

time there, JERRY served with distinction as chairman of the powerful Joint Finance Committee and as assistant majority leader.

In 1984, JERRY was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives where he would go on to serve 10 terms. During his tenure, JERRY successfully passed legislation banning “drive-thru” baby deliveries and worked hard to protect seniors living in public housing from physical harm. Thanks to his hard work, Milwaukee became the first city in the Nation to provide elderly-only public housing. JERRY leaves the House as a member of the influential Committee on Ways and Means, where he fought for Social Security and affordable health care.

JERRY has embodied Wisconsin’s progressive tradition during his 35 years of public service. The son of a factory worker, JERRY always stayed true to the hardworking Wisconsin families who counted on him to fight for them in Congress. He developed a trusting and open relationship with his Milwaukee constituency and is widely known for his superior constituent services. JERRY’s unquestionable dedication and hard work will be truly missed. Not only am I thankful for the time we have served together in the U.S. Congress, but I am grateful for our friendship that goes back to our days spent together in the Wisconsin Legislature. Wisconsin will forever appreciate JERRY’s 35 years of public service. I wish him the best of luck in all of his future pursuits.

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#### OCEAN AND COASTAL MAPPING INTEGRATION ACT OF 2004

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I rise in support of my bill, S. 2489, the Ocean and Coastal Mapping Integration Act of 2004, which is being considered by the Senate. This bill which was reported unanimously from the Commerce Committee, addresses the nearly 90 percent of the U.S. Territorial Sea and Exclusive Economic Zone that remain unmapped by modern technologies. I am pleased to be joined by my friends and colleagues, Senators TED STEVENS, FRITZ HOLLINGS, JUDD GREGG, OLYMPIA SNOWE, TRENT LOTT, JOHN BREAUX, FRANK LAUTENBERG, and DAN AKAKA, who are cosponsors of the bill.

There was a time in the history of our Nation when our best efforts to map the seas meant lowering weights tied to piano wire over the side of a vessel, and measuring how deep they went. These efforts led to the development of rudimentary nautical charts designed to help mariners navigate safely. The rapidly increasing uses of our coastal and ocean waters, however, call for development of a new generation of ecosystem-oriented mapping and assessment products and services.

The technologies of today create richly layered mapping products that expand far beyond just charting for safe navigation. Now, by combining

such information as mineral surveys of the U.S. Geological Service, habitat characterizations of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, and watershed assessments of the Environmental Protection Agency into a single product, map users are able to consider the impacts of their actions on multiple facets of the marine environment.

The recent draft report of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy has highlighted the urgent need to modernize, improve, expand, and integrate federal mapping efforts to improve navigation, safety and resource management decision making. By employing integrated mapping approaches, urban and residential growth can be directed away from areas of high risk from ocean-based threats such as tsunami and tidal surge. The risks of maritime activities can be minimized by identifying hazards that could impact sensitive ecosystems, and devising appropriate mitigation plans. Managers of living marine resource can also gauge where and how best to focus their efforts to restore essential marine habitats.

My bill will lay the foundation for producing the ocean maps of the 21st century. It mandates coordination among the many federal agencies with mapping missions with NOAA as the lead in developing national mapping priorities and strategies. The bill will also establish national ocean and coastal mapping centers to manage comprehensively the mapping data produced by the Federal Government, encourage innovation in technologies, and authorize the funding necessary to implement this comprehensive effort.

Perhaps the most important lesson that comprehensive, integrated mapping can afford is an awareness of a web of human marine communities as rich and varied as the ocean itself. From awareness grows understanding, respect, and cooperation.

I am extremely proud to be the author of this legislation, and hope you will join me in supporting enactment of the Ocean and Coastal Mapping Integration Act of 2004. This bill will provide the United States with the programs and resources necessary to improve maritime commerce and national security, and develop healthy coastal communities across the Nation.

