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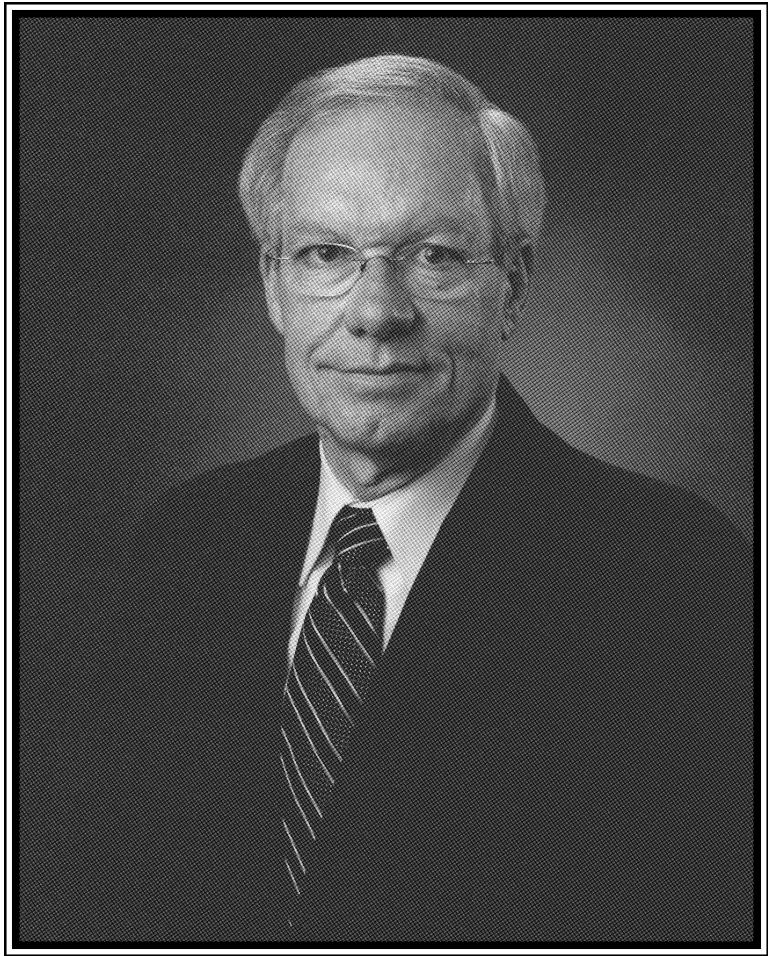
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BIOGRAPHY

U.S. Senator WAYNE ALLARD is a Colorado veterinarian committed to cutting taxes, eliminating the deficit, returning power to State and local governments, and ensuring the security of America both at home and abroad.

Consistent with his belief that elected officials should be citizen-legislators, Senator ALLARD spent a majority of his time in Colorado. Since 1991, he has conducted more than 700 town meetings across Colorado, visiting each of Colorado's 64 counties several times, while maintaining a 99-percent voting record in the Senate. He also has led by example by being the most frugal member of the Colorado delegation and has returned more than \$4.2 million in unspent office funds to the U.S. Treasury since being elected to Congress.

Senator ALLARD was a member of the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee, where he worked to shape the Nation's spending priorities and to ensure that Colorado's people and projects received Federal support where it was most needed. The Senator was the Republican leader of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, in addition to serving on the Legislative Branch, Energy and Water, Military Construction, Transportation, and Financial Services Subcommittees.

Senator ALLARD also served on the Senate Budget Committee. As a fiscal conservative, he believed that Congress must reduce wasteful spending and strive for a balanced budget.

As a member of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, Senator ALLARD was the ranking member of the Securities, Insurance, and Investment Banking Subcommittee where he advocated for increased national attention to the importance of savings plans and investments and small business concerns. He also served on the Financial Services and Housing and Transportation Subcommittees.

In the 110th Congress Senator ALLARD also served on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, where he was actively involved in the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act and work to increase access to health care. WAYNE ALLARD served on two important sub-

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committees on this committee: the Children and Families Subcommittee and the Employment and Workplace Subcommittee.

As founder of the Senate Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus, and chairman of the Senate Space Caucus, Senator ALLARD was a national leader on energy and science-related issues.

Born in Fort Collins, CO, in 1943 and raised on a ranch near Walden, CO, Senator ALLARD received his doctorate of veterinary medicine from Colorado State University in 1968. While completing veterinary school, WAYNE ALLARD married Joan Malcolm, a microbiologist and fellow graduate of CSU. They built their veterinary practice in Loveland, the Allard Animal Hospital, from scratch and raised their two daughters, Christi and Cheryl, in Loveland. The Allards have five grandsons.

Senator ALLARD ran his veterinary practice full time, while representing Larimer and Weld Counties in the Colorado State Senate from 1983 to 1990. A longtime supporter of term limits, Senator ALLARD was best known during his time in the State senate for sponsoring the Colorado law that limits State legislative sessions to 120 days, preserving the concept of a citizen-legislator.

Senator ALLARD was a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Colorado's Fourth Congressional District from 1991 to 1996 when he was elected to the U.S. Senate. As a Colorado Congressman, WAYNE ALLARD served on the Joint Committee on Congressional Reform, which recommended many of the reforms that were incorporated into the Contract with America. These reforms were among the first legislative items passed by the Republican-controlled Congress in 1995. Senator ALLARD was reelected to the U.S. Senate in 2002.

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Farewell to the Senate

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I would like to wrap up with a few comments. I have spent 12 years in the Senate, 18 years in the Congress all together, when you consider the 6 years I served in the House of Representatives. I can say it has been a great experience. In my view, I have represented the best State in the Union. We refer to it as the Centennial State because it joined the Union exactly 100 years after we became the United States.

It has always been enjoyable to talk to my colleagues and talk to visitors to the Capitol about my State of Colorado because they have usually had great experiences when they have visited my State. It is a tourist attraction. We have a lot of things that bring people to Colorado. It is a beautiful State. People have great vacations when they go there, and they are more than anxious to share their wonderful experiences with me, share the wonderful and welcoming attitude they experienced from the people of Colorado, and share with me how much they have enjoyed visiting the great State of Colorado.

And, when people get tired of talking about the great State of Colorado, we have always been able to talk about their favorite cat or their favorite dog because, as a veterinarian, it has always been a common interest among many of my colleagues in the Senate, as well as visitors to our office, to talk to me about their favorite pet. So it has been a wonderful experience.

This is the greatest legislative body in the world. It is an honor to serve here. There are a lot of dedicated employees who have helped me get things done in this body. They put their own political preferences aside and thought of the well-being of the institution. They have always been very polite and most supportive and helpful. I wish to thank them.

I have had great employees in my office. I wish to mention that you get things done because of the people with whom you surround yourself. I have two members who are currently on my staff who have served with me since I was first

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elected to the Congress. I was elected to the House of Representatives in 1990. They came in with me and worked with me on the House side for 6 years and then they came over here and continued to work in my office for the last 12 years. I appreciate their dedication. Those kinds of people don't come along every day. They spent 18 years with me, bless their souls. The two I speak of are Sean Conway and Doris Morgan. Both of them have been dedicated staff people who have helped to make my service to the people of Colorado successful.

There are also some staffers who joined me after I became a Senator in 1997, in addition to the two I mentioned, including Andy Merritt, who is now my State director; Dick Poole, who is one of my top staff people; Tewana Wilkerson, who has helped me on the Banking Committee; and Kris Hanisch, who has helped us balance our books as well as helping us to move through the maze here in the Senate. We do have our own little bureaucracy in the Senate. She knows it and understands it and has helped us move through it. She has been my office manager and has kept us on the straight and narrow. I appreciate the dedication of all of the employees who have worked with me.

I have a great group of employees currently serving me in my office. We have had a number of people who have come and gone, but I never felt it was because they were disappointed in having to work in our office. When I talked to people who came to work as employees in my office, I would say, "If your ultimate goal is to work in a Senate office, I want you to rethink your goals. I want you to get an experience here that will help you grow once you leave the Senate, so you can be a better citizen, so you can contribute more fully to whatever path you decide to assume once you leave this great body and leave our office." So I have always tried to encourage them to think about where they want to go. We have had employees who have worked in my office, continued their education, and have become very outstanding. I have a number of former staff people who are actually serving in elected office; I think some five or six people right now who are serving. They decided to go back to Colorado and pursue elected office. I congratulate them, as they are very active citizens in their communities.

