

authorization of the Chairman either with the approval of a majority of the Committee or with the consent of the ranking minority member.

RULE 14.—CONFIDENTIALITY OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

No summary of a Committee report, prediction of the contents of a report, or statement of conclusions concerning any investigation shall be made by a member of the Committee or by any staff member of the Committee prior to the issuance of a report of the Committee.

RULE 15.—COMMITTEE STAFF

(a) The Committee shall have a staff director, selected by the Chairman. The staff director shall be an employee of the House of Representatives or of the Senate.

(b) The Ranking Minority Member may designate an employee of the House of Representatives or of the Senate as the minority staff director.

(c) The staff director, under the general supervision of the Chairman, is authorized to deal directly with agencies of the Government and with non-Government groups and individuals on behalf of the Committee.

(d) The Chairman or staff director shall timely notify the Ranking Minority Member or the minority staff director of decisions made on behalf of the Committee.

RULE 16.—COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman of the Committee may establish such other procedures and take such actions as may be necessary to carry out the foregoing rules or to facilitate the effective operation of the Committee. Specifically, the Chairman is authorized, during the interim periods between meetings of the Committee, to act on all requests submitted by any executive department, independent agency, temporary or permanent commissions and committees of the Federal Government, the Government Printing Office and any other Federal entity, pursuant to the requirements of applicable Federal law and regulations.

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, yesterday marked the 90th anniversary of the beginning of the Armenian Genocide. A date of great significance for many Rhode Islanders, and growing in significance for all Americans, this day not only commemorates the atrocities of the past, but also reminds us that it must not happen again. Remembering the victims is our duty to the past and to the future.

The term "genocide" did not even exist when these atrocities occurred from 1915 to 1923, yet the numbers are staggering. Over 1.5 million people perished. Over 500,000 people were forcibly removed from their homes and their homeland. Armenian religious, political, and intellectual leaders were killed. Men were removed from their families and women and children were left vulnerable to deportation, kidnapping, and starvation, and 132,000 Armenian orphans became foster children in American families.

It is vital for the distinct identity of every culture to be honored and celebrated. Over one and a half million Americans are of Armenian heritage, and on this day we are grateful for their many contributions to our country. Rhode Island and this entire Na-

tion continue to benefit from a strong and vibrant Armenian community.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

MEDIC STEVEN SIRKO

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart and deep sense of gratitude to honor the life of a brave young man from Portage. Steven Sirko, 20 years old, died on April 17 while stationed in Maqadiyah, Iraq. With his entire life before him, Steven risked everything to fight for the values Americans hold close to our hearts, in a land halfway around the world.

Recently married to another army medic, Steven turned down a chance to stay stateside with the Army's Special Forces in order to be in Iraq near his wife. A football player in high school, Steven was remembered by friends and family as a tough, outgoing student. His father told a local newspaper, that his son was "very strong, very outgoing, very respectful. After 9/11, like so many young men, he wanted to fight terrorism." His stepbrother, who also served in the Army, called Steven, "the light of any crowd."

Steven was killed while serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He served in the first battalion, 30th infantry regiment, third brigade, and third infantry division. This brave young soldier leaves behind his wife, Virginia; his father, Rick Sirko; his mother, Linda Lipford; his stepmother, Rose Sirko; three sisters; one brother; and two stepbrothers.

Today, I join Steven's family and friends in mourning his death. While we struggle to bear our sorrow over this loss, we can also take pride in the example he set, bravely fighting to make the world a safer place. It is his courage and strength of character that people will remember when they think of Steven, a memory that will burn brightly during these continuing days of conflict and grief.

Steven was known for his dedication to his family and his love of country. Today and always, Steven will be remembered by family members, friends, and fellow Hoosiers as a true American hero and we honor the sacrifice he made while dutifully serving his country.

As I search for words to do justice in honoring Steven's sacrifice, I am reminded of President Lincoln's remarks as he addressed the families of the fallen soldiers in Gettysburg: "We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here." This statement is just as true today as it was nearly 150 years ago, as I am certain that the impact of Steven's actions will live on far longer than any record of these words.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Steven Sirko in the CONGRESSIONAL

RECORD of the Senate for his service to this country and for his profound commitment to freedom, democracy and peace. When I think about this just cause in which we are engaged, and the unfortunate pain that comes with the loss of our heroes, I hope that families like Steven's can find comfort in the words of the prophet Isaiah who said, "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces."

May God grant strength and peace to those who mourn, and may God be with all of you, as I know He is with Steven.