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#### VETERANS DAY 2004

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, last week, on November 11, the Nation paused to honor those brave Americans who have so selflessly served our country in the Armed forces. For more than 200 years, men and women have proudly worn the uniform of the United States. In peacetime and in wartime, these men and women have served and sacrificed on our behalf, often far away from their homes and from their families. Too many of them have made the ultimate sacrifice. We owe them—and their families—our deepest, heartfelt gratitude.

As we marked Veterans Day here in the United States with appropriate ceremonies and recognitions, men and women from Wisconsin and across our country were serving on our behalf in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere. Their dedication to this great country—like that of those who served before them—should inspire us all.

We owe these brave men and women our gratitude, and we also owe them our best efforts to ensure that they know about and receive the Federal benefits and services that they have earned through their service to our country. I have long been concerned that to many veterans and military personnel are unaware of benefits and programs that are available to them through the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense and a number of other Federal agencies. I will continue my work to ensure that all veterans know about the benefits for which they may be eligible. I will also continue to support efforts to fully fund VA health care programs so that all veterans who wish to take advantage of their health care benefits are able to do so. No veterans should have to wait months to see a doctor or should be told that he or she is barred from enrolling in the VA health care system because of a lack of funding.

In addition, I am committed to ensuring that our current military personnel receive adequate health care and transition services, including mental health services, as they return from deployments and when they return to civilian life. I am pleased that the recently enacted defense authorization bill for fiscal year 2005 includes a provision that I authored which represents a first step toward enhancing and strengthening transition services that are provided to our military personnel. My provision requires the Government Accountability Office to undertake a comprehensive analysis of existing transition services for our military personnel that are administered by the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Labor and to make recommendations to Congress on how these programs can be improved. This study will focus on two issues: how to achieve the uniform provision of appropriate transition services to all military personnel, and the role of post-deployment and pre-discharge health assessments as part of the larger transition program.

I have heard from a number of Wisconsinites and members of military and veterans service organizations that our men and women in uniform do not all have access to the same transition counseling and medical services as they are demobilizing from service in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere. I have long been concerned about reports of uneven provision of services from base to base and from service to service. All of our men and women in uniform have pledged to serve our country, and all of them, at the very least, deserve to have access to the same

services in return. This GAO study will help us to have a better picture of the services that are being provided and what needs to be done to improve these important programs, and I look forward to reviewing it.

We should honor America's brave veterans and their families not only on Veterans Day, but throughout the year. As we reflect upon the meaning of this day, let us keep all of our veterans and their families in our thoughts. These men and women are examples of the best that our country has to offer, and they deserve our support both during times of conflict and after the battles have ended and our troops have come home.

#### JIM MARKS

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I welcome this opportunity to pay tribute to Jim Marks for his many years of dedicated public service at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as he prepares to take up an eminent new position as senior vice president and director of the Public Health Group and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Dr. Marks is a pediatrician and former Assistant Surgeon General who began his career more than 20 years ago at the CDC. He has worked effectively in the areas of birth defects prevention, reproductive health, nutrition, and health promotion and education, and rose through the ranks at CDC to a position of renown as one of America's leading experts on disease prevention. He was named director of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion in 1995, and this year he became the acting director of the CDC's Coordinating Center for Health Information and Service.

Dr. Marks has significantly improved public health through his leadership on critical health issues facing the Nation. He was instrumental in achieving the most impressive recent accomplishment in tobacco control and prevention: The decline in adolescent smoking after nearly a decade of rising rates of smoking in the 1990s. Under Dr. Marks' direction, CDC increased its commitment to reduce and prevent smoking, and transformed a piecemeal State-by-State approach into a true national effort. CDC developed standards for best practices and created the National Tobacco Control Program, which provides funds and technical support to State health departments. Under his leadership, 4 Surgeon General reports were released that highlight the full scope of tobacco-related deaths and disease. As a result of these efforts, cigarette sales dropped and States achieved a reduction in tobacco-related deaths from both lung cancer and heart disease. The CDC also now works closely with the World Health Organization to conduct the Global Youth Tobacco Survey, which is active in more than 160 countries and will be invaluable in developing the first international public health treaty.