I wish to mention some of the committee chairmen I have had an opportunity to work with. One of the committees I was successful in getting on was the Budget Committee with Pete Domenici as chairman, and then Judd Gregg following

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him, and now we have Senator Kent Conrad. All of these chairmen have been very gracious and helpful in working with me on issues.

Then I have had the chance to serve on the Armed Services Committee. Senator John Warner, a great friend, and somebody who is retiring and who has been very helpful, served as the chairman while I was on the committee.

I also served on the Banking Committee. The first chairman I served under was Phil Gramm, and then Richard Shelby, and now Chris Dodd. I have to say I have been blessed with great leadership on all of those committees.

I also served on the Intelligence Committee. I served with Senator Shelby, who was chairman, and Senator Kerrey who was ranking member at the time I served on the committee.

Now I serve on a different committee this Congress, the HELP Committee. It deals with health, education, pension, and labor issues. My well-known colleague here in the Senate, Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts, is chairman of that committee. He is a wonderful person and someone whom I greatly appreciate and who has spent a lot of time in Colorado, I might say.

I also serve with my very good friend who was chairman of that committee for a while, Senator Enzi. I couldn't ask for a better friend. He is from Wyoming, a neighbor of Colorado. So we had many issues in common, and both Joan and I consider Diana and Mike Enzi our very good friends.

I wish to say a few things about those people who are retiring, starting with Senator Pete Domenici, who I mentioned was my chairman on the Budget Committee. I have worked with him also on the Appropriations Committee. I worked with him on energy issues and issues that are common to New Mexico and the State of Colorado. His service here in the Senate has been remarkable and dedicated. The West has been blessed that we have had such a good spokesman as Senator Domenici out there, carrying many of the issues that are important to his neighboring States, as well as New Mexico. The institution will miss him. I am sure New Mexico will miss him. I consider it an honor and a pleasure to have served with him.

Senator Warner I mentioned earlier. We couldn't ask for a greater statesman. He has made a number of trips to Colorado. I worked with him on the defense authorization bill. He has been more than considerate and helpful to those issues that are important to Colorado. He has been supportive on matters that we worked on for Fort Carson and

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for Peterson Air Force Base and the Air Force Academy and the many other issues involving the military and military installations we have in Colorado. He has been tough at times, but his leadership has been greatly appreciated by me. I think the Senate and the country have been blessed because Senator Warner has been willing to dedicate so much of his time and effort to making this a better country, a stronger country. He is somebody with whom I am very proud to have been able to serve.

Also retiring is Senator Larry Craig from Idaho, another westerner with whom I found a lot in common. He and I both have strong agricultural roots. He has been a very strong advocate of those issues important to the West and his State of Idaho. Again, I have appreciated working with him on national park issues and public lands issues. He is a superb individual.

Another individual I wish to recognize who is retiring is Senator Chuck Hagel from Nebraska; again, one of the neighboring States of Colorado. The State of Nebraska is downstream from Colorado. So we have ribbed each other a little bit about water issues. Basically, though, we have been partners on water issues. We have been able to work together on many issues that have improved the management of water in the Platte River drainage system, which is one of the many rivers that originates in Colorado and flows downstream. I also worked with Senator Hagel on the Banking Committee. He was one who pushed early on for the reform of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. He brought to this institution a great deal of experience. Again, he has decided to retire the same year as I have. I will always remember Senator Chuck Hagel and our relationship and how we have been able to work together, I think for the betterment of both of our States.

I would be remiss if I didn't brag about my partner and my wife, Joan Allard. Joan has spent much of her time being with me, whether I have been in Colorado or here in the Senate. Senator Mitch McConnell talked about the town meetings she attended. She attended about as many of those town meetings as I. It has been kind of embarrassing at times because sometimes the number of people who came just to see her in the back of the room was large and they were having more fun back there than I was, up front trying to conduct the meeting. People loved Joan as they got to know her throughout the State of Colorado. Her dedication to me and to her family and the people of Colorado is re-

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markable and unique. We are known as partners here in the Senate. Wherever I go, Joan is very close by, and people are used to seeing us both at receptions. Many times I was invited to events where they wanted me to come alone. I said, "No, I want my wife with me, and if you can't accept my wife, maybe we won't make the reception," because she is somebody who I didn't want to be divorced from this process. She has been willing to make a personal commitment in time and in supporting me in my work. So I wanted to make sure that the responsibilities of serving in the Senate didn't drive a wedge between what a wonderful relationship we have had. She worked side by side with me at the veterinary hospital. We worked and met the challenges of raising two wonderful daughters of whom we are very proud, and now we are seeing grandsons coming up. So I couldn't have asked for a more dedicated wife. We still have a lot ahead of us. I am very pleased that she was willing to take an interest in my job of representing the people of Colorado.

The first vote I took in the House and in the Congress was on whether to authorize the first gulf war in 1991. That was a tough vote. I have now possibly cast my last vote on the economic bailout or the stabilization act we voted on yesterday. So my congressional career has been bookended by hugely significant votes that have humbled me in terms of the trust the people of Colorado have granted. I wish to thank the people of Colorado who have been supportive and who have expressed their views to me in my town meetings, letters, e-mails, faxes, and phone calls. My office has sent out roughly 2.1 million constituent letters since I was sworn in. I say honestly that I relish every opportunity to hear from and explain myself to the people of Colorado. Even those who weren't supportive and who expressed those views in town meetings, letters, e-mails, faxes and phone calls, I thank them for that.

I have no regrets and leave this institution with a clear conscience. I have been true to my campaign promises and have worked to hold down taxes, hold down spending, hold down the growth of government here in Washington, and I have fought to balance the budget. I have worked to defend local control and keep America strong. I have kept in mind private property rights and the power of the State in managing its own water resources.

It is time to say goodbye and wish my colleagues the very best, and to wish my successor, whoever that might be, the very best. It is time for Joan and me to move on, hopefully

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returning to a future in the private sector. I came to Washington with small business experience, and I hope to continue working in the business sector. The challenge, as I see it, is for future Congresses to protect the freedom that continues to create opportunity for us and future generations and to ensure that we have a secure America.

May God bless America, and may God bless Congress' future endeavors.

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Proceedings in the Senate

WEDNESDAY, *September 24, 2008*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, Senator Pete Domenici, who is retiring from the Senate this year after serving since 1972, once said to me that we don't say goodbye in the Senate very well. As a matter of fact, we don't say hello very well either. We have a little orientation program, but we abruptly arrive and leave. We leave in the midst of a lot of turmoil and discussion with very little time to say goodbye. Yet in between that arrival and leaving, we have very intense personal relationships. We virtually live with each other. We see each other often for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. We see each other more than we see our families. So when there is a time for saying goodbye, we look for ways to say it a little better.

There are five Members of our body, all of them Republicans, who have announced their retirement for this year. While I won't be speaking at length about them here today, I want to recognize their service. I will do it in the traditional way in the Senate, which is to start with seniority. By "seniority," I mean from the time I have known them. . . .

Finally, there is Senator WAYNE ALLARD. We have two veterinarians in the Senate. When WAYNE ALLARD goes back to Colorado, we will have one. Senator ALLARD told the people of Colorado if he was elected that he would serve two terms. He has, and he is keeping his pledge. He has been a strong and vigorous advocate of military preparedness. He is a member of the Armed Services Committee. He has been a member of the Appropriations Committee.

One of Senator ALLARD's great contributions in the last couple of years was to take a job that many others probably wouldn't have wanted and plow into it. When the Capitol Visitor Center, which is almost open, was being worked on and running over budget and had some problems, Senator ALLARD, through his chairmanship of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee, was able to jump into that and provide a great service. . . .

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I say to all five of those Senators, we will miss them. We are grateful for their service. I know people must look at the Senate in many different ways.