SPECIALIST GRANT CROFT

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to publicly recognize SPC Grant Croft of Sioux Falls, SD, for receiving the Army Commendation Medal.

Specialist Croft is serving in Mosul, Iraq, as a medic for the 2nd Platoon, 194th Military Police Company based at Fort Campbell, KY. He is a talented and dedicated serviceman, who, according to his superiors, "On a daily basis, sets the standard for what a soldier medic should be. Specialists Croft's strength, stamina and moral character are a constant source of strength for our platoon."

On January 21, 2005, while training at the Udari Range in Iraq, prior to the platoon's arrival in Mosul, Specialist Croft earned the Army Commendation Medal for his performance following an Apache helicopter crash. The Army's description of the event states: "Without regard for his own safety, Specialist Croft quickly moved to the crashed aircraft and immediately began the necessary medical treatment for [the pilots'] life threatening injuries. He placed himself in harms way through the entire process. His selfless act and professional actions were those of a highly skilled and dedicated medic."

It is with great honor that I share Specialist Croft's tremendous accomplishments with my colleagues. He is a true patriot, and America is deeply grateful for his service.

TRIBUTE TO JOE BEYRL

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, on Friday, April 22, a true American hero was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. Joe Beyrle of Muskegon, MI, was a paratrooper in the 101st Division on D-Day in World War II. His capture by the Germans and his heroic escape to fight with the Russian Army on the Eastern Front, making him the only American soldier to fight with both the United States and Russian armies against Nazi Germany, have been chronicled in a wonderful book by retired Army Colonel Thomas Taylor called *The Simple Sounds of Freedom*.

It was my privilege to speak at the burial ceremony for Joe Beyrle. I ask unanimous consent that my remarks be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

EULOGY FOR JOE BEYRLLE

Arlington National Cemetery, April 22, 2005

We cannot be reminded often enough about the extraordinary things that seemingly ordinary Americans have done to protect our country and our freedoms.

A short year after Joe Beyrle graduated from Muskegon's Saint Joseph High School in June of 1942, he found himself on the way to England as an elite paratrooper in the storied Screaming Eagles of the 101st Airborne Division. And that is when Joe Beyrle, like other members of the Greatest Generation, came face to face with unimaginable challenges, and went from being seemingly ordinary to extraordinary.

I knew Joe and JoAnne, and I knew of Joe's wartime exploits, long before Tom Taylor's wonderful book about Joe was published. What makes that book so special for me is that now everyone can be inspired by the amazing story of Joe's service during World War II: the rigorous training that made "Jumpin' Joe" such an expert paratrooper that he was selected for clandestine drops in occupied France before D-Day to supply the French resistance with gold; his dogged determination after his capture on D-Day by the Germans to escape and rejoin his unit; his courageous decision to fight with the Russian Army after he finally escaped the German POW camp—even helping to liberate the very POW camp from which he had escaped—making him the only American soldier to fight for both the United States and the Russians against Nazi Germany; and the remarkable story of his travel after he was wounded to the American Embassy in Moscow, where American officials at first thought he was a spy because his dog tags had been found on a dead soldier thought to be him two years earlier.

And of course who can forget the story of Joe marrying JoAnne in September, 1946—in a ceremony conducted by the same priest who had conducted a funeral mass for the presumed killed-in-action Joe Beyrle a few years before.

And what a memorable moment it was in 1994 when President Clinton and President Yeltsin honored Joe simultaneously in the White House Rose Garden as part of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

Joe's indomitable spirit, love of country and will to survive come through every page of his remarkable story, a story that reads more like fiction than history. One of my favorite examples of the legendary Beyrle tenacity—Joe would probably call it bull-headedness—took place at the end of the story when Joe was being held in custody in Moscow until the American Embassy officials could establish his true identity.

In a feverish and woozy state from his wounds, Joe decided to overpower the Marine guarding his room and escape again—to rejoin the Russian Army and get home by way of Berlin! Even Joe admitted: "Of all my escape plans, this was the wildest and dumbest of all!"

It is said that courage isn't the absence of fear but the presence of faith. Joe was a man of courage because he had such a vast reservoir of faith—faith in himself; faith in the cause that his country asked him to fight for; and faith in his Creator.

Shortly after Tom Taylor's book about Joe was published, I hosted a reception for Joe and his family and Tom Taylor in the hearing room of the Senate Armed Services Committee. The Secretary of the Army, the Army Vice Chief of Staff, and the Russian Ambassador attended out of respect for Joe. Joe was in his element that day, passing out Screaming Eagle lapel pins and replicas of the paratrooper's crickets used by the Screaming Eagles on D-Day to identify one

another behind enemy lines. I still have the one he gave me. Listen.

