

agreed on paper that sanctions should be imposed if Sudan does not stop the violence. That violence has not stopped.

The Security Council has called on member states to support an expanded AU force, and the African Union, 2 years old, has stepped up. Its leadership is committed to preventing another genocide if we will help. We are the world's only superpower. Genocide is happening and we must act. President Bush campaigned on a platform of acting wherever necessary to protect our interests overseas regardless of world opinion.

With all that has happened in the last few years, how can we claim to be constrained in this situation with this action taking place against the human race? We are the world's superpower. If we do everything that we should do, history will judge that we acted. But they will judge us harshly if we do not step up to save these lives that will be lost in the years and the months and the days ahead. If we hesitate now, if we make excuses, most of us think we will have a hard time forgiving ourselves for what we did not do. Rwanda is burned in our memory. We should not allow hundreds of thousands of people to die. We will have doomed the AU to ineffectual operations on the ground, and we will have damaged its credibility and its underlying ability to respond to crises in the future.

I hope we will act. I hope we will not turn the pages of this omnibus financing without giving the resources to act. Words are not good enough; deeds are required. I hope we will not have failed our people and our values we hold dear.

I thank you, Madam President. I yield the floor.

Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REQUESTING RETURN OF PAPERWORK—S. 2283

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate request the House to return the papers with respect to S. 2283.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTES TO RETIRING SENATORS

ZELL MILLER

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Madam President, I rise this morning to pay tribute to a very special friend of mine and a friend of Georgia's and a friend of the United

States of America. We are in what we think are our last couple of days of the 108th session. That being the case, this will be the last few days that Senator ZELL MILLER will be in Washington in his capacity as the senior Senator from our great State of Georgia. I want to take a minute just to talk about this man who has been such an inspiration to any number of politicians and others in my State relative to his public service to our State and to our country.

ZELL MILLER was born in a little town called Young Harris, GA, which is in the mountains of north Georgia, one of the most beautiful parts of our State. His father, unfortunately, died when he was 17 days old, so he was raised by his mother, whom he has repeatedly talked about in the books he has written as well as in his speeches. His mother Birdie was the most influential person in his life. She did a heck of a job with ZELL MILLER as a young man and remained an inspiration to him throughout his adult life, and particularly in his life as a public servant to our State.

ZELL did one of the best things any man can do; and that is, he married way over his head early in his life. He married his sweetheart, Shirley. Before he went into the Marine Corps, he tells the story about leaving for boot camp and he was afraid when he got back she might not marry him, so while they were in the mood they ran over to South Carolina, which is not far away from his hometown of Young Harris, and got married; and they have had decades of glorious years together. They have two wonderful sons and four grandchildren and now four great-grandchildren whom the two of them have enjoyed. Now he will have even more of an opportunity to spend time with them and enjoy them even more.

ZELL entered the Marine Corps at an early age. Again, as he has repeatedly said in his books, as well as in his speeches, it is the best thing he ever did in his life from the standpoint of straightening him out. All of us go through difficult times in our early years, and there are specific instances that make us what we are and sort of chart the course for where we are going to be in future years. ZELL has been very open about the fact that the Marine Corps is the institution that really put his mind in the right frame that it needed to be for his adult years.

ZELL began his educational career at Young Harris College following his tenure in the Marine Corps, and then ultimately graduated from the University of Georgia, which happens to be the same institution of which I graduated. Again, having a colleague such as ZELL to look to as a fellow alumnus is a great privilege.

ZELL then began a teaching career, and also very shortly entered a public service career. He served two terms as a State senator from his home county area of Young Harris. I think that was the foundation for what was going to ultimately become an outstanding ca-

reer for him in public service. Like all of us, he suffered defeat as well as victory. He ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. House of Representatives twice. Having run for Congress myself, and lost the first time, I know it is not much fun, but you also find out it is the greatest experience of your life. You meet the nicest people in the world, and you get a real sense of the fact that there are just literally thousands and thousands of people in that congressional district who have the same beliefs and philosophy that you do, so you want to continue to make a difference.

Even though ZELL lost those races when he ran twice, that did not deter him from continuing in public service. He served as our Lieutenant Governor for four terms, 16 years. He just did a masterful job. The Lieutenant Governor in Georgia has a little more power than some of the Lieutenant Governors in other States around the country. He presided over the State senate, and in that capacity had the obligation and the power to appoint committee chairmen and to be involved in legislation from a direct standpoint. He did an outstanding job as Lieutenant Governor.

Following those four terms, he ran for Governor and, in 1990, was elected Governor of our State for the first of his two terms. In 1990, he campaigned on the fact that if we were going to have a State lottery—that was one of the hot issues on the ballot that year—that if we were going to have a State lottery, he wanted to make sure the funds that were generated by that lottery were used for one purpose, and one purpose only, and that was to improve the quality of education in our State.

I have to say if there is any one man who is responsible for the improvement of the quality of education in my State of Georgia, it is ZELL MILLER because he not only campaigned on doing that, he made absolutely certain all the funds generated from that State lottery went to improve the quality of education.

He is the father of the HOPE Scholarship. It is kind of interesting, in every campaign now, every statehouse campaign and gubernatorial and lieutenant gubernatorial race now, those folks who have been involved in State politics for a while who are running for those races all claim responsibility for the HOPE Scholarship. But everybody knows that the father of the HOPE Scholarship, the person who was responsible for its passage and implementation, is ZELL MILLER.

The HOPE Scholarship is a provision in our law which says, if you graduate from a high school in Georgia and you have a B average, you can go to any State institution that you are successful in applying to and getting into, and your tuition will be paid for. As long as you maintain a B average, that tuition will be paid for throughout your college career. It has been one of the best things we have ever had happen in our State.