

Independent Insurance Agents of America. As his past accomplishments demonstrate, Bill will serve his fellow insurance agents with distinction, and provide them with strong leadership. I extend my warmest congratulations to Bill and his wife Marilyn as the incoming President and First Lady of this distinguished organization.●

HONORING ALLEN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND THE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM OF ALLEN HEALTH SYSTEM

● Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, on the occasion of the 75th birthday of Allen Memorial Hospital and the nursing education program of Allen Health System. I would like to congratulate this fine organization. For 75 years Allen Health System has diligently carried out its mission of commitment to healing, teaching, caring, and improving the health of the people and communities it serves.

Established in 1925, this organization has, over the years, positively impacted the lives of friends and family in Waterloo/Cedar Falls and surrounding communities of Northeast Iowa. Allen Health System has contributed to the development of healthcare within the community with its high quality of healthcare, professionalism, service and outreach.

The contribution of Allen Memorial Hospital and the nursing education program of Allen Health System over the past 75 years is immeasurable and Allen is to be commended for its unwavering commitment to providing healthcare to those it serves.

This September 2000, Allen Health System associates and students come together to commemorate the organization's 75th birthday and to further enhance their knowledge and skills related to healthcare, I salute them. The community has been strengthened and enhanced by the work of this organization and the men and women who are part of it.●

HONORING THURMAN "FUM" MCGRAW AND FAMILY

● Mr. ALLARD. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend, Thurman "Fum" McGraw, a man whose legend at Colorado State University, my alma mater, is among the greatest in the University's history. "Fum," the school's first All-American, died Wednesday at age 73 of complications from a stroke this summer.

"Fum," who was large in stature at nearly 6-foot-5 and more than 200 pounds, was considered Colorado State University's greatest athlete, and as a "gentle giant" by his wife, Brownie. McGraw became synonymous with the school's athletic department. In addition to his superior college football career, a two time All-American defensive lineman in 1948 and 1949 who led the Rams to their first Bowl game, he was also an All-American in wrestling

and competed in the national track and field championships. As a senior in 1949-1950 he was the university's student body president. He graduated with a degree in forest management in 1950 and spent five years in the National Football League. After an amazing college career he starred with the National Football League's Detroit Lions, helping them to win two championships and earning All-Pro honors three times as a defensive lineman.

"Fum" returned to CSU in 1955 as the wrestling coach, also assisting with the football and track teams. He was an assistant coach with the Pittsburgh Steelers from 1958-62, returned to CSU as an administrator in 1962, then returned to the NFL as a scout in 1970. Finally in 1976 he was back to stay at CSU as the athletic director until 1986. Throughout his career at Colorado State University McGraw tirelessly raised money for the CSU athletic department. He spearheaded the resumption of the football series with the University of Colorado and helped initiate the construction of Moby Arena in 1966 and Hughes Stadium in 1968. His work ultimately led to the school's acceptance into the Western Athletic Conference in 1968. But it wasn't just what he did in athletics that made him so special.

Thurman McGraw was the recipient of numerous honors, including induction into the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame and the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame. In 1997 he and his wife received the Citizen of the West Award given annually by the National Western Stock Show. "Fum" also led the effort to name the university track for his former teammate and friend Jack Christiansen. Last year to honor McGraw, CSU officials commemorated his lifetime of support by dedicating the Thurman "Fum" McGraw Center. The Thurman "Fum" McGraw Center which includes the school's locker rooms, weight training and injury rehabilitation facilities, and coaches and staff offices for the athletic department. Two weeks ago, while "Fum" was laid up in the hospital, the football team dedicated its game against in state rival University of Colorado to McGraw. The Rams upset Colorado 28 to 24.

McGraw would do anything to help the school he adored, the friends he cared so much for, and the family he loved so dearly. Thurman "Fum" McGraw was and always will remain the essence of Colorado State University. He was a hero on and off the field, and a genuine role model for today's athletes. He will be missed throughout the community, but he will not be forgotten. I offer my thoughts and prayers to those close to Mr. McGraw in this difficult time.●

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM R. CORSON

● Mr. HAGEL. Madam President, I would like to make a brief statement

about a man who in every way embodied the spirit and reality of an American patriot. Seldom does one have an opportunity to bump into someone during life's journey who has affected events of our time. Such a man was retired Marine Corps Colonel Bill Corson who passed away in July.

His passing reminds us all of our own mortality and destiny and how important it is to live our lives with honor and dignity. That is how Bill Corson lived his. It was a privilege to know him. I will miss his wise counsel and friendship.

I first met Bill in 1981 when I was serving as the Deputy Administrator of the Veterans Administration. He was a man who was deeply and unselfishly devoted to his country. Bill left college and enlisted in the Marine Corps during World War II. He served in Korea and Vietnam. His decorations included the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V." He spent most of his career on special assignment with the CIA, the White House, the Marine Corps, and the State Department. Bill went on to teach at the U.S. Naval Academy and write several books on national security issues.

Bill was relentless in the pursuit of meeting the challenges faced by the country he loved so much. He was a man of immense integrity, a man of knowledge, a man of ability, a man of compassion, a man of faith, who always gave his country his best. And America is stronger today because of this remarkable man.

He was a friend of mine, and I extend heartfelt condolences to his wife Judy and his family.

Madam President, I ask that the attached obituary from The Washington Post on Bill Corson be printed in the RECORD.

[From the Washington Post, July 19, 2000]

WILLIAM R. CORSON, 74, AUTHOR AND RETIRED MARINE OFFICER, DIES

(By J.Y. Smith)

William R. Corson, 74, a retired lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps and expert on counterinsurgency warfare who was almost court-martialed for publishing a book that was high critical of U.S. policy in Vietnam, died July 17 at Surburban Hospital. He had lung cancer.

For much of his career, Col. Corson was an intelligence officer on special assignment with the CIA and the Marine Corps. He spoke Chinese and specialized in Asian affairs.

In 1962, after four years as a liaison officer in Hong Kong, he was assigned to the office of the secretary of defense. This put him in touch with decision-making at the highest level as U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia deepened.

He began studying Vietnam in the early 1950s, when France was still trying to hold on to its colonial possession. In 1966, he was ordered there as commanding officer of a Marine tank battalion.

Early in 1967, he was named director of the Combined Action Program, in which small detachments of Marines served with South Vietnamese militia in villages throughout the country. The purpose of the program was to provide security from the communists and win the loyalty of the people to the Saigon government.