

research, according to the New York Times, is to be the brain wave that normal people call "Love". Our world is convinced that when we know the "how" of our psyche, we shall know the "what" and the "why". I am not convinced. I hope and trust that should the day come when we understand all mechanisms, measure all wave-lengths, and plot all emotional outcomes, we as individuals will still be the masters that issue the commands that set in motion the neurological synapses which capture memory, enlighten meaning and in general make life human. May we continue to remember as much as is necessary of what we need to remember and forget that which is forgettable, and be kind to those whose advancing years rob them, from time to time of your name, and even of their own.

And may music still vibrate in the memory and William the Conqueror still come from Normandy and Columbus in 1492 still sail the ocean blue, and Greek verbs still be memorable and may computers fail to find out how to be masters of our consciousness.

We have had a pleasant half-hour wandering, somewhat disjointedly, through the groves of Memory. Let me close with a poem on the subject by a neglected Twentieth century poet. It is appropriately called "Memory."

Wind, west wind, of an evening
Whispering through the tall trees,
Tell me tales I used to hear told
By the vagabond Sussex breeze,
Lifting the layers of silence,
And letting them softly lie,
Passing into the stillness that comes
When whispers softly die.
And I'll see the woods where we wandered
And wake with a lonely heart
As the wind of memory passes through
The tall trees of my heart.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL O'CONNOR

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to commend an individual who has provided immeasurable service to the family farmers and ranchers in my home state of South Dakota over the past eight years. Mr. Michael O'Connor has been the South Dakota State Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency, FSA, of United States Department of Agriculture, USDA. He was originally named the South Dakota State Executive Director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service of USDA by President Clinton in 1993. His current responsibilities include supervising activity in 60 county FSA field offices across the state.

As this Administration draws to a close, we sadly must say goodbye to some experienced, tireless, and talented people who have dedicated their professional careers to public service. Mike is one of those public servants, and so on behalf of the citizens of South Dakota, it is my honor to express our sincere gratitude to Mike O'Connor for his countless contributions and achievements.

Throughout his career Mike has aggressively served the agricultural community in South Dakota through positions of leadership in the South Dakota Farmers Union, the Clay-Union Electric Board of Directors, the South Dakota Corn Utilization Council Board of

Directors, and the Union County Pork Producers. He also served in as a representative in South Dakota Legislature from 1987-1993.

Moreover, Mike, his wife Janelle, and their family have devoted their lives to production agriculture, operating a diversified grain and livestock farm for over 30 years near Alcester, South Dakota.

Mike has been a valuable resource for me and a determined advocate of family farmers as we developed and implemented farm programs. He is constantly trying to improve the delivery system with the interests of family farmers close to his heart, always searching for ways to implement programs that are fair and equitable to all. Mike exhibits the courage to take on the status quo, and demonstrates a will to ensure integrity in program delivery for agricultural producers.

Mike has guided innumerable disaster and assistance programs from the federal level to local disbursement in South Dakota. He and his top-notch staff have been asked to implement these ad hoc disaster programs in addition to the day-to-day administrative requirements of current farm and conservation programs. From marketing loans and loan deficiency payments to production flexibility contract payments and market loss payments, to loan and conservation programs, to crop loss disaster payments, Mike has seen it all. He has worked with his statewide staff to administer these programs and distribute payments in an effective, timely fashion to South Dakota farmers. In this last fiscal year alone, the South Dakota FSA, under Mike's direction, has delivered over \$750 million to farm program participants in South Dakota. Mere words cannot describe everything that Mike has done to serve the farmers and ranchers in South Dakota through such an awful period of economic distress. Mike is as respected in Washington, D.C. as he is in South Dakota, and his working knowledge of the intricacies of farm bill will be missed.

Therefore, it is with a sense of pride and yet, regret, that I wish Mike well in his future endeavors.

Mr. President, I thank you and wish Mike, Janelle, and their family success in their future plans. I know that we will continue to work together, as Mike will continue to provide a respected opinion that I will seek out during the upcoming Congressional farm bill debate. On behalf of the people of South Dakota, I want to thank Mike for being a true public servant who has helped improve the quality of life for farmers and ranchers all across South Dakota. •

A TRIBUTE TO DANIEL GREELEY III

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Daniel Greeley III, of Peterborough, New Hampshire. A Navy Petty Officer

3rd Class Division who was serving on the U.S.S. *Cole* when it was attacked on October 12th, 2000. Daniel is in his 1st year of a six-year enlistment, after having served three years in the United States Coast Guard.