Let me conclude by telling a story about how some teachers look at it. We have a tradition in the Senate of making a maiden address. It is kind of a funny name, but we still call it that. We pick the subject of most interest to us. My subject was to put the teaching of U.S. history and civics back in its proper place in the school curriculum so our children would grow up learning what it means to be an American. There is not too much the Federal Government can do about that, but what we were able to do is to begin summer academies for outstanding teachers and students of American history. One group of those teachers was here in July, one from each State. I brought them on the Senate floor early one morning. I took them to Daniel Webster's desk, which is occupied by the senior Senator from New Hampshire right here by me. I took them back to that part of the Senate where Jefferson Davis' desk is, occupied by the senior Senator from Mississippi, and told them the story of how the marks in the desk are because a Union soldier came in during the Civil War and started chopping on it with his sword. His commanding officer came in and said, "Stop that. We are here to protect the Union, not to destroy it."

This Chamber is full of history, full of our country. Anyone who stands on this floor and sees the engravings of "In God We Trust" or "E Pluribus Unum" and gets a sense of what has happened here has respect for it. The teachers had that respect. When we got to the end of our visit, one teacher said to me, I think it was the teacher from Oregon, "Senator, what would you like for us to take home to our students about our visit to the Senate floor?"

I said, "I hope you will take back that each of us takes our position a lot more seriously than we take ourselves. We understand we are accidents, that we are very fortunate and privileged to be here, that each of us reveres our country, and we respect this institution. I can only speak for myself, but I think it is true of Senators on both sides of the aisle that we get up every day thinking first of how we can make a little contribution before we go to bed at night that will help the country be a little better off than it was in the morning. That means serving in the Senate is a very great privilege. I hope you will take that back to your students. I don't know what they see on television or read in the newspaper about the Senate, but that is how we feel about the

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privilege we have to serve here.” To these five Senators—Warner, Domenici, Craig, Hagel, and ALLARD—we say goodbye. They are members of our family. We appreciate their service. We know they have believed it has been a very great privilege to serve in the Senate. For us it has been a great privilege to serve with them.

I yield the floor.

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I wish to make a few comments about some of our departing colleagues who will not be joining us for the next session of Congress. They are great colleagues, people whom I have enjoyed working with in my 3½ years here in the Senate. They include Senator ALLARD from Colorado, Senator Pete Domenici from New Mexico, Senator John Warner from Virginia, Senator Chuck Hagel from Nebraska, and Senator Larry Craig from Idaho.

A quick word first about my colleague and the senior Senator from Colorado, Mr. WAYNE ALLARD. He has served the State of Colorado with distinction. In the days before he came to the Senate, now almost 12 years ago, he also served the people of the State of Colorado in the general assembly. I had the opportunity then to watch him work on matters ranging from education to protecting the water issues in the State of Colorado. I know well that he has been a strong voice for the State of Colorado and know that his services here, including the services of his acting as a veterinarian for colleagues like Senator Kennedy and his dogs, are something that will be missed. I have enjoyed very much the time I have spent working with him on matters of mutual and common interest to the State of Colorado. I wish him well. . . .

I will miss my five colleagues. All of them are Republicans who are departing. Many of them brought a true spirit of bipartisanship and working together, which is worthy of the emulation of many Members of the Senate who will serve in this Chamber in the next Congress and in many Congresses to come.

I yield the floor.

THURSDAY, *September 25, 2008*

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, while he is on the floor, I commend and thank the Senator from Colorado, Mr. ALLARD, for the great work he has done on housing. I commend him also

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for his great leadership on all aspects of energy. I join with him in recognizing the great contributions of Chairman Bingaman, Senator Murkowski, and, of course, Senator Domenici. We will miss his guidance and his leadership. But he has made a great contribution, and we are most appreciative.

Mr. DOMENICI. Now I rise to speak about Senator WAYNE ALLARD from Colorado who announced in January 2007 he would not seek reelection in 2008, keeping his promise of only serving two terms. I would like to thank WAYNE for his service here in the Senate and for his service to the State of Colorado.

Senator ALLARD announced in January 2007 that he would not seek reelection in 2008, keeping his promise to serve only two terms. Some of us were sorry that he did that. I was one. I would like to thank WAYNE for his service in the Senate, for his service to the State of Colorado, my neighbor. Although we did not always agree, we worked well together, and I valued his commitment to his home State.

In the course of working together with Senator ALLARD for many years on the Senate Budget Committee and more recently on the Senate Appropriations Committee, I have developed genuine respect for Senator ALLARD. We have a lot in common, fighting for the interests of our predominantly rural, Western States.

We worked together for many years on the Budget Committee. More recently, we worked on appropriations. Colorado is my neighbor to the north, and we have much in common in fighting for the interests of much of our rural way of life that Western States have. At the same time, we have growing metropolises with the problems of transportation and the like, which he has spent much time on. He has supported many things I have worked on. For that, I am grateful and thankful to him today.

He and his wife Joan will return to non-Senate life. I don't know if he is going home. I haven't asked him personally. But wherever he goes, it is obvious he will make an impact.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today I wish Senator ALLARD well as he leaves the Senate after 12 years here and 6 years in the other body. That is a long record of honorable service to the wonderful State of Colorado. During our time together in the Senate, I was very pleased to work with Senator ALLARD on a critical issue facing both our States: chronic wasting disease. I appreciated his commitment to fighting

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the spread of CWD, which was characteristic of his commitment to the people of Colorado throughout his time here. I wish him all the best as he leaves the Senate, and I thank him for his years of dedicated service to our country.

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a great U.S. Senator and friend, Senator WAYNE ALLARD. His strong political leadership will be greatly missed by the people of Colorado and the United States.

I got to serve with WAYNE on the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee and the Senate Budget Committee. As fellow fiscal conservatives, we share many of the same values and concerns. One of his core beliefs, and mine, is that we must reduce wasteful government spending and work to balance the Federal budget. This is a philosophy that WAYNE applied to every piece of legislation that came in front of him. It was important for him to do everything he could do as a public servant to save the taxpayers' money. I know that I could always count on WAYNE to follow these principals and stay true to his conservative roots.

As many of you know, WAYNE had a successful career as a veterinarian before he came to Congress. With the help of his wife Joan, they built a successful veterinary practice in Loveland, CO, where they raised their two daughters, Christi and Cheryl. As a veterinarian and as a U.S. Senator, WAYNE contributed more than most to the people of this country. He will be greatly missed by me here in the Senate, but I know he is looking forward to spending more time with his family back in Colorado. I wish WAYNE the best of luck as he begins the next chapter of his life.

FRIDAY, *September 26, 2008*

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I want to take just a few minutes to speak about our colleagues who have announced their plans to retire at the conclusion of this 110th Congress. We obviously will miss them. There are five individuals about whom I wanted to say a brief word: Senators ALLARD, Hagel, Craig, Warner, and Domenici. They have all brought their intelligence, principles, and perspectives on the issues confronting our Nation. The Nation is better for their efforts.

Senators ALLARD and Hagel both came to the Senate in 1996.

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Senator ALLARD had a long career in public service before coming to the Senate. He managed to serve the State of Colorado while never giving up his credentials as an expert veterinarian in that State, reaffirming the long-held belief that he and all of us have had that a legislative body should be composed of individuals with training other than that which they acquire here in the Halls of Congress. His straightforward approach has been a hallmark of his work here.

Living a principle that he espouses, he is fulfilling his often-stated intention to limit himself to two terms. He and his wife Joan will certainly be missed here in the Senate. ...

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, today I wish to make a few comments about some of our departing colleagues who will no longer be with us next year. I have known some of them for just a little while, others I have known for a long time. And, to all of them I bid a fond farewell and *mahalo* for their service to their State and to this country. They are dear colleagues and friends of mine and I know that even if they leave this fine establishment, our friendships will continue long into the future.

The Senators that I am referring to are Senator John Warner from Virginia, Senator Pete Domenici from New Mexico, Senator Larry Craig from Idaho, Senator Chuck Hagel from Nebraska, and Senator WAYNE ALLARD from Colorado. Please allow me just one moment to reflect on my service with each of these valuable Members. ...

