

over the Nevada Senate was outstanding. His efforts as a judge to improve our legal system and his pursuit of fairness and justice have benefited every individual in my State.

In closing, I feel privileged to have Bob Rose as a friend. I appreciate all that he has done for Nevada, and know that he will continue working to protect the rights of the citizens of our State.

RECOGNIZING THE NEVADA NEWSPAPER HALL OF FAME

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise to recognize the newest members of the Nevada Newspaper Hall of Fame. This month, the Nevada Press Association inducted Frank, Tony, and Ted Hughes into the Hall of Fame for their contributions to journalism in Nevada.

For more than 75 years, the Mineral County Independent News has provided the small town of Hawthorne with valuable news and information about their community. For more than 50 of those 75 years, the Hughes brothers have used their skill for journalism and hometown pride to make the Independent News thrive.

Each of the Hughes brothers started at the Independent News at an early age. Tony Hughes was a paperboy. He would later sweep floors and fold papers on the weekends. Soon after his graduation from high school, Tony was hired full time.

While Tony was the first member of the Hughes family to join the paper, his brothers would soon follow. Frank and Ted Hughes joined Tony to help run the printing presses, sell advertisements and shoot photographs. Today, the brothers manage the day-to-day operations of the Independent News, and each is responsible for writing stories and reporting on the Community.

As I have expressed, the Independent News is a true family business. The paper has a total of four employees. Frank, Tony, and Ted are helped by Heidi Bunch, a receptionist who manages the office.

In an age of large media conglomerates and corporate news, it is refreshing to get the local community angle from the Independent News. Every Thursday, the residents of Hawthorne look to the Independent News to read about community events at local churches, the American Legion, and Schurz Elementary. Subscribers can also read about the local Serpents' football or basketball game as well as view important announcements about the Mineral County school system.

One of the most interesting features to me, though, is the paper's "Reflections on the Past." There you can view a summary of the events in Hawthorne from 20, 50, and even 70 years ago. It is an amazing collection of Northern Nevada's rich culture and history.

All of this success is a direct result of the Hughes family. Without their hard work and dedication, this local paper might not be in existence today. I am

pleased that Tony, Frank, and Ted Hughes have been recognized for their excellence in journalism, and I am proud to have the opportunity to pay tribute to them before the Senate today. I look forward to continuing to read the Independent News for years to come.

DARFUR PEACE AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, for over 3 years, genocide has been the order of the day in Darfur. For nearly as long, from pulpits, from street corners, from the world's editorial pages, from the floor of Congress, from the rostrum of the United Nations, and from the White House, people have decried the killing. But we haven't stopped it.

Today Darfur is on the edge of an abyss, teetering on the rim of even greater catastrophe. Unknown numbers have been killed, raped, and butchered. Millions of people have been driven from their homes. An estimated half a million people are beyond the reach of humanitarian aid today.

Humanitarian groups themselves are under attack and many are pulling back.

The Khartoum Government is reportedly engaging in indiscriminate bombing and massing forces in the region.

The U.N. Security Council has passed a resolution authorizing a 20,000 person peacekeeping force, but the Khartoum Government continues to reject it and to deny the deaths of hundreds of thousands of its citizens and endanger and threaten hundreds of thousands of others.

Now all of us who have spoken out have an obligation to do what we can to make that peacekeeping mission a reality, to help bring an end to genocide.

For the third time now, the Senate has passed a Darfur Peace and Accountability Act. I was an original co-sponsor of the first of these bills and continue to support and work toward enactment of this important legislation.

This bill will impose sanctions against individuals responsible for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity; will support measures for the protection of civilians and humanitarian operations; and will support peace efforts in the Darfur region.

Those efforts are in grave jeopardy. The hopes to see the Darfur Peace Agreement between the Khartoum Government and one of the opposition groups implemented, enforced, and expanded have not been fulfilled.

We must do all that we can to ensure that the peacekeeping mission authorized by the nations of the world through the United Nations under U.N. Security Resolution 2706 is deployed as soon as possible. This mission will build on the efforts of the African Union and will include African forces at its core.