On cancer, Dr. Marks has helped spearhead efforts to prevent cancer and promote early detection. Under his direction and with the support of Congress, the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control has grown from approximately \$123 million to over \$313 million.

Several specific accomplishments under Dr. Marks' leadership are worth mentioning. The National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program has helped uninsured and underinsured women obtain lifesaving screening and diagnostic testing for early detection. The program has achieved nearly 5 million screenings, and diagnosed 17,000 breast cancers, 61,000 precancerous cervical lesions, and 1,100 cervical cancers.

The National Program of Cancer Registries has been expanded to cover 96 percent of the Nation's population. The information gathered by the program is important for tracing cancer patterns and monitoring cancer trends. It guided State planning and State evaluation of cancer control programs and helps States to set priorities. It is also useful in planning clinical research and research on health and on epidemics. The data contributed as well to producing the official Federal report, "U.S. Cancer Statistics: 2000 Incidence."

The National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program was developed and has been expanded to 61 programs in States, territories and tribes, enabling local health agencies to establish broad-based cancer control coalitions.

Last year, under Dr. Marks, the plan called "A National Action Plan for Cancer Survivorship: Advancing Public Health Strategies" was developed in collaboration with the Lance Armstrong Foundation and national experts in cancer survivorship and public health. The Action Plan charts a course to enable the public health community to focus more effectively on cancer survivorship and on improving the quality of life for survivors.

In addition, Dr. Marks has emphasized science-based nutrition and physical activity as part of a greater effort to deal with the current epidemic of obesity in our Nation. He enthusiastically embraced the idea of a unique CDC partnership with the world of commercial youth marketing, which led to the so-called VERB Campaign, to move American youth off the couch and into healthy activities. The VERB campaign is a "for kids/by kids" voice to reach youth between the ages of 9 and 13 with "cool" messages to discover the fun of being physically active—and do it "anywhere, anytime, and any way." As a result, after 1 year, 74 percent of this youth now recognize and like the VERB brand.

Dr. Marks has been an outstanding leader on the major public health issues of our time. His pioneering work has improved the health of communities across the Nation and improved the quality of life for countless fami-

lies and children. His strong commitment and wise counsel have educated all of us in Congress. I wish him well, and I look forward to his continuing leadership with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

(At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

#### THE DEATH OF JANE E. MITCHELL

• Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I wish to honor the life of a truly great woman, Jane E. Mitchell. She passed away on Saturday, November 13, after 83 years of standing up for the rights of others. Her impact on the State of Delaware is profound, and her spirit everlasting.

Many in Delaware know Jane Mitchell as the wife of Littleton "Lit" Mitchell, Delaware's first African-American lawyer and a remarkable force in the civil rights movement. With all of his astounding accomplishments, though, Lit never made a decision without talking it over with Jane. She may not have had his public profile, but she certainly knew the intricacies of the issues and just how much was at stake.

Far beyond her role as the wife of an influential man, Jane Mitchell was an extraordinary person in her own right. Her life is a story of achievement—each one greater than the last. In her nursing career, Jane began making history by being the first African-American at Delaware State Hospital to treat both black and white patients. Her career led her to become the first African-American nursing director in the State, and she was eventually the president of the State Board of Nursing and vice-president of the Delaware Nurses Association before her retirement.

After retiring, Jane Mitchell devoted her life to volunteering. Her causes were numerous, and she was passionately committed to each. She continued her work in medicine and civil rights, and became a powerful voice in the fight to improve the treatment of the mentally ill. In 1998, a building was erected in her name at the Delaware Psychiatric Center.

Jane E. Mitchell has been described as a pioneer, a trailblazer and a heroine. She devoted her life to promoting the welfare of others. Whether it was in her role as nurse, advocate, volunteer or wife and mother, Jane never wavered in her enthusiasm for doing good and making a difference. I am saddened by her passing, yet she continues to inspire me. Jane Mitchell's legacy is great, and I am honored to recognize her today. •

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### JENNIFER STEENSEN FIELD OF DREAMS THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM

• Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask the U.S. Senate to join me in saluting