, but by agriculture as a whole. We are grateful for his service and wish continued success for his future. Myron looks forward to spending his retirement with his wife Anne whom he married in 1992.

It is with great pleasure that I share his impressive accomplishments with my colleagues.●

##### TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM T. BESTER

• Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I would like to recognize a great American and a true military hero who has honorably served our country for 35 years in the Army and Army Nurse Corps: BG William T. Bester. Brigadier General