The Darfur Peace and Accountability Act supports these measures. Con-

sistent with the goals of this bill, a number of States have already acted to do their part to stop genocide.

My home State of Illinois was the first to enact a law suspending State investment in companies that conduct business in Sudan or with the Sudanese Government. The law mandates the divestment from all Illinois State Pension Systems of securities issued by any company doing business in Sudan and prohibits the State from investing in foreign government bonds of Sudan.

Illinois is following a tradition established during the campaign against apartheid in South Africa. Like that campaign, the Illinois law is a public expression that the citizens of my State and others that have passed similar legislation do not want to be party to supporting a foreign government that preys upon its own people. It is both symbolic and very tangible: the people of Illinois are choosing how they will invest their money. That is an act very much within their rights, and I salute their efforts.

Passage of the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act is an important and overdue step. But we must do more to ensure that the United Nations peacekeeping mission is implemented: the people of Darfur need UN boots on the ground, and the world must live up to its promises to end the genocide.

Mr. OBAMA. Because Senator DURBIN has hit the major points, I will simply say that the atrocities in Darfur are a moral and humanitarian emergency, and the people of the United States should be searching for effective tools to help end this violence and bloodshed. While not the only answer, I believe that divestment by individual States can be a part of the solution—it certainly was so during the fight to end apartheid in South Africa.

I strongly support the provision in the House-passed bill on this issue. My sense is that there was bipartisan, bicameral support for this provision. But because of the objections of a few key members of Congress, this provision was dropped in the interest of passing the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act, which I believe has some important provisions, before the Congress recesses at the end of this month.

I am wondering if the senior Senator from Illinois, who is also the Assistant Democratic Leader, shares this view and if he could comment on this issue.

Mr. DURBIN. I agree with the junior Senator from Illinois. There is a very powerful commitment in both Houses to take a meaningful stand against the genocide in Sudan. State governments, universities, and other institutions from coast to coast have passed divestment measures. Those voices have been heard in Congress, and I agree there is strong bicameral, bipartisan support for divestment, but that no single provision could be allowed to jeopardize passage of this important legislation, given the situation on the ground in Darfur.

Mr. OBAMA. I thank the senior Senator from Illinois. As Senator DURBIN

outlined, the State of Illinois has a long and proud history on the issue of divestment. I know that we will both continue to engage to push our government and the international community to do all it can to halt the violence in Darfur and, as part of our efforts, search to enact divestment language into law. I hope to draw upon the support, just mentioned by Senator DURBIN, in pushing this measure forward over the coming months.

I yield the floor.

CONGRATULATIONS, TERRY SAUVAIN, THE "MAN FROM NOTRE DAME"

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, every year, the University of Notre Dame presents its annual Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., Award to one of its alumni for extraordinary accomplishment in the field of public service. This prestigious award, which was established in 1985, is named in honor of the University's 14th president, the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh.

I am most pleased and proud to announce that the 2006 Cavanaugh Award is being presented to one of the Senate's very own, Mr. Terrence E. Sauvain, the minority staff director of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Terry graduated from Notre Dame in 1963. He is tremendously proud to be a graduate of that great university. In fact, I have often referred to him as "the man from Notre Dame." Notre Dame is the university that has given us such American legends as Knute Rockne, George Gipp, and the Four Horsemen. Now, up there with them on Notre Dame's roll of honor will be Terry Sauvain.

After graduating from Notre Dame, and earning a master's degree from George Washington University, Terry worked for several Federal agencies, including the National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

In 1973, Terry worked as a clerk on the DC Appropriations Subcommittee in the service of Senator Birch Bayh, and that launched his remarkable career on this important Senate committee. He has performed in a number of capacities on the Appropriations Committee, including serving as the majority staff director, when I was chairman between 2001-2003. Terry is only 14th person to hold that position since the creation of the Appropriations Committee in 1867.

I have been indeed fortunate to have Terry on my staff for so many years. In every task I have asked him to undertake, including 2 years of service as the Secretary to the minority leader, Terry has performed his duties with courtesy, dedication, efficiency, and diligence. In every position, he has gone above and beyond the call of duty in performing the work of the Senate, and for that, I am truly grateful.