I wish a fond farewell to Senator WAYNE ALLARD. For 18 years, the people of Colorado have benefited from the leadership of Senator ALLARD. Through his service on numerous committees including Appropriations, Budget, Banking and Urban Affairs, our Nation has benefited as well. I applaud his commitment to energy and science as the founder of the Senate Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus as this is an issue that is also vitally important to me. On this 50th anniversary of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, I should note that Senator ALLARD has been a champion of space science and technology research and I would like to thank him for his leadership in this arena. From his time as a Representative of Larimer and Weld Counties to his current position as the Senator from Colorado he has been a dedicated and capable public servant and I wish him all the best.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise to speak today regarding the retirement of my esteemed colleague from Colorado,

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Senator WAYNE ALLARD. I have known Senator ALLARD since he joined Congress in 1991 and have worked closely with him in the Senate since 1996. Today I am sure that I am joined by many of my colleagues in saying that his service, his work ethic, and his friendship in this institution will be missed.

A native of Colorado, Senator ALLARD was born in Fort Collins in 1943. Using the skills he learned while growing up on a ranch, Senator ALLARD obtained a doctorate of veterinary medicine at Colorado State University. Soon after, he and his wife Joan opened the Allard Animal Hospital. Over the years that followed, Senator ALLARD successfully built his practice and raised his family. He even continued his practice while serving in the Colorado State Senate for 17 years. Ever the citizen-legislator, Senator ALLARD brought this same attitude to the U.S. Congress in 1991 and more specifically to our Senate legislative body in 1996.

It was in 1996 that Senator ALLARD was elected to the Senate with a promise to only serve two terms. Not being one to back away from that commitment, Senator ALLARD declared early in 2007 that he would not seek a third term because it would have gone against his word. It was then that he declared it was a matter of integrity and of keeping his commitments. And it is now, that I can say nothing could be truer about the character of my good friend, Senator ALLARD. Born and raised in the West, he understands what it means when he shakes your hand and gives you his word. His integrity is of the character of which we need more of and his commitments are of the nature of which we will surely miss.

Indeed, for the last 17 years I have observed Senator ALLARD working tirelessly for the good people of Colorado. Throughout his tenure, the demands placed on Senator ALLARD have been great, yet he always manages to find the time to listen, to engage, and to talk to Coloradans about the things that are most important to them. Impressively, Senator ALLARD has held over 700 townhall meetings since he began his service in the Congress.

From his work on the Contract with America to his instrumental role in working with me to craft the current law promoting and regulating the development of oil shale and tar sands in the United States, which was passed as part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Senator ALLARD has always done the work of the people, and he will be missed. I wish him

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and his lovely family the best and thank him for the years of service he has provided to this body.

To my friend Senator WAYNE ALLARD, I convey my highest admiration and respect for what he has been able to accomplish while here in the Senate. As with any new chapter in our lives, our feelings are always mixed as we continue turning the pages that finish the tale of one story while we hurriedly rush to the next. Yet the story of Senator ALLARD's journey in the Senate would not be complete without the support of his wife Joan and the love of his children and grandchildren. Without question, our loss is their gain. It is to them that I extend my deepest gratitude for the sacrifices they have made while their husband, their father, and their grandfather has served so well these many years. I am certain they are excited to have Senator ALLARD back, but somehow I have a feeling that he will not be resting for long.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, Senator ALLARD has spent many years working for Colorado.

He came to the Senate in 1996 after serving three terms in the U.S. House.

As Colorado's senior Senator, he worked diligently to cut taxes, eliminate wasteful spending, return power to State and local governments, and assure the security of America both at home and abroad.

Consistent with his belief that elected officials should be citizen-legislators, Senator ALLARD conducted more than 700 town meetings across Colorado, visiting each of Colorado's 64 counties.

He was one of only two veterinarians in the Senate and provided leadership on small business issues from his practical experience.

He also led by example, returning more than \$4.2 million in unspent office funds to the U.S. Treasury.

As the Republican leader of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, Senator ALLARD worked to shape the Nation's spending priorities.

His work on the Internet Tax Nondiscrimination Act helped keep access to the Internet tax free.

He also worked to increase military benefits, including legislation to increase the death benefits for families of fallen heroes from \$12,000 to \$100,000.

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I will miss working with him in this Chamber, and I will miss his friendship and support on the issues that matter most to America.

SATURDAY, *September 27, 2008*

ORDER FOR PRINTING OF SENATE DOCUMENT

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the tributes to retiring Senators that appear in the *Congressional Record* be printed as a Senate document and that Senators be permitted to submit such tributes for inclusion until Friday, November 21, 2008.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MONDAY, *September 29, 2008*

Mr. LIEBERMAN. ... I offer thanks and best wishes to other colleagues who are leaving—Senators ALLARD, Hagel, and Craig.

TUESDAY, *September 30, 2008*

Mr. DODD. ... Mr. President, I, again, want to say a kind word or two about WAYNE ALLARD as well, who is retiring. We serve on the Banking Committee together. He has a wonderful family history dating back decades in Colorado. Some of the earliest arrivals from the East were the Allard family in Northern Colorado. That family has made wonderful contributions.

WAYNE has been a wonderful member of the Banking Committee. We have not spent a lot of time on many issues together, but I can tell you, on issues such as regulatory reform and working together to see we had a good housing bill last summer, WAYNE ALLARD was a very constructive and positive member, and he can be very proud of his contribution to this body.

Certainly, as to the landmark transportation bill we sent to the President just a few years ago, WAYNE ALLARD was as much responsible for that as any Member of this body, coming from a State where you normally would not think of

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transportation issues, certainly not mass transit issues as being pivotal. But WAYNE ALLARD played a very important role in all of that.

So to WAYNE ALLARD, his wife Joan, and their family, I wish them the very best as well in their retirement years.

Mr. DURBIN. . . WAYNE ALLARD is a colleague of mine who made a promise to the people of Colorado that he would not run for reelection, and he kept his word. He did not stand for reelection this year. WAYNE and I had an interesting responsibility, assignment, to deal with the legislative appropriations bill. It does not get a lot of attention because it just deals with Capitol Hill and the people who work here. But this Nation's Capital is a great American treasure. WAYNE took it so seriously. He held more thoughtful hearings about this Capitol and the new Capitol Visitor Center. He asked the hard questions and did it in a respectful, gentlemanly way. I was honored to sit next to him and to participate in those hearings.

I came to know him and his family and respect him. We get to see one another in the Senate gym in the morning. I go there in the morning for no obvious reason, but I get to at least socialize with WAYNE and a number of other colleagues. I am going to miss him and wish him the very best.

Those Senators leaving our ranks leave positive memories for this Senator from Illinois. The fact that I have been able to serve with them, know them, and count them as friends, I count as one of the real blessings of my service in the Senate.

WEDNESDAY, *October 1, 2008*

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today, as one of those who made the weighty decision not to seek reelection, to share my most personal thoughts—tributes—to my esteemed colleagues who will quietly, humbly, and with a deep sense of gratitude to their States, to our Nation, bring to a conclusion their public service as U.S. Senators.

This is a diverse group of Senators. Whether we hail from small farms, small cities or, in my case, from major metropolitan areas, we bring different backgrounds, different interests. That diversity gives the Senate its strength to serve equally all Americans. What we share, however, is an un-

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wavering love for our States, our country and for the institution of the U.S. Senate.

We aspire to Winston Churchill's quote: "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give."

It has been my privilege, over my 30 years in the Senate, to serve with a total of 261 Members. Each, almost, shall be remembered as a friend. . . .

I turn now to Senator WAYNE ALLARD, with whom I have been privileged to serve on the Armed Services Committee, who told his fellow Coloradans that if they chose him as their Senator, he would only serve 2 terms. He kept his word, just as he has honorably kept his word to his constituents on many issues. I admire this Senator and how well he has served his State.

This veterinarian and small-business owner has been a forceful advocate for military preparedness, for increased access to health care and for cutting spending, leading by example by often returning some of his own office's funds to the U.S. Treasury. In a sense, he sent them back to his constituents.

