

daughter was watching on C-SPAN2 and said: I didn't even know Mom could juggle.

Being a legislative director and a staff director has cost her a lot of time from home. But she has been able to work her family life into her work schedule as the top priority that it needs to be. Now she will have more time to spend with her own team at home that needs her love and attention. Her husband David, along with her children Ellie and Cooper, have all been very supportive during her Senate years. She is now going to try something new, and once again her family will be there for her, supporting her, and providing the assistance she will continue to need as she pursues her new career.

It will be difficult to say goodbye to Katherine. When she leaves the Senate, she will be greatly missed. Someday soon, we will have found someone to take on the responsibilities that she leaves behind, but we will never be able to replace her. Her constant warm and genuine smile, her concern for all the people on her staff, and her unique ability to size up a political situation immediately upon contact—unmatched. She has been a tremendous addition to my personal and committee staffs, and we will miss her daily presence in our lives.

Like most offices, our staffs are more than our legislative teams, they are extended family. That will not change. She will forever be a member of the Enzi family—another daughter.

The Senate is a place to work unlike any other in the world. It welcomes only those with special skills and unique abilities and provides them with a tremendous opportunity to make this great Nation of ours a better place in which to live.

In the end, that will be Katherine's legacy after 17 years of service in the Senate. On my staff, and before that, serving with Senator Al Simpson and Senator RICHARD LUGAR, she has made the most of every opportunity she was given, and she can be proud of the record of success she has compiled over the years in every area of her life.

We know from the Bible that we chart our course in life in our hearts, but God directs our steps. God has directed these new steps in Katherine's life, and I know she will continue to make the most of every step that God moves her to take.

Good luck and God bless you and your family, Katherine. Don't forget us. We will not forget you. In fact, we are going to leave a light burning in a window of the Capitol dome so you can always find your way back home. Thanks for your years of service.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, if I could make one comment. I have known Katherine for a long time. She is one of the truly great staffers on Capitol Hill.

I want you to know how much all of us have appreciated the work you do,

and with this great Senator you have been working for. I appreciate it.

Mr. President, the distinguished Senator from North Dakota has asked that I yield for a unanimous consent request, and then I would like to retain the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from North Dakota is recognized.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Utah. My understanding is the Senator from Utah will speak and the Senator from Rhode Island will be recognized. We will reconvene at 2:15 following the caucus. So I ask unanimous consent that I be recognized at 2:15 for 30 minutes in morning business.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Utah is recognized.

TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA KNIGHT

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I may need a little more than 10 minutes because this is an important speech for me.

I am grateful for the opportunity today to pay tribute to a wonderful woman, dedicated public servant, health policy expert and my chief of staff, Patricia Knight, or as many know her in the Senate—Trisha.

We were all sad to learn last week that, after over 34 years of public service, Trisha has decided to leave the Senate family at the end of the year, which in the arcane ways of the Senate could be any number of days between now and December 31. In fact, had I been able to convince her to stay until January 7, we would have been able to celebrate with her the 34th anniversary of her first job on Capitol Hill.

Trisha was born here in the District and grew up in Arlington. She progressed through Jamestown Elementary School, Williamsburg Junior High School and Yorktown High School. We like to kid her about the fact that this is the pathway that launched CBS newswoman Katie Couric.

When I first approached Trish about being my chief of staff, she quickly pointed out that she was not from Utah. However, always thinking on her feet, she rapidly concluded that graduating from Syracuse University, or Syracuse U, was close enough to 4 years in Syracuse Utah! And that became her story.

I might add that she graduated magna cum laude from Syracuse University, where she majored in anthropology and photojournalism, which makes her in my mind uniquely qualified to work in this body.

Trisha never intended to work on Capitol Hill. She is the daughter of a pair of Washington journalists, both deceased. But, I know they are watching over her and are very proud of what she has accomplished.

She always reminds the young people who come to work in my office that she got her first Federal job by walking up and down Constitution Avenue passing out resumes and the old Civil Service form SF-171.

She was initially hired as a temporary typist at the U.S. Department of Commerce, which it turned out was a lucky career start, because she found out later she had flunked the typing test but they hired her anyway.

That became her launching pad for work in the office of our former colleague, and then House member, Senator Jim Broyhill of North Carolina, the ranking Republican on the Energy and Commerce Committee.

He trained her well. She moved from caseworker, to legislative correspondent, to legislative assistant. I would like to say it was a meteoric rise—but in those days the average Hill staffer stayed more than 2 years. Trisha was there for almost 8 years—day, night, and many weekends.

I knew she would be a real asset to my staff because of her considerable government experience.

Before coming to the U.S. Senate, Trisha served in the executive branch for Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush. It is interesting that she worked at two cabinet agencies twice—the Commerce Department and Health and Human Services. The Cabinet secretaries she served include Richard Schweiker, Margaret Heckler, Otis Bowen, M.D., Lou Sullivan, M.D., and Bob Mosbacher.

Trisha is perhaps best known for her work at HHS—she served twice as a deputy assistant secretary at the Department of Health and Human Services and is considered by many as one of the top health policy experts in Washington, D.C. In that job, she was a line officer in the Public Health Service, as well as a staffer for the Secretary, and she worked for some of my favorite people—Dr. Ron Docksai, Dr. Bob Windom, and Dr. James O. Mason.

In addition to her work for Senator Broyhill when he served in the House, she has also served on the staff of the House Appropriations Committee, where she was minority clerk for the legendary Silvio Conte of Massachusetts on three appropriations bills: Commerce-State-Justice; Legislative Branch; and Foreign Operations.

I felt very fortunate when Trisha agreed to work in my office as a volunteer after the defeat of President George H.W. Bush. In fact, I tried to hire her the first week, but she flippanantly informed me I didn't have the budget to do it.

A few months later, I found that money, and she joined my health staff, rising quickly to become my health policy director.

She is one of the shrewdest, smartest, most effective legislative minds in the Senate. She deeply understands the legislative process and has cultivated relationships with health policy experts throughout this country and