

was a young man with his entire life before him: He was a mere 23 years old, and had been in Iraq only a month.

As a middle school student, Shaw Vaughan caught the eye of our military leaders for his regional science fair project: comparing the accuracy of store-bought ammunition with ammunition he had assembled. He graduated Battle Mountain High School in 2001 and attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL. Upon graduation, Lieutenant Vaughan was one of only 70 cadets, out of 5,000, to receive a much-sought-after assignment in military intelligence in the infantry. It was a high honor, reflecting his intellect, work ethic, and commitment to our Nation.

Lieutenant Vaughan was stationed in Alaska, a part of our country he had visited with his family years earlier. I guess you could say that Alaska had "hooked" the fisherman in Lieutenant Vaughan, and he was looking forward to his service there after he completed his time in Iraq.

Lieutenant Vaughan was eager to get to Iraq, to serve with his unit. In his e-mails and phone calls back home, Lieutenant Vaughan spoke of how strongly he felt about America's mission in Iraq. He told stories of Iraqi families leading him into their homes, telling him horror stories of their families' sufferings under the brutal regime of Saddam Hussein.

As one newspaper in my home State observed, it seems that every story about Shaw Vaughan was different and yet the same: "one of a great guy and a courageous man lost too soon."

In Act III of William Shakespeare's classic "Henry V," King Henry says with pride, "As I am a soldier, A name that in my thoughts becomes me best . . ."

I will think of this today as I bow my head in prayer for the loss of Lieutenant Vaughan, a life of such great promise that was snuffed out too soon. He was living his life to its fullest, on the great adventure before him. But we can rest assured that Lieutenant Vaughan had the convictions of his beliefs, and that he fulfilled his beliefs to the end.

Lieutenant Shaw Vaughan took pride in his life as a soldier, and it is truly a name that, in all of our thoughts, becomes him best.

#### TWO YOUNG MEN OF HONOR

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, today I rise to remember the 3-year anniversary of the death of two, brave fallen firefighters.

July 22, 2003, will be a day that is always remembered in the hearts of the family and friends of Jeff Allen of Salmon, ID, and Shane Heath of Melba, ID. These brave men lost their lives while trying to save our public lands from a catastrophic wildfire in the Salmon-Challis National Forest. Both men were experienced firefighters of the Indianola Helitack Crew.

This weekend a memorial will be dedicated to Jeff and Shane. Family

and friends will gather to remember their strong spirits and the sacrifice they made. This memorial symbolizes the courage of Jeff and Shane, the healing of the community, and helps us all to remember that wildfire spares no one.

Jeff Allen was 23 years old and had been a firefighter since 1999. He started working on the Salmon-Challis National Forest on a thinning crew on the Salmon-Cobalt District in 1998. He served successfully in fighting devastating fires on the Salmon-Challis National Forest during the 2000 fire season. Jeff was a marketing major at Boise State University.

Shane Heath was 22 years old and was in his fourth season with the Forest Service. He served on the Helitack crew as a certified sawyer and was also a student at Boise State University.

The tragic loss of these two men continues to be felt throughout their communities and their selfless acts of true bravery will not be forgotten. I commend the men and women who risk their lives every day by undertaking this terribly dangerous job with courage and professionalism.

Thousands of young men and women are on the fire fronts of the wildfires that are now sweeping across the West. As we enter the middle of fire season, with the devastating heat that we are having in the Great Basin, and the West, I hope that we do not lose another firefighter to wildfire.

#### GREAT LAKES FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION ACT

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I am very pleased that the Senate has passed the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act, S. 2430. My colleague from Michigan, Senator LEVIN, and I believe that this legislation will provide the resources and authority for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the States, and the tribes to restore fish and wildlife in the Great Lakes.

The program has support from the States, tribes, and nongovernmental groups because it is a good management tool. Over 140 fish species and over 500 species of migratory birds can be found in the basin. The Great Lakes population has been growing, and like many coastal areas, there is a large concentration of people and industry on the coasts. Further, the Great Lakes are threatened by the continuing introduction of invasive species which impact the native food chain and habitat.

The fish and wildlife in the Great Lakes are under pressure, and the Great Lakes Fish & Wildlife Restoration Act of 2006 provides needed resources and authority. For instance, the bill would reauthorize the grant program, increasing the amount available for grants to \$12 million and add wildlife projects to the types of projects that may receive grants. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service would award grants based on the rec-

ommendations from the existing grant proposal review committee, though wildlife experts would be added to this committee.

The bill also authorizes up to \$6 million each year for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to undertake projects that have a regional benefit to fish and wildlife. Under this new authority, the Service would undertake projects based on the recommendations of States and tribes.

This bill reflects the collaboration of nongovernmental groups, as well as tribal, State, and Federal agencies with jurisdiction over the management of fish and wildlife resources of the Great Lakes. All of those groups have the goal of protecting and restoring the Great Lakes fish and wildlife, and this bill will continue in the right direction. I thank all of these groups for their work in shaping this bill.

I also thank the staff at the Environment and Public Works Committee, particularly Nathan Richmond and JoEllen Darcy. I understand that Nathan's work in preparing this bill for markup was interrupted by the early arrival of his first child, so I appreciate the staff work involved in moving this bill.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPENING

• Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, today I honor and congratulate Fairfax Water, which serves nearly 1.5 million customers in the Commonwealth of Virginia on the opening of the Frederick P. Griffith, Jr. water treatment plant in Lorton, VA. They are dedicating the plant this Saturday, and while I am not able to attend the ceremony and festivities, I want to congratulate the leadership of Fairfax Water particularly Board Chairman Harry F. Day, and the other Fairfax Water board members Constance M. Houston, Philip W. Allin, Richard G. Terwilliger, Bill G. Evans, Burton J. Rubin, Paul J. Andino, Linda A. Singer, A. Dewey Bond, and Frank R. Begovich as well as Charles M. Murray, the general manager, for their efforts in undertaking this endeavor.

The Griffith plant is a state-of-the-art facility which combines sensitivity to the environment, technologically savvy security measures, and an appreciation for the history of its surrounding area. The plant sits on the site of a prison most famous for holding a group of suffragettes in 1917 who were arrested for demonstrating in front of the White House to secure their right to vote. The facility pays tribute to these brave ladies by incorporating design elements of the workhouse in the plant's architectural design. The opening of the facility shows the dedication Fairfax Water has for its customer's health and safety. Fairfax Water will continue to be a