He was also willing to roll up his sleeves and take on the tough task of overseeing the construction and budgeting, along with other Senators and Members of the House of Representatives, on the new Capitol Visitors Center. I might add, as a footnote, that when I was chairman of the Rules Committee, I co-sponsored some of the earliest pieces of legislation to provide for this center. Senator ALLARD can be proud of his efforts, which will serve present and future Americans who travel from afar to their Nation's Capital to learn about their government, the longest-surviving Democratic republic in world history.

I vividly recall journeying to Colorado, home State of one of my children, to travel through a magnificent area of the State with his lovely wife and children on behalf of his campaign to get elected to the U.S. Senate. Those trips are memories I have and will keep safely tucked away.

I am proud to say I have come to know each of these fine men. And I firmly believe that this is but yet another beginning in all of our lives, for, to quote Churchill again, "the chain of destiny can only be grasped one link at a time."

I yield the floor.

Mr. CORKER. Madam President, there are a number of distinguished Senators who are leaving this body this year. I know there have been a number of tributes given to all of them and their service.

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Senator Warner is a very distinguished Senator whom I have known, it seems from afar, almost all of my life. I have watched him with great admiration, and I have watched him lead us on the Armed Services Committee.

Chuck Hagel, who exercises this tremendous independence, somebody with whom I have really enjoyed serving on Foreign Relations; WAYNE ALLARD from Colorado who is honoring a two-term pledge to leave this body after two terms to go back to the people of Colorado, he has been distinguished in his service on the Banking Committee; Larry Craig of Idaho who, again, in the energy area, has offered great counsel and made sure that wise decisions were made in that particular committee—I honor all of them. I wish them well. I think we are all better having had the opportunity to serve with them. . . .

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my colleague Senator WAYNE ALLARD. Senator ALLARD is retiring to honor a commitment he made to the people of the State of Colorado to serve only two terms. I have come to know Senator ALLARD best as a fellow member of the Budget Committee. Even though we often disagreed, I always found him to be a true gentleman.

Born and raised in Colorado, Senator ALLARD has always been true to his roots and has fought to represent the best interests of his State. His entry into public service came in 1982 when he was elected to the Colorado State Senate. While serving in the State legislature, he maintained a successful veterinary practice he built with his wife Joan.

Senator ALLARD's public service has spanned more than two decades. After serving in the State legislature, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and subsequently the U.S. Senate. During his time in the Senate, there are accomplishments that stand out. He spearheaded legislation creating the country's 56th national park, the Great Sand Dunes National Park. He also took on the extraordinary task of overseeing the Capitol Visitors Center as chair of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee. Finally, he has been a steward of the taxpayer and has led by example, returning unspent funds from his office account to the U.S. Treasury.

I wish Senator ALLARD and his family many happy years ahead and thank him for his years of public service.

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. President, President Ronald Reagan once said:

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Let us be sure that those who come after will say of us in our time, that in our time we did everything that could be done. We finished the race; we kept them free; we kept the faith.

There can be no question that Senator WAYNE ALLARD's time in public office will be remembered by these words both here in this Chamber and in his State of Colorado. WAYNE will end his career in the U.S. Senate because of a self-imposed term limit. He has never once wavered in his belief that legislators are citizens first and lawmakers second.

As one of only two veterinarians in the Senate, I know the void the Senate will feel. Leaving a veterinary practice to fight for what is right in the U.S. Senate isn't exactly the norm. WAYNE and I each made this choice and we have stood shoulder to shoulder in legislating for the humane treatment of animals. The legislation we put forth against animal fighting has become law and has helped law enforcement put away individuals who abuse animals. I am sad to see that our small, very small, veterinary caucus will leave with WAYNE.

WAYNE's commitment to country and freedom is unshakeable, but his dedication to fiscal conservatism has made him a hero for taxpayers across the country, especially in his State of Colorado. Throughout his time here, he has fought to pay down the debt by eliminating programs, staying true to the belief that government should steer clear of a wasteful spending black hole.

His efforts on the Appropriations Committee have been committed to steering our country toward fiscal responsibility, and his voice will be missed.

I hope this Chamber remembers the role WAYNE played in fighting against a bloated Federal Government and giving States the rights they deserve to manage their own affairs. Let's not let his voice for government responsibility fall on deaf ears. The burden of the taxpayer rests on our shoulders, and that is even more so now with WAYNE's departure.

WAYNE has been a voice and a crusader for Colorado, preferring the scenery there to that of Washington. He has worked hard to ensure that his constituents are as familiar with his face as they are with his name. Colorado has greatly benefited from his leadership, as has this country.

It is with sadness that I lose my friend here. But I know the impact he has had on this body, his State, and our country. I wish him great success in his future endeavors. I know he will continue to be an advocate for life, liberty, and freedom.

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We will continue to fight for the ideals WAYNE came to this body hoping to achieve, that “Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth.”

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, it has been a genuine pleasure to serve in this body with the distinguished Senator from Colorado, WAYNE ALLARD. He has made significant contributions through his thoughtful and effective leadership for the betterment of our country.

He has brought to the challenge of public service a seriousness of purpose and sense of responsibility to do this job well, not for personal aggrandizement but for the improvement of our national security and our Nation’s economy.

In the process, he has reflected credit on his State of Colorado and his family. His personal qualities of humility and trustworthiness have aided him as he has worked to contribute to the quality of this legislation we have enacted.

WAYNE ALLARD is one of the most respected Members of this body. He is also one of the best-liked Senators. We are certainly going to miss having the benefit of his leadership.

We wish him well in the years ahead.

THURSDAY, *October 2, 2008*

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise this morning to recognize and pay tribute to several colleagues who are concluding careers in the Senate. These gentlemen have distinguished themselves. They have dedicated themselves to representing their States and representing the best interests of the Nation. . . .

There are three Senators with whom I have had the opportunity to serve closely. They are people I respect immensely and wish the best to as they go forward. WAYNE ALLARD and I came to the Senate together. We were in the House of Representatives together. We have served on both the Armed Services Committee and the Banking Committee together. It seems, indeed, that on the Banking Committee, we were either the subcommittee chair or ranking member, depending on who has the majority, throughout our career in the Senate. In that effort, we worked closely with Senator ALLARD and his staff on issues with respect to homelessness, housing programs, many areas of endeavor. He has been a distinguished individual who has done a great deal, not only for

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the State of Colorado but for national housing policy and for many other areas of endeavor.

On the Armed Services Committee, I had the privilege of working with him. He applied his energy and efforts to clean up the Rocky Flats plant, a nuclear facility in Colorado. He has made a lasting and extraordinary contribution to his State through those efforts. I commend him for all those. I wish him well as he goes forward. . . .

To these Members, I wish them well. I thank them personally for their kindness to me and their thoughtfulness on so many other occasions.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I thank my good friend from Colorado. I am here to talk about his distinguished career.

Mr. President, as the 110th Congress draws to a close, we must reluctantly say goodbye to some friends who will be leaving us. That includes, as we have been discussing, my good friend, the senior Senator from Colorado.

As the Republican leader, I get to work closely with each and every one of our colleagues on this side of the aisle. What has always impressed me the most about Senator ALLARD is the fact that he is a true citizen-legislator in the model our Founding Fathers envisioned.

The Founders favored ordinary citizens of extraordinary wisdom. Those who step forward from among the people they represent and return to them when their time here is done.

So it is with WAYNE ALLARD. He is retiring from the Senate because he is following a two-term pledge he set for himself when he was first elected in 1996. In the spirit of George Washington, he voluntarily retires "from the great theatre of Action" to return to the people and the place he has so ably represented.

Anyone who knows Senator ALLARD knows he is a big believer in keeping close contact with the people he represents. As a member of the Colorado State Senate, he passed legislation limiting the length of legislative sessions to 120 days to better ensure that State lawmakers stayed in touch with their constituents.

After election to the Senate, he made a promise to Coloradans that he would visit every one of the State's counties every year—a promise he kept, keeping him in sync with Colorado sympathies and values.

