

fishing opportunities. An area along the South Branch of the Potomac River, known as the Trough, is visited frequently by those hoping to view the bald eagles that occupy the area. Ice Mountain is another excellent location to observe eagles and the beautiful West Virginia scenery viewed from its peak. Ice Mountain contains small caves where ice can be found throughout the hot summer days. Hampshire County is a fine example of all West Virginia has to offer—its sense of history and culture, its fine citizens, and its natural beauty.

Since its beginning, courageous settlers, who returned time and again to Hampshire County, laid the foundation that is now a well-known trait of all West Virginians—loyalty to the State they love. I am proud to recognize Hampshire County, WV, on its 250th anniversary. ●

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIE J. BROWN

● Mr. MILLER. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to honor an extraordinary marine, LTC Willie J. Brown. Lieutenant Colonel Brown has served for 29 years, 4 months and 4 days in service to our Nation. He began his military service as an ensign in the Navy and later earned a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. He has served in times of war and peace, and throughout he has given a full measure, as marines are renowned for doing. His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, a Meritorious Unit Commendation, the National Defense Service Medal with two stars, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

During Lieutenant Colonel Brown's last active duty assignment, he served as a legislative liaison officer in the Marine Corps' Office of Legislative Affairs. That office supports Members of Congress and the congressional committees on issues relating to the Marine Corps and the security of our Nation. In this position, Colonel Brown played a vital role in ensuring that responses to all inquiries and congressional requests for information and inquiries were provided quickly, accurately, and completely; thereby, allowing Members of this body the ability to readily address issues of national importance.

Some of Lieutenant Colonel Brown's many responsibilities included expert preparation of Marine Corps leadership for congressional testimony on high-interest military programs and assisting Members on congressional travel to visit military installations throughout the continental United States. His attention to detail in all matters was unsurpassed, and his complete grasp of the facets of naval warfare helped to ensure a bright future for our Marine Corps.

Prior to joining the Office of Legislative Affairs, Lieutenant Colonel Brown

spent the majority of his Marine Corps career in the aviation field. He started as a second lieutenant with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing and continued to rise through the ranks. He went on to become the commanding officer of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 26. Under his superb leadership, that squadron won the wing's "Squadron of the Year" award for three consecutive years. The commandant also recognized his squadron with the Marine Corps Quality Improvement Award for Excellence.

Lieutenant Colonel Brown is a learned, professional marine, as evidenced by his attendance at the School of Advanced Warfare, and the Marine Corps Command and Staff College. Further, he is a well-rounded, native Georgian who willingly serves his fellow man. While assigned as the special assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, he was awarded the Roy Wilkins Distinguished Service Award by the NAACP. This award is granted each year to one marine who has made personal sacrifices resulting in significant contributions in the areas of civil and human rights.

As a leader of marines, Lieutenant Colonel Brown has made a lasting contribution to the Marine Corps and will be sorely missed by those who have had the opportunity to serve with him. I join with his friends and family as he celebrates this richly deserved retirement. I wish him, his wife Cynthia, and their family my best as he enjoys every day of this new journey. *Semper Fidelis.* ●

SAMUEL JOHNSON

● Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to the life of Samuel Johnson, an environmental champion, an inspired business leader and one of Wisconsin's greatest philanthropists.

Sam Johnson, who passed away on May 22, 2004, was known internationally for taking his 118-year-old family business called Johnson Wax and turning it into the consumer products giant, SC Johnson & Son, Inc. Sam was as generous as he was successful. He was beloved by his home community of Racine as well as the entire State of Wisconsin for his generous donations to the communities where he did business, and to the long list of organizations and causes that he served. Sam's generosity was instrumental in revitalizing his home community of Racine.

After attending Cornell and Harvard, Sam served as an Air Force intelligence officer. When Sam returned to Wisconsin, he joined the family business, helping make products like Pledge and Glade household names. Sam became the fourth generation to take over the family business in 1966 and helped it grow into four global businesses employing over 28,000 people before retiring in 2000 and leaving the business to a fifth generation.

Sam was widely recognized as a defender of the environment. In 1975, he proactively banned the use of harmful CFCs in aerosol products 3 years before the U.S. banned the ozone-harming substances. He served as chairman of the board for the Nature Conservancy, to which he donated \$1 million in 1994 and later donated 18,000 acres in Brazil. In 1993, *Fortune Magazine* called him "corporate America's leading environmentalist."

A few years ago, I had the distinct pleasure of participating in a project undertaken by Sam, as well as Fisk and Curt Johnson, two of his children. Sam and his sons took their piloting skills to Brazil to recreate and document a flight made by Sam's father, Herbert, in 1935, while searching for carnauba palm wax in Brazil. The documentary that resulted from the trip was a moving testimony to Sam's own troubles with alcoholism and distant relationship with his father. The film earned national attention and helped people across the country deal with their own problems with alcohol. I was deeply honored when I was asked to help host a screening of this incredible film.

That documentary was just one of the many achievements for which Sam Johnson will be remembered and just one of the many reasons he will be so deeply missed. I know that I am grateful for his lasting contributions to the State of Wisconsin, and for his unwavering commitment to the communities and causes he served so well. ●

REPORT TO CONGRESS CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS—PM 81

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

I hereby transmit the document referred to in subsection 402(d)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 (the "Act"), as amended, with respect to the continuation of a waiver of application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Act to the Republic of Belarus. This document constitutes my recommendation to continue this waiver for a further 12-month period and includes my determination that continuation of the waiver currently in effect for Belarus will substantially promote the objectives of section 402 of the Act, and my reasons for such determination.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 3, 2004.

REPORT TO CONGRESS CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR VIETNAM—PM 83

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message