Daniel was one of the engine room mechanics on shift when the attack happened. Even though he was on the other side of the ship, the blast waves hit him hard. He suffered cuts and bruises, but nothing nearly as serious as his friends and shipmates. Four of Daniel Greeley's closest friends were killed by the blast. Even after the blast had left a hole measuring 40 feet wide, and 40 feet high, Daniel as well as the other sailors of the U.S.S. *Cole* pushed on.

After the blast, the sailors worked frantically to keep the ship afloat until it could be brought to safety. As one of the engine room mechanics, Daniel was forced to push on through the crisis to keep generators running and the boat from going under. He had the lives of more than 200 sailors depending on his skills as an engine room mechanic. Daniel persevered well through the night and into the early morning, facing adversity head on and pushing through.

Daniel's actions and bravery speak volumes of his character. Not only has he elected to serve our country, but has done so in a noble manner. He is a true inspiration to the people of New Hampshire. He can hold his head high, knowing he has done his wife Mary, and 14-month-old daughter Angelina proud. As Daniel continues his service, I wish him continued success. He will begin his ACNR schooling in January, an undoubtedly will continue to serve his country with honor and grace. As a fellow sailor, I salute Daniel Greeley III. It is an honor to represent him in the United States Senate. •

TRIBUTE TO BRIAN KUEHL

• Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise today to bid farewell to a key member of my staff, Brian Kuehl. I will deeply miss Brian, both professionally and personally.

Brian has worked for me for four years, most recently as my Legislative Director, and before that as Acting Chief of Staff and as a senior Legislative Assistant. He gave his heart and soul to me, to his colleagues, and, most importantly, to the people of Montana. During this time, he has proven himself to be a consensus builder—a tireless professional who brings together people with diverse points of view and who solves problems in innovative ways. He is fair-minded, balanced, creative, and a leader in every sense of the word.

Wallace Stegner defined himself as a citizen of the West. Brian fits that mold. Brian came to me from Bozeman, Montana. He attended law school in Colorado and has family roots in Utah and throughout the northwest. His wife is a fifth generation Wyoming native

and daughter of former Governor Mike Sullivan. In fact, they are moving to Sheridan, Wyoming, where they will soon have their first child.

As a citizen of the West, Brian has chosen to tackle those issues that most often divide westerners—natural resources, energy, and the environment. Time and again, his ability to bring people together has demonstrated that the West need not be divided on these issues—that we can and must work together if we are to build a sustainable region with a society as inspiring as our landscape.

Let me mention a few examples of the significant solutions that Brian has helped forge over the last four years.

When Brian joined me in the spring of 1997, he had just helped broker a compromise among the White House, regional conservation organizations, and a large mining company, Battle Mountain Gold, that would conserve an area next to Cooke City, Montana, right on the doorstep of Yellowstone National Park. The proposed New World gold mine had been immensely controversial, with the project expected to generate millions of tons of acidic mine waste. Across the West, controversies such as this usually drag on endlessly, dividing communities and draining resources.

Brian had worked closely with all the actors while he was in the non-profit sector. His first task in my office was to help secure approval of this agreement in the Congress. In the end, Congress funded the public commitment and also agreed to invest funds to rehabilitate the Going-to-the-Sun Road to compensate local communities for lost economic opportunities.

What a great start to Brian's tenure here.

In 1997 and 1998, Brian helped me pass legislation to complete the final phase of the Gallatin II Land Exchange—one of the most complex and multifaceted land exchanges ever completed by the Forest Service. Brian worked tirelessly with all of the interests in this exchange—sportsmen, conservationists, the snowmobile community, the timber industry, local ranchers, and local homeowners. Ultimately, the Gallatin II Land Exchange became law. We secured a tremendous resource for our children and grandchildren. And every interest concerned supported the compromises that Brian helped forge.

In 1998, Brian helped me with legislation on another series of land exchanges near Helena, Montana, at the Canyon Ferry Reservoir. Working with the cabin owners and local sportsmen, Brian helped me create a novel arrangement that was supported by everyone involved.