Even more impressive are the 700 town meetings across Colorado that Senator ALLARD has held since his election to the Senate.

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As a Senator, he has hosted the Allard Capital Conference, which brings Colorado community leaders to Washington to see the workings of the Federal Government up close—and to keep the Federal Government accountable to the people who elected them.

If I may add, I have had the pleasure of speaking to the Allard Capital Conference attendees on more than one occasion, and I have always admired how Senator ALLARD has stayed tied to communities across Colorado. He is always seeking to bring them closer to their elected representatives.

For 12 years, Senator ALLARD has been a strong voice for returning power from Washington back to the people and to the States. He has been a strong voice for lower taxes and lower Federal spending. Hailing from the Rockies, he has been a strong defender and protector of our environment.

Senator ALLARD has a different background than most of his colleagues. Born and raised in Colorado, the son of a cattle rancher, he had a successful career as a veterinarian. He and his wife Joan started their own animal hospital. He maintained his successful practice while serving as a State senator, and was elected to the House of Representatives for three terms starting in 1990.

I have had the pleasure of working alongside WAYNE on many issues over the years. We have been allies in pushing the Department of Defense to safely and efficiently dispose of deadly chemical weapons stored in the Blue Grass Army Depot in Kentucky and the Pueblo Depot in Colorado.

I have watched with admiration as he fought to establish the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge, which is crucial to preserving the natural habitats of so many diverse species in Colorado.

That success came after he successfully pushed, as a Member of the House, legislation to make the Rocky Mountain Arsenal site a wildlife refuge, turning a site that was once a manufacturing center for nerve gas and other chemical weapons into what is now one of the largest urban wildlife refuges in the Nation.

WAYNE has fought to get aid for workers in Colorado who were exposed to unhealthy amounts of radiation at nuclear weapons facilities. He has also taken the lead on passing legislation to preserve the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Colorado's Spanish Peaks mountain area. With his retirement, Colorado is losing a longtime champion of conservation and environmental protection.

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Senator ALLARD has been a consistent and strong supporter of our military and our national security interests. He led the debate on establishing a system to protect America from ballistic missile attacks, and he has supported funding and rigorous testing for such programs.

He has passed legislation multiple times to improve the system of voting for our men and women in uniform serving overseas, making sure the brave warriors who protect America are heard when it is time to elect America's leaders.

With all these accomplishments, and many more, the senior Senator from Colorado is going to leave some very big shoes—maybe it is better to say boots—to fill come next January.

He is also going to leave behind many friends. I am proud to call myself one of them. Elaine and I have enjoyed getting to know WAYNE and Joan and their family over the years. We have had a chance to have dinner together from time to time, just the four of us. We will miss the common sense and grace they have brought to our Nation's Capital.

We are sorry to lose such a fine Senator. But as WAYNE has said himself about his pledge on term limits: A promise made should be a promise kept.

The people of Colorado should be proud that their Senator ends his tenure with integrity, with honor, with humility—the same integrity, honor, and humility he brought when he came to the Capitol.

WAYNE, we all wish you the best of luck for whatever the future holds. You will always have friends in the Capitol. We look forward to seeing you and Joan in the coming years.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The senior Senator from Colorado.

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Kentucky for his more than generous remarks. Joan and I have been thrilled to have been able to work with you and your lovely wife on many issues. The people of Colorado need to know I got things done in this body because of your help and your assistance. Many times we shared common issues that we wanted to see move forward. But lots of times you were more than generous in giving me an opportunity to put forth my bills and my arguments on various bills, and I will forever be thankful for that.

I think the country needs to know that in your wife and you we have two great leaders in this country. I brag about both of you when I get back to Colorado and talk about those

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people who I think have made a huge influence on this country and have set a great example for Americans.

So I thank you. I thank you for your continued leadership. I look forward to your continuing to serve in this body. America needs you, and the people of Kentucky ought to be thankful they have such a fine Senator.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I thank my good friend from Colorado.

Mr. ALLARD. I thank the Republican leader.

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend and colleague, WAYNE ALLARD, the senior Senator from Colorado. As all of us in the Senate know, Senator ALLARD will retire from the Senate at the end of this legislative session.

Senator ALLARD is a Coloradan through and through. Raised on a ranch in Walden, CO, a very small town in the northwest corner of our State, he found his calling in animal medicine. He followed this passion to Colorado State University at Fort Collins, where he received his doctorate of veterinary medicine. Even today, he proudly wears his tie as a Colorado State University ram. At CSU, WAYNE met his future wife Joan who was studying microbiology at the time.

After graduating, WAYNE and Joan built the Allard Animal Hospital in Loveland together. They made their home there. They had two wonderful daughters, Christi and Cheryl. Living and working in Loveland, WAYNE developed a passion for public service. He developed a passion for the good that could come from serving in politics.

He began his political career in the Colorado State Senate. There, he served the people of Weld and Larimer Counties in the State legislature for 7 years. A strong believer in preserving the idea of citizen-legislators, Senator ALLARD championed a Colorado law that limits legislative sessions to 120 days, a law that is still in our Constitution today. It works to ensure that Colorado representatives are able to spend the bulk of their time in their communities as opposed to the corridors of the State Capitol.

In 1991, the people of the Fourth Congressional District elected Senator ALLARD to the U.S. House of Representatives. Five years later, Coloradans elected him to serve as Colorado's U.S. Senator.

Throughout his career on the Federal level, Senator ALLARD has been a strong voice for fiscal responsibility and ensuring the security of America at home and abroad. He has

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used his position on the Senate Appropriations Committee to champion priorities important to Colorado. He has played an active role on the Senate Budget Committee to restore integrity to the government's use of taxpayer dollars.

Yet, even as Senator ALLARD served in Washington, he has never forgotten where he came from and who he works for. He was always traveling throughout Colorado, engaging his constituents, hearing their hopes and concerns. It is there, in those communities of Colorado, that Senator ALLARD feels most at home.

I have been privileged to work with WAYNE ALLARD in the Senate for the past 4 years. We fought together for clean and safe drinking water for the communities in the Lower Arkansas Valley and through the construction of the Arkansas Valley Conduit which we hope will happen in the next several years. We worked to ensure the Animas-La Plata Water Project in Southwest Colorado, making sure that project is fully funded, to implement the historic settlement between Colorado and its Indian tribes. Over the past few months, we came together to move judicial nominees for the Federal Court in Colorado through the often contentious Senate confirmation process. It has been a productive and fulfilling partnership.

Now, to be sure, Senator ALLARD and I have not always seen eye to eye on a number of issues. But in spite of our differences, I have always respected him. He works hard. He is humble. He loves the people of Colorado.

But more than his love for Colorado and his country, Senator ALLARD is devoted to Joan, Christi, Cheryl, and his five grandsons. You will never see him have a smile wider or laugh harder than when he is in their company. I am happy that his return to Colorado will afford him the opportunity to spend more time with them. He deserves it.

I know Senator ALLARD is a great admirer of a Democrat from Colorado by the name of Wayne Aspinall, who served in this Congress for a very long time. Wayne Aspinall was a strong protector of Colorado's water and the champion of the people of the Western Slope during his 24-year tenure in Congress. Congressman Aspinall once said:

We all have moments when we feel that "the system" is wrong, but that does not entitle us to assume that only we could be right and therefore permit us to secede from our society. We have to learn to live with it—to improve on it if we can, to change it through established procedures, if we must, but we must always remember that individually we are only one person and that the views and ideas of others might be equally valid as our own.

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For the past 25 years, Senator ALLARD has committed himself and his talents to the people of Colorado in this spirit—a spirit of reform and a spirit of humility. He has served with honor and distinction and with an unyielding focus on what he thinks is best for our State. I thank him for his service and his friendship, and I congratulate him on his retirement.

Mr. President, I thank the presiding officer. I yield the floor and I note the absence of a quorum.

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, while the Senator from Idaho is on the floor, I made some comments earlier about the pleasure of being able to work with him in the Senate. I wish to also recognize the fine work he has done on energy. We certainly appreciate his work on that.