His outstanding service to the Senate has earned him a variety of honors and recognitions. A few years ago, he was

awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Wheeling Jesuit University in West Virginia. Last year, he received the Nyumbant Medallion of Hope for his work in assisting me in the humanitarian fight to bring relief to children with HIV/AIDS in Africa. He is a perennial selection to Roll Call's "Fabulous Fifty" list of top congressional staffers.

In addition to his work in the Senate, Terry served our country for more than 30 years—1963-1994—in the US Coast Guard, where he attained the rank of captain. Once again, he has been the recipient of various honors. He has earned the National Guard's Eagle Award for his role in the U.S. Coast Guard-U.S. National Guard Counter-Drug Program, and the Coast Guard's Meritorious Service Medal.

I have always maintained that, "there are three things that drive Terry Sauvain: his family, his service to our country . . . and Notre Dame." Now Terry receives this well-deserved, prestigious award from his beloved alma mater. I know he is thrilled. I am thrilled for him for his lovely wife of 38 years, Veronica, and their three children, Marie Robertson, Catherine, and Terry, Jr.

Mr. President, I sincerely thank the University of Notre Dame for honoring Terry for his years of dedicated public service to the Senate and to our country. And I congratulate him for being the recipient of this distinguished award.

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL MICHAEL HAGEE

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to GEN Michael W. Hagee, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, as he prepares to relinquish the helm of the Corps and retire to private life after more than 38 years of selfless service to our Nation as a U.S. Marine.

Mike Hagee was well prepared for leadership. Raised in Fredericksburg, TX, as the son of a Navy veteran, General Hagee received an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. After graduating with distinction, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1968. General Hagee also holds a master of science degree in electrical engineering from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, a master of arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, and is a graduate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College.

General Hagee is a Marine's marine. As a battle-tested infantry officer, he served as an infantry platoon and company commander in Vietnam, a battalion commander, Marine expeditionary unit commander, and as the commanding general of the First Marine Division and the First Marine Expeditionary Force. From the fire-swept rice paddies of Vietnam to Operation Iraqi Freedom, his keen vision and steadfast leadership have set the stand-

ard for future generations of marines. In addition to these commands, General Hagee's professional career has included a wide variety of other command and staff assignments including two tours of duty instructing at the U.S. Naval Academy and a tour in the Office of the Director of Central Intelligence.

General Hagee's impeccable service and brave leadership are also reflected in the awards he has received throughout his career. His personal decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with palm, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two Gold Stars, Bronze Star with Combat "V," Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with one Gold Star, Navy Achievement Medal with one Gold Star, the Combat Action Ribbon, and the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal.

In early 2003, General Hagee became the 33rd Commandant of a Marine Corps that was fully engaged in the global war on terror. Since then, many of us in these Chambers have had the privilege to work with General Hagee on matters of great importance to our Nation's defense. The Marine Corps' professionalism, adaptability, and excellence as they operate across the full spectrum of conflict are a testament to his vision and exemplary leadership.

I know that a grateful Nation shares my admiration for the general—a courageous leader whose discerning wisdom and deep sense of duty have been a linchpin to the security of this Nation during a truly challenging time—we have been fortunate in having him as the Commandant of our Corps of Marines. I am confident that my colleagues join me in expressing the gratefulness of the U.S. Senate, as well as thanking his wife Silke and their children for the years they have shared him with his country. Godspeed, General Hagee we wish you well.

THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Mr. REED. Mr. President, most American families have lost ground in the Bush economy and are working harder than ever to keep up with rising living expenses.

The administration is trying to paint a rosy picture of the economy, but the American people know better. They know that the President's policies are not working for them.

Despite 4 years of economic expansion, job growth has been modest, wages are failing to keep pace with inflation, real incomes are falling, household debt is rising, employer-provided health insurance coverage is declining, and private pensions are in jeopardy.

Slow job growth and stagnant wages during the Bush administration have depressed families' incomes. Adjusted for inflation, median household income in 2005 was 2.7 percent lower than it was in 2000 a loss of nearly \$1,300 during President Bush's time in office.