

the example Paul set as a soldier, father, and grandfather. Today and always, he will be remembered by family, friends and fellow Hoosiers as a true American hero, and we cherish the legacy of his service and his life.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Paul E. Andersen in the official RECORD of the U.S. Senate for his service to this country and for his profound commitment to freedom, democracy, and peace. I pray that Paul's family can find comfort in the words of the prophet Isaiah, who said, "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces."

May God grant strength and peace to those who mourn, and may God be with all of you, as I know He is with Paul.

ADVANCED TACTICAL LASER

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, under paragraph 9 of rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I am here by submitting a description of Senate amendment No. 2605 that was accepted by unanimous consent to H.R. 3326 as follows:

Item: Additional User Evaluation and System Study for Advanced Tactical Laser (ATL)

Request Amount: \$5.0M.

Requestor: Boeing Corporation

Address: Boeing—SVS, 4411 The 25 Way NE #350, Albuquerque, NM 87109-5858

Suggested Location of Performance (major portion of the work): Albuquerque, NM.

Senate amendment No. 2605 proposes to allocate up to \$5 million consistent with the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board report entitled "The Airborne Tactical Laser (ATL) Feasibility for Gunship Operations" to conduct additional enhanced user evaluation of the ATL and enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center to conduct a system analysis of integrating solid state laser systems onto C-130, B-1, and F-35 platforms for the purpose of close air support. Such system study shall estimate per unit costs of such laser systems as well costs to operate and maintain each platform with the laser system.

Why Spending is in Interest to the Taxpayer: The Air Force Scientific Advisory Board report entitled "The Airborne Tactical Laser (ATL) Feasibility for Gunship Operations" made a number of recommendations regarding the advanced tactical laser. In addition to phasing out the ATL chemical laser system and transitioning to an electric laser system, the board recommended that additional enhanced user evaluations take place of the integrated laser-gunship system so that the most data possible can be collected of the funds spent to date on operational aspects of the tactical laser system regardless of laser characteristics. In addition, the board questioned the utility of placing tactical laser systems on high-speed platforms such as the F-35

and B-1, which were not designed for low speed, long-loiter close air support missions and recommended a system study of the available platforms to understand the cost per unit of integrating the laser onto each platform as well as long-term operations and maintenance costs with each integrated system. Senate amendment No. 2605 carries out the recommendations of the board to get the best benefit of the taxpayer's dollar spent to date and into the future on tactical laser systems under development by the Air Force.

I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD a letter dated October 7, 2009.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. SENATE,

Washington, DC, October 7, 2009.

Hon. DANIEL INOUE,
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, Senate Appropriations Committee, Senate Dirksen Office Building, Washington, DC.

Hon. THAD COCHRAN,
Vice Chairman, Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, Senate Appropriations Committee, Senate Dirksen Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN INOUE AND VICE-CHAIRMAN COCHRAN: On October 6th, the Senate adopted by unanimous consent Senate Amendment 2605, which proposes to allocate up to \$5 million consistent with the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board report entitled "The Airborne Tactical Laser (ATL) Feasibility for Gunship Operations" to conduct additional Enhanced User Evaluation of the ATL and enter into an agreement with a Federally Funded Research and Development Center to conduct a system analysis of integrating solid state laser systems onto C-130, B-1 and F-35 platforms for the purpose of close air support.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in this congressionally directed spending item, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. I further certify that I have submitted a description of the amendment in the Congressional Record and on my official website, along with the accompanying justification. If you have any questions, contact Dr. Jonathan S. Epstein on my staff.

Sincerely,

JEFF BINGAMAN,
U.S. Senator.

REMEMBERING BELLE ACKERMAN LIPMAN

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I wish to remember the life of an extraordinary woman. Belle Ackerman Lipman passed away at her home in Memphis, TN, on August 17, 2009, in the 100th year of her remarkable life. A beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, Mrs. Lipman is a model for all of us who hope to live life fully and for all the years granted us.

A daughter of Romanian immigrants, Belle Ackerman was born in 1910 in Philadelphia, where her parents owned a general store. Just five blocks away from the store lived young Mark Lipman, who would become the love of

Belle's life. The businessman and his young wife moved not long after their marriage to Little Rock, AR, where Mark saw new business opportunities, and then in 1958 to Memphis, TN. There, Belle Lipman became a pillar of the community. Her work in civic affairs was extensive. She was president of the Little Rock chapter of Hassadah, the worldwide Jewish women's organization, among a host of endeavors in charity, service and the arts.

But it is not those remarkable accomplishments alone that made Belle Lipman such a special woman. As years passed, her zest for life, for new experience, and to learn of new cultures grew apace. A lifelong interest in travel made her one of the first American citizens to travel to China after diplomatic relations with that nation were reestablished in 1979. Her travels took her to a hot-air balloon over the plains of Kenya, the rivers of the Amazon, and the ancient cities of Peru. She rode the Orient Express at the age of 87. At 92, she crossed the Arctic Circle. At 95, she visited the mountains of Tibet and a host of other places. At her 95th birthday party, she celebrated the only way she knew how, with verve by dancing the Charleston.

Belle Lipman was a model—a model of how to live life to the fullest and how a thirst for new experiences can fill a lifetime. My wife Barbara and I send our condolences to her beloved children, her son Ira and her daughter Carol, her grandchildren, and her great-grandchildren. We do so with the sure knowledge that the joy of Belle Lipman's life will over time ease the pain of her passing, leaving the warmest of memories to sustain family and friends.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO LOUISIANA WWII VETERANS

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I am proud to honor a group of 90 World War II veterans from all over Louisiana who traveled to Washington, DC, on September 26 to visit the various memorials and monuments that recognize the sacrifices of our Nation's invaluable service members.

Louisiana HonorAir, a group based in Lafayette, LA, sponsored this trip to the Nation's Capital. The organization is honoring surviving World War II Louisiana veterans by giving them an opportunity to see the memorials dedicated to their service. The veterans visited the World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Iwo Jima Memorials. They also traveled to Arlington National Cemetery.

This was the first of three flights Louisiana HonorAir made to Washington, DC, this fall. It is the 18th flight to depart from Louisiana, which has sent more HonorAir flights than any other State to the Nation's Capital.