Colorado is an energy-rich State. We have all forms of energy, not only fossil fuels but also wind and solar and geothermal. I think Senator CRAIG has been very sensitive to those.

When working with the Senator from Idaho I felt like he truly had the Nation's interest in mind. It has been a pleasure for me to serve with Senator CRAIG, particularly on the Appropriations Committee. The Senator brought in a very competent staff and was himself extremely knowledgeable.

As we leave this institution, I wish to thank the Senator from Idaho for all the work he did to help me along with legislation. What a privilege it has been to be able to know Senator CRAIG and work with him in the Senate. Also, I wish to recognize the Senator's hard work in the Senate.

Senator Salazar was making some comments earlier on, talking about my retirement. I happened to have gone downstairs and grabbed a lunch and there he was. I also want the people of Colorado to know I have enjoyed working with Senator Salazar. We have not agreed on some of the national issues, but I think generally one thing we have agreed on is we need to work for Colorado.

I think we have truly been partners in that effort. I appreciated the opportunity to get to know you. I'm reminded that when Colorado came into the Union, in 1876—we are known as the Centennial State—the Republicans were pretty much in control of everything. You see, Colorado is a State that is recognized as a swing State, it swings back and forth between the Republican and Democratic Parties.

But at that particular time, there was a big effort to have a Senator from the north and a Senator from the south of our State. Similarly, today, I grew up about as far north as

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you can get in Colorado, Senator Salazar grew up about as far south as you can get in the State of Colorado. I think, at least in the spirit, and certainly in geographic location, we have been able to represent all of the State of Colorado and deal with those issues in a civil and responsible way.

I wish to thank Senator Salazar publicly for his service to the State of Colorado and also want the people of Colorado to know I highly respect Senator Ken Salazar, who is sitting in the chair right now, for his dedication and the rich heritage he has in the State of Colorado. I have appreciated the opportunity to serve with Senator Salazar in the State of Colorado and I wish the Senator well in future years.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Idaho.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, before the senior retiring Senator from the State of Colorado leaves, let me thank him for his gracious comments. We have been a very good team and have partnered on a lot of issues over the years because we have such common interests in mind. Our States are very similar in so many ways.

The State of Colorado happens to have the hydrocarbons we do not have, when it comes to gas and oil. But at the same time, agriculture, water, and timber, tourism, and all the great things many people attribute to the West are embodied in the State of Colorado and certainly in the State of Idaho.

But a very special thanks to Senator ALLARD for your fine comments. The work the Senator has done on behalf of his State is precedent setting. I hope—I know—the Senator will be continually recognized for that.

But let me also say the Senator and his wife Joan have become good friends of both my wife Suzanne and I. Those are the kinds of friendships that build partnerships in the Senate. I hope other Senators recognize the Senate works well when Senators are friends and partners.

Now, we may have our disagreements along the way, and there may be some disagreements between Democrats and Republicans, but when the collegiality of the Senate leaves, the Senate no longer works or works as well as it should on behalf of our citizens. Certainly, the collegiality between the Craigs and the Allards has been long-standing and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I would like to begin my remarks this afternoon acknowledging four of our colleagues who will be leaving the Senate along with me at the end of

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this Congress, the 110th Congress, and then make some additional comments. . . .

Mr. President, I wish also to recognize one of my classmates with whom I came to the Senate 12 years ago. He is our neighbor from the West, the senior Senator from Colorado, WAYNE ALLARD. Aside from Senator ALLARD and Colorado usually taking Nebraska's water, we find little to quarrel with in the kind of work that Senator ALLARD has done for his State and our country.

I have had an opportunity to serve 12 years with Senator ALLARD on the Banking Committee. His very steady performance and leadership will be missed on that committee, as well as on the other committees he has served and has been very active, as my colleague in the chair knows, who served with him as well on the Armed Services Committee. His leadership on the Budget Committee in particular will be missed. I wish to acknowledge that friendship and that leadership of Senator ALLARD. . . .

Senator Craig, Senator ALLARD, Senator Warner, and Senator Domenici all leave the Senate a better institution for their service.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize Senator WAYNE ALLARD, who will retire from the U.S. Senate at the end of this Congress after more than 25 years of serving and representing Colorado in the State senate, the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

WAYNE ALLARD's work throughout his career reflects his intense commitment to the people of Colorado. While we frequently disagree on issues, he has earned the respect of his colleagues for his integrity, hard work, and the strength and steadfastness of his support for the principles he believes in.

I have worked with WAYNE ALLARD as he helped lead our effort to move the National Trails System Willing Seller Act through Congress. Without this bill, a landowner who wants to sell to the Federal Government was denied the right to do so. The legislation provides the Federal Government with the authority to acquire land and easements from willing sellers to complete nine national scenic and historic trails authorized across the Nation. One of those is the North Country Trail, which runs through Michigan. I particularly appreciate WAYNE ALLARD's hard work on this important measure. On the Senate Armed Services Committee he brought his important background and experience as a veteran to our work on the anthrax threat.

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I offer my thanks and best wishes to WAYNE ALLARD and his wife Joan as they turn to the next chapter of their productive lives.

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, as this session draws to a close and as we look forward to the 111th Congress, I would be remiss if I didn't pay tribute to my colleagues who are retiring after years of service to their country.

I have known Senator WAYNE ALLARD since we served in the House together.

Senator ALLARD served with distinction on the Armed Services Committee, and we have worked together to make sure that this country is prepared to meet national security challenges. Both of us believe strongly in President Reagan's famous axiom, "peace through strength."

Recently, we worked together to secure funding to study the possibility of basing missile defenses in space. As a result, policymakers will finally begin to have the information necessary to debate the overall feasibility of a space-based missile defense layer. The space threat will only grow in the years ahead, and I am pleased that I was able to work with Senator ALLARD to make small, but measurable progress toward better defending the Nation.

Senator ALLARD is the model legislator. He's not a professional politician, but a veterinarian by trade. He understands that the money we spend in Washington is not the government's money, but the taxpayers'. And he proves it, returning over \$4 million of his office's funds to the government's coffers. His votes are based on principle, not politics.

I wish Senator ALLARD all the best. Colorado has lost a great legislator, but I am sure that his wife Joan, his children, and his five grandsons will be glad to have him at home more often.

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, with the conclusion of our business for the year comes the moment when we must say farewell to Members who have chosen to leave the Senate, and I want to take this opportunity to honor my friend and colleague from Colorado, Senator WAYNE ALLARD. He is leaving as a matter of principle, believing in the value of citizen-legislators, which he is fulfilling by ending his service here after two terms. I greatly respect him for that choice.

One of the wonderful things about the Senate is the distinctive experiences that bring people to this place. Senator ALLARD's professional training is as a veterinarian, a skill that is of great importance to a State with as much livestock

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agriculture as Colorado. He began a successful veterinary practice from nothing in Loveland, in the eastern foothills of the Rocky Mountains. That experience has given him unique insight into the needs and concerns of America's millions of small businesses, where the job growth and creative energy of our economy comes from.

WAYNE ALLARD brought many values with him to the Senate, but perhaps the most important is the need to use more care in the way we spend the people's money. He personally practiced that value by returning \$4.2 million of his office allotment to the U.S. Treasury. As a member of the committees which handle appropriations, the Federal budget, and banking policy, he has been a constant advocate for lower spending, improved efficiency in government programs, and steady progress toward a balanced budget.

Our former colleague, Howard Baker, once said that you could trace the decline of the legislative branch of government to the installation of air-conditioning in the Capitol. What he meant by that was that previous generations of Senators were driven from Washington by the tropical summers, and that gave them an opportunity to reconnect with their roots so they could return refreshed and reoriented toward the people's wishes. Senator ALLARD needed no such climatic encouragement: he couldn't wait to get back to Colorado where he would spend countless hours listening to and learning from the folks who sent him here.

I will truly miss his example and his friendship here in the Senate. The Senate is a distinctive and valuable institution generation after generation because the senior Members pass on their lessons to the junior Members. Senator ALLARD taught me a lot about how to be a good Senator by working hard, sticking to your principles, and listening more than talking.

