

So happy and so blessed, as he stood so boldly debating near Webster's desk. . . . as ever so he was seen!

Like a modern day Webster, Clay, or Calhoun he too, made history's heart so swoon . . . where, and whenever he convened!

For within his life and within his times, there are but so many great truths about him of which we find,

As he's left us with such great lessons, with such bright lights . . . to touch all of our children's hearts and minds!

All about being warm and kind, all about passion within hearts & within strong minds, and that no mountain cannot be climbed!

As he was a shining voice!

As he was a Liberal's Liberal, as he was truly his people's choice!

A battler no doubt, while reaching out. . . . ever speaking out. . . . for all of those others, who so surely had no voice!

If only but as Paul. . . . we too. . . . in our lives. . . . and our times. . . . could all so live . . .

Oh what great gifts we could shine, to these our children and this our world in our time, Oh such warm blessings we would give!

For in this our lives and in these our times, will we such the courage find, To Walk With Giants, touching the lives of all who live!

In Memory of a great American Patriot—Paul Wellstone—his wife Sheila, and his precious daughter Marcia, and all those aboard the plane. May our Lord bless the families and help them to find peace. (This was read in Minnesota, on television for his memorial.)

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COMMENDING STAFF OF PENROSE-ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL

• Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to those individuals from Penrose-St. Francis Hospital in Colorado Springs, CO, who graciously agreed to provide medical attention to retired Air Force veteran Mr. Richard Mc Whorter following a critical injury in April, 2006, while working in Amman, Jordan.

The staff of Penrose-St. Francis worked quickly and tirelessly to arrange for the appropriate procedures in order to best help Mr. Mc Whorter given the urgency and unfortunate extenuating circumstances. Most notably, Penrose-St. Francis was willing to absorb all costs for any treatment performed. Tragically, Mr. Mc Whorter passed away prior to his return to the United States for treatment.

Nonetheless, the honorable intentions of those at Penrose-St. Francis are worthy of acknowledgment and their demonstration of compassion should serve as an example for others in the health care industry.

I would like to thank the following individuals for their kindness and generosity in attempting to save Mr. Mc Whorter following his accident. I would also like to issue my sincere condolences to the Mc Whorter family for their loss.

Dr. Dave Ross
Dr. Roger Nagy
Dr. Bill Chambers

Dr. Michael Brown
Dr. Glen House
President and CEO Rick O'Connell
Ms. Pat Burgess

RECOGNIZING JNO S SOLENBERGER & CO.

• Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to acknowledge Jno S Solenberger & Co., Inc. of Winchester, VA, for over 100 years of service. Throughout the years, the success of Jno S Solenberger & Co., Inc has been based on the belief of providing excellent customer service.

When the hardware store first opened over a century ago, its founders, John S. Solenberger and his cousin Daniel Stouffer, worked tirelessly to build a company known for its quality products and excellent customer service. Four generations later, John T. Solenberger, Jr., the current president of the company, still upholds the original vision of his great-grandfather, contributing in his own way toward the company growing success through numerous expansions and renovations.

Solenberger many contributions to Winchester rich historical heritage, including his commitment to serving his customers with the utmost care and expertise, are significant accomplishments. I am proud to stand before you today and recognize Jno S Solenberger & Co., Inc. as a fine exemplar to the business community of Virginia.●

RECOGNIZING BANK OF CLARKE COUNTY

• Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to acknowledge the 100th anniversary of Bank of Clarke County, the first independent, privately owned bank in Berryville, VA. More than a century ago, 10 local investors decided that a community bank would assist in the continued recovery from the Civil War's reconstruction efforts. After pooling together \$10,000 in capital, the Bank of Clarke County was formed. As the oldest continuously operating bank in the area, Bank of Clarke County has remained committed to serving the local communities and its citizens. Its success today can be attributed to its long-term vision and dedicated staff.

Over the years, Bank of Clarke has undergone numerous expansions and renovations, permanently moving to the greater Winchester area in 1992 and opening 10 full-service branch locations, one express branch, and a network of 23 local ATMs. Despite their continual expansion and growth as a business, Bank of Clarke County remains dedicated to serving the community through volunteer work with over 150 local organizations.

The Bank of Clarke County continues to perform outstanding work in serving its local citizens and the entire Commonwealth of Virginia. I congratulate its members on their continued run of success, and thank them for the work they are doing to make Virginia a better place to live, work, and raise a family.●

RECOGNIZING THE SHOCKEY COMPANIES

• Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to acknowledge the Shockey Companies for over 100 years of service. When the company began in 1896, its founder, Mr. Howard Shockey, developed a reputation in Winchester, VA, for his superior craftsmanship and hard working attitude. Today, more than three generations later, the Shockey Companies have remained true to their commitment to serve the Winchester and mid-Atlantic region with the craftsmanship, quality, and old-fashioned values that the company was first built upon.

Over the past three generations, the Shockey Companies expanded even further, working on transportation projects for interstate bridges and interchanges on the highways of Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Their early adoption of improved concrete methods and materials was instrumental in the company efforts to save time and reduce costs.

Their continual commitment to provide Virginians with the highest level of expertise and technology speaks to the company integrity and consistent standard of excellence. On behalf of the many Virginian families and communities who have benefited from the Shockey Companies services over the last century, I would like to express my sincere appreciation.●

RECOGNIZING WINCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER

• Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to acknowledge Winchester Medical Center for over 100 years of service. Over the past century, Winchester Medical Center has worked tirelessly to build a hospital committed to providing extensive and sophisticated medical services using the most advanced technology and science. Its success today can be attributed to its long-term vision and dedicated staff, which both the local community of Winchester and I are immensely proud of.

In 1903 the Winchester Medical Center had just 35 beds, four employees, and one patient. Since then, it has evolved into one of the premier regional medical centers in the United States, now boasting 405 beds, 2,483 full-time employees, a team of devoted volunteers who worked 76,000 hours last year alone, and numerous renovations. The center specializes in heart care and open heart surgery, cancer care, orthopedic surgery, 24-hour emergency services, including a helipad and neonatal intensive care transport, neurosciences, rehabilitation services, behavioral health, and women and children services. With such a highly qualified staff, it is no surprise that patients