These are just a few illustrations of the many significant contributions Brian Kuehl has made to me and to the people of Montana. I thank Brian for those contributions. I thank him for serving as role model for the younger staff in my office. I thank him for his service as a key advisor to me.

Albert Einstein once said, "Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value." Well, Brian has demonstrated both success and value over the past four years. I wish the best for Brian, his wife Michelle, and their soon to be born child. ●

RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF COMMUNITY BANK

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I stand here today to recognize an institution that has remained a staple in Carmichaels and the Southwestern Corner of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the past one hundred years. Community Bank, N.A. has persevered through recessions, depressions, World Wars, other failed financial institutions, bank foreclosures, market chaos, and mergers and acquisitions without ever having to close its doors. Community Bank, N.A. remains a consistent financial force to its community by providing sound, uninterrupted service to its customers for one hundred years. I would like to warmly congratulate this financial institution for its solid judgement and thoughtful service to the people of Southwestern Pennsylvania. Community Bank is not only a reliable bank, but is a friendly neighbor and has truly contributed to the history and hometown atmosphere of Carmichaels and other communities in which the bank serves.

When The First National Bank of Carmichaels opened its doors for business on July 1, 1901, Frank Mitchener was elected president of the Board of Directors, and J. Ewing Baily was its first vice president. Stephen A. Burtner served as treasurer and the remainder of the original board was comprised of Samuel Bunting, Isaac B. Patterson, George W. Strawn, N.H. Biddle and Oscar Hartley. Mr. Dowlin drove a buckboard to the Farmer's and Drovers Bank in Waynesburg to get the cash for opening day. Forty-one original stockholders combined to give the bank a capital stock of \$25,000.

Richard L. Baily, kin of one of the original founders, and former bank president and Chairman of the Board for over 70 years, is known in Southwestern Pennsylvania for his selfless service to the communities in which the bank serves. Baily tells the story of a lady who once came to the bank to borrow money to buy shoes so her children could go to school. Her husband was unemployed and they lived in a rented house, but she had heard the bank loaned money for worthwhile causes. "I didn't think I needed to review her assets, and I'm sure she would not [have understood] the term, collateral," Baily said. He loaned her the money, and the woman, like most other townfolk, has remained loyal to the hometown bank that has been loyal to them, in good economic times and bad. The tradition of local loyalty and service continued through Charles R. Baily (son of Richard) whom also for-

merly served as a director and chairman of the bank's board. "Community bank is a local landmark that provides financial direction and services to our community friends and neighbors. Hometown commitment has been our bank's pledge for the past 100 years, and that's what it will continue to be," says Community Bank Chairman/CEO Ralph J. Sommers, Jr.

Known as Community Bank, N.A. since September 1987 (a change in name only to better reflect its larger community growth), the locally-owned and operated financial institution has had a consistent growth in assets, staff, geographic market area, and the numbers of civic and community organizations to which it has contributed.

Today, Community Bank, N.A. has some \$220 million in assets, is publicly traded as CMYC, boasts 10 branches in Greene and Washington Counties, employs about 100 people in satisfying jobs, and contributes thousands of dollars and many people-hours to scores of local civic, charitable, and philanthropic organizations.

The bank's growth is largely attributed to sound management practices, investments in technology, and community commitment at every level. Local deposits remain in the communities the bank serves in an effort to better improve the economic vibrancy of local businesses and the quality of life of residents. Unquestionably, the bank's most valuable assets—its customers, employees, and shareholders—collectively play an integral role in the prosperity of the bank and the communities it serves. The pioneering spirit of that first group of founders in Carmichaels continues in those who have followed, with unparalleled customer service and a community commitment of an incalculable life expectancy.

From this amount of information, you can see what a huge role that Community Bank has played in the establishment of the economy and history in Greene and Washington Counties. They are not just a financial institution, but a reliable and friendly staple to the people of the area. I enthusiastically ask my colleagues to join me in commending Community Bank as they celebrate their Centennial. ●

IN RECOGNITION OF CAROLE ANDERSON GRAVES

● Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Carole Anderson Graves, as she is honored by the Beta Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in cooperation with the New Jersey Performing Arts Center during the 3rd Annual Kwanza Festival honoring the community elders of Newark, New Jersey.

Our cities and towns are constantly in need of individuals willing to give of themselves for the benefit of the community at-large. The individuals who fulfill this need are the volunteers and the public servants who improve the