Former Senator Harry S. Truman said that if you want a friend in Washington, buy a dog. But Senator ALLARD has been my good friend, encouraging me when I was discouraged and keeping me humble when I was flying too high for my own good.

I think the ideas of fiscal conservatism and frugality that he based his life and service on are returning to the forefront here in Washington as he departs. As we move toward a balanced budget, I think he can take pride in fighting for it for 12 years in Washington and pointing us in the right direction.

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WAYNE ALLARD is a good man who chose to serve in the Senate for a specific amount of time, and he has done that. I honor him today as a person of character and wisdom, and I thank him for making me a better Senator and for making the Senate a place that better reflects the values of regular people.

MONDAY, *November 17, 2008*

Mr. INOUYE. Madam President, I rise to recognize the service of a great public servant and an outstanding leader.

Senator ALLARD has been a tremendous and dedicated servant to his home State of Colorado. His distinguished career spans 17 years in the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives.

Senator ALLARD has been a devoted champion of the State of Colorado. His tireless commitment to the people of Colorado is evident to all who know him. He has been an ardent supporter of increased national attention to the importance of savings plans and investments and small business concerns.

Madam President, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this magnificent Senator.

WEDNESDAY, *November 19, 2008*

Mr. SPECTER. The Senate Appropriations Committee, as well as the Senate generally, will miss Senator WAYNE ALLARD. WAYNE has been a strong voice for fiscal responsibility. His background as a veterinarian has provided an interesting dimension beyond members who have legal, business, or academic backgrounds.

Senator ALLARD has led by example, demonstrating his frugality by returning more than \$4 million in unspent office funds to the U.S. Treasury since being elected to Congress. In retiring after two terms, he has stuck by his commitment on term limits. My personal preference would have been for WAYNE to stay on because, building on his experience, he would have made additional significant contributions to the benefit of his State, Colorado, and the Nation.

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THURSDAY, *November 20, 2008*

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, when the final gavel brings an end to the current session of Congress, my good friend WAYNE ALLARD has chosen to retire from the U.S. Senate. I know we will all miss him and the strong and powerful voice he has been for Colorado and the West. His eye for detail and focus on the issues that are of such great importance to his constituents and mine will be very difficult to replace.

WAYNE is quite a remarkable guy. He knew at a very young age that he wanted to be a veterinarian and so he directed all his efforts to pursuing that calling. He graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in veterinary medicine and opened a veterinary practice in Loveland, CO, with his wife Joan.

As he worked at the profession he loved he got to know the people of the area and the problems they faced every day. He wanted to do more than just take care of their animals and livestock, so he started to branch out to a career in politics. He knew he could find the time for both his practice and for politics and the challenge of learning something new interested him.

WAYNE had one great advantage as he began—his family's deep Colorado roots. WAYNE's great-great-grandfather was a trapper and an explorer and he was one of the first permanent settlers of Northern Colorado. His family was among the first to move into the area and establish a home there.

WAYNE grew up on the family ranch. He learned at an early age the importance of a hard day's work and of always doing your best. His days were spent baling hay and helping out with whatever needed to be done around the ranch from dawn to dusk. Life on the ranch taught him a lot and instilled in him the values and principles that have served him well throughout his life and his political career.

WAYNE is a strong believer in the idea of a citizen-politician. He believes that the more experience we have in the workforce, the better we are able to find legislative solutions to address the problems faced by families across the Nation.

That philosophy guided WAYNE's efforts in the House and helped him win his present seat in the Senate in 1997. That was the same year that I came to Washington, and WAYNE was one of the first people I met. Our shared commitment to the people of the West made us natural allies.

It was soon after we were sworn in as freshman Senators that WAYNE told me about his plans to hold an annual con-

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ference to get his constituents more involved in the day-to-day operations of the government. His dream took shape as the Allard Capital Conference. This annual event gives those who attend an opportunity to learn more about how their government works, and to share their good ideas about how to change things. When it is over, it sends all those who attend back home to Colorado with a hefty dose of encouragement to continue the dialog they began here. It has been a great success and WAYNE has been able to attract many of Washington's leaders to participate along with an impressive list of Senators from both sides of the aisle.

History will show that WAYNE has been so successful in the Senate because he is committed to getting things done—and not in making sure he gets the credit. It is another philosophy we share. You can get just about anything done if you don't care who gets the credit for it. WAYNE has been a workhorse more than a show horse and that has always pleased his constituents.

Over the years, WAYNE's commitment to fiscal sanity has been so strong and so compelling that it drove him to give up his seats on the Armed Services and Environmental and Public Works Committees to join the Appropriations Committee. From there he took the reins of the Legislative Branch Subcommittee and began the difficult and demanding task of overseeing the construction of the Capitol Visitor Center. Up till then, the project had been the center of a lot of attention because there were so many cost overruns, delays in its construction, and questions about how the project was being managed. WAYNE brought some sanity to the process. He started checking in on the work being done on a regular basis and his oversight brought a much needed sense of accountability to the project which is now about to open its doors to the people who come to visit our Nation's Capital every year. In the years to come, the Capitol Visitor Center will be part of the legacy of WAYNE's service to the people of our Nation.

There is another area of achievement that WAYNE is probably more proud of—and that is his work on the Great Sand Dunes National Park, his successful effort to convert Rocky Flats, which was formerly a nuclear weapons facility, to a national wildlife refuge, and his determination to protect and preserve the area around the Rio Grande River. All these projects were important to him because they enabled him to make a difference back home in Colorado.

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Now that his Washington years are drawing to a close, WAYNE would be the first to give a lion's share of the credit for all he has accomplished to his wife Joan. She was there from the start, working alongside him in his veterinary clinic and she was by his side as he served in the Senate. They have long been a remarkable team, and it can truly be said that he and I both overmarried. Joan has been his best friend, his most trusted adviser, and his wisest political adviser and counselor.

Now they will return to Colorado and to the life that they love. I don't know what WAYNE's plans are for the future, but I hope and expect I will continue to hear from him whenever he thinks that we just aren't getting it right when it comes to the budget, the environment, or any of the other issues that have driven him during his service in the Senate. Whatever he decides to do, I know we will continue to hear from him, and that is something that can only continue to serve us all well. WAYNE is a special guy who loves Colorado and his country, and he has dedicated his life to making them better places for us and for future generations to live. He can retire secure in the knowledge that he has succeeded because he cared enough to serve.

Thank you, WAYNE, for your heartfelt commitment to Colorado and the Nation, for your willingness to serve the people in the Senate, and most of all, thank you for your friendship. Diana joins in sending all the best for a continued rich and rewarding life to you and Joan. And WAYNE, for me, please keep track of and share the good fishing spots. I know most of them will be in Wyoming.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order from September 27 regarding tributes to retiring Senators be modified so that Senators be permitted to submit such tributes for inclusion in a Senate document until Friday, December 12, 2008.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

FRIDAY, *December 12, 2008*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, one of the great privileges of my tenure in the Senate has been to serve with my colleague WAYNE ALLARD from Colorado.

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He and his wonderful wife and partner Joan have contributed greatly to the life of the Senate. WAYNE has been a leading advocate for a strong space and missile defense program, an important issue when he chaired the Strategic Subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Committee on the Armed Services. I was honored to follow him in that position when he moved to the prestigious Appropriations Committee.

WAYNE has also been a firm and consistent voice for a sound economic policy based on the free market, lower taxes, free trade, and restraint in spending. Day after day—year after year—he never wavered in those principles.

I deeply regret that WAYNE took a pledge to not seek a third term in the Senate. His unqualified commitment to principle will be sorely missed. WAYNE is a man of integrity, and he never hesitated to keep the promise he made to the voters of Colorado.

WAYNE and I came to the Senate together. We have been good friends throughout our time here. We have stood together in the Armed Services Committee in support of our men and women in uniform. We were thrilled to see the child tax credit become law, providing relief to hard-working American families. We witnessed many other important pieces of legislation be enacted into law. And we were able to stop quite a few bad pieces also.

Mary and I send our best and most sincere wishes to WAYNE and Joan. I know that he will continue to contribute to the good of Colorado and to the Nation.

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