

dedicated service at the Defense Intelligence Agency, DIA. "Sal," who has worked for all 16 Directors of the DIA, will be retiring on January 3, 2007. He will be sorely missed by the Select Committee on Intelligence.

Sal has had a long and distinguished Government career. Sal served with honor in the Army in the Vietnam War, working as an intelligence officer with the "Phoenix" program. After his discharge from the Army in 1969, Sal joined DIA, just 8 years after its establishment as an agency and went right back to Vietnam for a 1-year tour as a civilian intelligence officer.

After finishing his service in Vietnam, Sal returned to the United States to work in DIA's Arlington Hall Station facility in northern Virginia. During the next decade, Mr. Ferro drew on his wartime experience and his analytical talents to work on issues related to American servicemen taken as prisoners of war or declared missing in action in Southeast Asia.

In 1991, Sal moved over to DIA's Office for Congressional Affairs in the Pentagon. This is when our committee really came to know Sal. He has been an invaluable asset to the members and staff of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. He has been tenacious in getting answers to our many questions and requests for information. He has taken pride in being responsive and making sure that DIA consistently met our deadlines. More important, his professionalism, diplomatic skills, and amazingly positive personality have smoothed over countless ripples in DIA's relations with Congress. Ask any Intelligence Committee staffer who has dealt with Sal over the years, and they will tell you that he is not only a pleasure to work with, he is also a good friend. You can always count on Sal for a kind word and a "happy Friday."

Sal has supported the Intelligence Committee's oversight work on countless topics. Some of the most significant and time-consuming include the 9/11 Joint Inquiry, the review of the intelligence community's prewar intelligence assessments on Iraq, and the Able Danger review. I will always be most grateful to Sal for his tireless support over the years in my efforts to resolve the status of Navy pilot CAPT Scott Speicher, who has been missing since the first gulf war.

Mr. Sal Ferro is a true national intelligence asset, and he has been one of the Defense Intelligence Agency's secret weapons. He will be missed.

Thank you for your service, Sal, and don't be a stranger. ●

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. NORMAN DUFFY

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, today I join the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, CASE, and the Carnegie Foundation in honoring Dr. Norman Duffy. Dr. Duffy, a chemistry professor at Wheeling Jesuit University, has personified both the best in education and the best in West Virginia throughout his career.

After receiving his bachelor of science in chemistry from Georgetown University, where he continued his studies as a doctoral student, Dr. Duffy began his career as a graduate and research assistant. His research then took him overseas where he became a NATO postdoctoral fellow at University College in London. After receiving his Ph.D. he began his teaching career at Kent State University where he first became a full professor and then eventually chairman of the Department of Chemistry.

Upon his departure from Kent State University in 1996, Dr. Duffy joined the faculty of Wheeling Jesuit University, WJU. From 1996 to 2000 he was chairman of the Department of Biology and Chemistry and from 2000 to 2002 he was Chairman of the Department of Chemistry. He continues teaching small classes that allow him to focus on individualized education as a professor in the Department of Chemistry.

In addition to his illustrious teaching career, Dr. Duffy has done a great deal to further the general public's knowledge of chemistry and has been acknowledged for doing so. He has released 95 publications, authored 14 research grants at WJU, including three from the National Science Foundation, and has received many honors and awards including the Exemplary Teacher award from the American Association of Higher Education during their 25th anniversary celebration in 1994.

In my decades of service to the people of West Virginia in the Senate, I have become very familiar with Wheeling Jesuit University and its outstanding academic programs. For 10 consecutive years US News and World Report has ranked WJU as among the best master's universities in the South.

Wheeling Jesuit has become one of the leading universities in the country in helping to educate and prepare students for the dynamic economy of the 21st century. WJU is home to the brand new \$10 million Acker Science Center, the Robert C. Byrd National Technology Transfer Center, the Erma Ora Byrd Center for Educational Technologies, and NASA's flagship educational program, The Classroom of the Future, which uses simulated space missions as a way to teach elementary and high school students about science and math.

The true legacy of a teacher is the mark that their students leave on the world, and by that measurement Dr. Duffy has certainly had a remarkable career. He has taught future Fulbright Scholars, many students who have received departmental honors, and, of course, students who have been inspired enough by his example to become teachers themselves.

As a teacher, Dr. Duffy admits his work is never finished. Whenever he is asked if he plans to retire, Dr. Duffy responds by asking, "Does everyone in West Virginia understand chemistry?" Dr. Duffy's dedication is obvious and inspiring. ●

#### JOHN "BUCK" O'NEIL EULOGY

● Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, today I wish to pay my respects and to say goodbye to a man who was bigger than life itself. John Jordan "Buck" O'Neil passed away on Friday, October 6, in Kansas City at the age of 94. Buck was a gifted baseball player, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, a devoted community leader, a role model for young and old and a good friend he was and will always be an American Hero.

I count myself as truly fortunate to have known Buck and will always cherish the opportunities I had to visit with him. When I think of Buck, I think of a great and loving man with a heart as big as Kansas City who believed that love and education could heal all wounds. I think of his near mythical baseball career, a career that spanned seven decades, making him a foremost authority of the game and one of its greatest ambassadors. I think of his contributions to his community as a role model and to society as a leader in the civil rights movement. Buck's contributions to the game of baseball and society will be everlasting.

I'd like to take a few minutes to tell you a little bit about Buck's life.

Buck O'Neil, the player, was a first baseman and manager for the Kansas City Monarchs from 1937 through 1955. His achievements include hitting .353 and leading his team to the 1942 Negro World Series Title. His career batting average of .288, included four .300-plus seasons winning batting titles in 1940 and 1946, hitting .345 and .353 respectively. Buck played in the 1942, 1943 and 1949 East-West All-Star Classics and barnstormed with the Satchel Paige All-Stars during the 1930s and 1940s.

Buck O'Neil, the manager, led the Monarchs from 1948 through 1955. His achievements as a manager include sending more Negro League players to the Major Leagues than any other manager in baseball history, including Ernie Banks, Elston Howard, Connie Johnson, Sweet Lou Johnson, and Satchel Paige. He led the Monarchs to league titles in 1948, 1950, 1951 and 1953 and he managed the West squad in the East-West All-Star game in 1950, 1952, 1954 and 1955—the West won all four contests.

In 1956, Buck was hired by the Chicago Cubs as a scout paving the way for him to make history 6 years later when he became the first African American to coach in the Major Leagues. As a scout he discovered such superstars as Lou Brock and Joe Carter. In 1988, after more than 30 years with the Cubs, he returned home to Kansas City to scout for the Kansas City Royals.

The work Buck did after his retirement from the game are arguably more significant to the history of baseball than his exploits on the field as a player, scout and manager. Buck's true passion over the past 16 years was to share with the world the contributions that