When I referred to Joe Beyrle at the reception as a hero, Joe said that "the real heroes are buried in Europe." There are indeed a lot of American heroes buried in Europe. But surely some of America's greatest heroes are here at Arlington, visited each day by a hushed and awestruck multitude of their grateful fellow citizens whose freedom was defended by their sacrifices.

There is no more hallowed ground than where we stand today. And there is no hero more deserving of resting here than Joe Beyrle. Let us all honor Joe by resolving in this sacred place to live by his example of selfless service. The highest tribute we can pay to this extraordinary American is to make sure that the Simple Sounds of Freedom always resonate in this great country that he loved so much.

 ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING THE INDIANA SPORTS CORPORATION

• Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I rise today to call to the attention of my colleagues a signal anniversary occurring on May 3, 2005, the 25th Anniversary of the Indiana Sports Corporation, ISC.

Over the past quarter of a century, the ISC has been a tremendous contributor to the city of Indianapolis, providing economic stimulus, volunteer and community involvement opportunities, and most importantly, working to identify our capital city as a worthy destination for amateur sporting events. I have been pleased to work with the ISC through the Dick Lugar Community Run, Walk and Corporate Challenge, an event I look forward to every year.

Since 1979, the ISC has hosted more than 400 national and international sporting events. These events include: NCAA Championships, highlighted with four NCAA Division 1 Men's Basketball Final Fours, 1980, 1991, 1997, 2000; the 1987 Pan American Games; the 1982 U.S. Olympic Festival, the 2001 World Police and Fire Games; World Championships in track and field, 1987, gymnastics 1991, rowing 1994, basketball 2002 and swimming, 2004. Additionally, they have hosted U.S. Olympic trials and other National Governing Body, NGB, national championships in canoe/kayak, diving, gymnastics, judo, rowing, swimming, synchronized swimming, table tennis, track and field, and volleyball.

It is likewise noteworthy that since 1988, the ISC has awarded over \$2.5 million to more than 200 youth service organizations across the State of Indiana, and 132 Olympic hopefuls through its CHAMPS and Future Olympians grant programs respectively.

I am pleased to join the vast number of individuals who have been touched by the efforts of the Indiana Sports Corporation over the years in congratulating them on this signal anniversary.●

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOORE'S LAW

• Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, 40 years ago, when having a computer in your home was inconceivable and being able to hold a miniature computer in the palm of your hand was the stuff of science fiction, Gordon Moore, then a young engineer with Fairchild Semiconductor, had a revolutionary idea.

In the April 19, 1965, issue of Electronics Magazine, Moore first articulated what would come to be known as Moore's law: that the number of transistors on a computer chip would double in power approximately every 18 months but the price would actually decrease. Moore's law was revolutionary because it said that computer power improves essentially for free. Not only did this mean technology could be accessible and affordable for all Americans, it set the stage for increases in productivity unheard of since the Industrial Revolution.

Today, Moore's 40-year-old prediction is not just the thought of a dreamer, written for the benefit of a few early high-tech pioneers; it is the metronome of the technology industry. The drive to keep up with the drumbeat of Moore's law has meant unparalleled innovation in the high-tech industry. It has resulted in quality, high-paying jobs and contributed to our Nation's economic stability. The growth of computer technology in the U.S. has brought countless benefits to consumers and businesses throughout this country.

We are proud in my home State of Oregon to be part of the high-tech engine that helped build the digital economy. We are happy to be home to companies like Intel Corporation, which Moore helped found in 1974. Intel, which employs 15,500 people and has invested approximately \$11 billion in Oregon, is an important contributor to our economy and an example of the impact that leadership in technology can have at the local level.

Oregon's high-tech industry continues to be a vital and growing part of the State's economy, creating jobs, fueling the growth of small and large businesses, and driving the innovation necessary to keep pace with Moore's law today.

The fulfillment of Moore's 40-year-old prediction will continue to lead to advances in virtually every aspect of our lives. It means smaller and more affordable computers, and cameras the size of pills that can be swallowed to explore our insides without surgery. It also means family and friends can overcome great distances, connecting in an instant over the digital airwaves.

Though his prediction has held true, Gordon Moore could not have foreseen the power and influence of his observation. I'm proud today to pay tribute to his contributions and recognize the impact Moore's law has had on our economy and our world.●