

Highlights of his work include cases involved with filth and quack drugs; instruction presented on Law and Evidence to the Southwest and Southeast Regions; work on criminal cases involving illegal distribution of steroid and other enhancement drugs; work with other Federal agents and the U.S. Attorney to prepare search warrants and collect undercover evidence for presentation to the grand jury; development of significant case laws which permitted not just FDA, but other Federal agencies to charge defendants with defrauding the Government; a commissioner's commendation for critical work performed with State partners to improve FDA's relationship working particularly in Texas and New Mexico; criminal investigative work in Cincinnati that resulted in the indictment, prosecution and prison terms of seven defendants involved in a major criminal enterprise which produced over 200 million pounds of phony orange juice; receipt of the FDA Award of Merit, 2002, and the ORA Quality of Worklife Award, 2003, for his leadership in Kansas City.

After his retirement, Bill intends to spend time with his family, doing anything his wife, Suzanne, tells him to do. He plans to oversee church construction projects, remodel old houses and travel with his wife.●

JOE L. TILGHMAN

● Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, Joe Tilghman has served the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS, in a senior field leadership position in a career spanning nearly the entire period of enactment of the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Mr. Tilghman is retiring on January 3, 2005 after 37 years of distinguished Federal service.

Mr. Tilghman assumed leadership of CMS' Kansas City regional office in 1994, following nearly 15 years as the deputy regional administrator. As regional administrator, he has been responsible for the Federal administration of the Medicare and Medicaid programs to approximately 4 million beneficiaries residing in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. Prior to joining CMS, then the Health Care Financing Administration, in 1978 he worked in Social and Rehabilitative Services and the Bureau of Health Insurance.

During Mr. Tilghman's tenure as regional administrator, he led many CMS efforts that impacted the lives of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries nationwide. Of particular note, Mr. Tilghman:

Lead CMS' Flu 2000 Campaign from 1993 to 1999;

Lead CMS' Screening Mammography Campaign from 1999 to the present, exceeding Government Performance and Results Act, GPR, targets in each of these years;

Established the CMS field National Medicare Education Program, NMEP, operation;

Enforced the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act,

HIPAA, insurance provisions nationally in all States that are not in substantial compliance;

Conducted and was personally involved in a credit "CMS 101" course at the University of Kansas, the only one its kind in the Nation; and

Participated in a town hall meeting in Liberty, MO with President Bush to promote the new Medicare prescription drug cards.

In recognition of his many significant contributions, Mr. Tilghman received the Meritorious Executive Rank Award in 2000. This award may be received by only five percent of those persons in career Senior Executive Service, SES.

Mr. Tilghman served his country admirably as an Army pilot in Vietnam where he reached the rank of captain as a fixed wing and helicopter pilot. He married JoAnne Hardy in 1966 and is currently planning many travel adventures with her in his retirement. Mr. and Mrs. Tilghman have two daughters, Stephanie and Abigail, and are the proud grandparents of Ethan and Holly. Mr. Tilghman enjoys reading history books, hiking in the Colorado mountains, white water rafting, canoeing and skiing. He recently fulfilled a life-long dream by climbing to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa.●

RECOGNIZING THE DAHL ARTS CENTER

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the Dahl Arts Center in Rapid City, SD for all that it does to expand access to the arts and theatre to the entire Rapid City region. This corner stone of the Rapid City community has cultivated contemporary visual arts, community theater, and arts education since 1974, when Mr. and Mrs. Art Dahl bequeathed a generous gift to the Rapid City Arts Council. Not only has the Dahl Arts Center provided a forum for South Dakota artists to display their works and talents, but the center's free art galleries and art education classrooms provide the Rapid City community and its visitors the opportunity access our shared artistic heritage.

The Dahl Arts Center is one of a dozen free attractions on Rapid City's Star Tour. The Center also houses a 200 foot oil-on-canvas mural painted by Bernard P. Thomas. This cycloramic mural depicts 200 years of American history and is enhanced by a taped narration and special lighting effects. A large special viewing room was built to house this epic creation and has become a great attraction for visitors of all ages. The Dahl also houses two galleries that feature paintings, crafts, sculptures and original prints selected from the works of regional artists. For the past 30 years, the Dahl has been a wonderful venue to enjoy a variety of art works from people of all ages and talents.

I am very pleased that Rapid City has partnered with the Dahl Arts Cen-

ter to expand this facility, double the seating capacity in its performance theater, expand space for education, rehearsals and meetings, create a children's education gallery and library, and provide climate-controlled space for the Dahl's permanent collection. Rapid City's generous financial commitments combined with the \$2 million in private donations and pledges that have been collected thus far provide the bulk of the funding required for the Dahl Arts Center's expansion. I was pleased to work with my colleagues in the Senate to secure Federal funding of \$250,000 to assist in the expansion effort of the Dahl Arts Center. When completed, this addition will ensure that the Dahl Arts Center will continue to serve as a cultural arts center for generations to come. All of South Dakota benefits from the continued growth of the Dahl Arts Center and its excellent programs.●

HONORING THE FISHBACK FAMILY

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I am proud to rise today to commend the Fishback family of Brookings, SD for its outstanding support of the arts. Van Fishback, who serves as president of the recently renamed First Bank and Trust in Brookings, and Robert Fishback, who serves as bank chairman of the board, have demonstrated their leadership in this area by helping to cultivate music and the performing arts in Brookings and the South Dakota State University community.

First Bank and Trust and the Fishback family were recently recognized by the State of South Dakota for their contributions when they were selected as recipients of the 2005 Governor's Award for Outstanding Support of the Arts by an Organization or Business. This award recognizes the outstanding commitment to the arts demonstrated by the Fishback family, without whom the Performing Arts Center on the SDSU campus, the State University Theatre at SDSU and the Brookings Area Community Band might not exist.

The personal contributions of Van and his wife Barbara, as well as Robert and his wife Pat, are notable for their longstanding personal involvement in numerous organizations that promote theater, music and historic preservation in Brookings. Particularly in a university town such as Brookings, the Fishback family's generosity and vision serve as an inspiration for many of South Dakota's promising young students, as well as patrons of the arts. The quality of life in all of South Dakota has been greatly enhanced by the Fishback family's commitment to excellence in the arts, and I thank them and their colleagues at the First Bank and Trust for their extraordinary leadership.●