

Loveland, CO, Tom Wagoner, for his distinguished career of service to the people of Loveland.

Chief Wagoner was born in Minnesota and raised in eastern Illinois. After spending 2 years in the Army, he became a police officer and joined the Greeley, CO, Police Department in 1979. Having served in several positions in the Greeley Police Department, Chief Wagoner left Colorado in 1987 to be the police chief in Tullahoma, TN.

Fortunately, it was not long before Chief Wagoner came back to Colorado to serve as the police chief in my hometown of Loveland in 1989. The city of Loveland has greatly benefited from his leadership. Over the course of his tenure, he made many additions to the department, including a mounted patrol unit, a motorcycle unit, a community policing program, and a new radio system. Chief Wagoner also presided over a move to a new police headquarters in 2002 and has ensured that the Loveland Police Department has received national accreditation since 1992.

I thank Chief Wagoner for over 15 years of service to the citizens of Loveland. He leaves behind a difficult set of shoes to fill, and he will be missed.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN THORACIC SOCIETY

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, on the occasion of its 100th anniversary, I am proud to recognize and honor the American Thoracic Society for its continuing commitment to the prevention and treatment of respiratory disease.

While respiratory disease may not pose the same public threat that it did 100 years ago, we cannot forget, nor overlook, the need to continue our fight against such debilitating illnesses. It is imperative that we continue to explore the causes and effects of respiratory disease as well as educating the public here and abroad.

Since its establishment in 1905, the American Thoracic Society has demonstrated an unyielding determination to reduce the number of deaths from respiratory disorder and acute-illness. I commend ATS for its dedication to the cause.

ATS not only directs its attention to the care and treatment of respiratory disease patients, it also places preventative practices at the forefront of its mission. Through extensive scientific research, ATS has established itself as a leader in the discovery of new information and knowledge. Furthermore, ATS has developed numerous educational programs, as well as several medical journals, to help keep both the medical community and the public up to date on new scientific information and innovative practices.

Finally, ATS has established itself as a leading advocate of respiratory research, paving the way for unprecedented developments in the treatment of respiratory disease. As host of the

world's leading respiratory medicine conference, which provides doctors and scientists the opportunity to share their successes with specialists from all over the world, ATS has truly confirmed its status as a leader in the medical community.

Over the years, ATS has grown to meet the needs of the changing world in which we live, while never losing sight of its basic goals of prevention and treatment. I congratulate the American Thoracic Society on its 100 years of outstanding research and innovation.●

BRIGADIER GENERAL GERVIS A. PARKERSON

● Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, Brigadier General Gervis Parkerson is a lifelong resident of Mississippi, having graduated from Gulfport High School in 1967 and Mississippi State University in 1971. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps following his graduation from college and completed Officer Candidate School at Quantico, VA. He graduated from Naval Flight School in 1972 and served as a carrier based pilot in the Marine Corps until 1976.

He is a Master Aviator with over 7000 flight hours, having flown in the T-42A, U-8F, U-21A, CH-53D, T-34, T-28, OH-6A, UH-1H, and the C-7A with the United States Marine Corps, and the 1108th AVCRAD.

After leaving active duty, Brigadier General Parkerson returned to Mississippi and was employed in the private sector. In 1980, he joined the Mississippi Army National Guard with the 114th Area Support Group, and in 1981 began full-time duty as Aircraft Maintenance Officer, HHC 114th Area Support Group, in Hattiesburg, MS.

He assumed command of the 1108th Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot, in 1994 at the rank of Colonel. As Commander, he directed the maintenance of over 500 aircraft within the 9 southeastern States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The AVCRAD also provided sustainment maintenance to the Army Aviation and Missile Command's Corpus Christi Army Depot, as well as mobilization of non-deployable assets for the Army National Guard.

Brigadier General Parkerson has received several awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Overseas Service Medal, and Meritorious Unit Citation. He has also received the Mississippi Magnolia Cross, one of the highest medals awarded to a member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America by the Governor of the State of Mississippi. Additionally, he was awarded the Bronze and Silver Order of Saint Michael from the Army Aviation Association of America for his superb dedication to Army Aviation.

Brigadier General Parkerson has been married to his wife, Brenda, for the past 26 years and they are the proud parents of two grown children, Beau and Leah.

Through his personal contributions and effective leadership, Brigadier General Parkerson has greatly strengthened the United States Army and the Mississippi National Guard while reflecting great honor upon himself, his family, and those with whom he has served.

Under the authority of the State of Mississippi, he will be promoted to the rank of Brigadier General, and placed on the retirement list after 34 years of dedicated commissioned service. On behalf of the United States Senate, I would like to thank Brigadier General Parkerson for his honorable and tireless service to this Nation, and congratulate him on completion of an outstanding and successful career.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:35 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1224. An act to repeal the prohibition on the payment of interest on demand deposits, and for other purposes.

At 2:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2419. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2419. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.