

I do not go out to lunch with my friends; we talk on the phone but do not have lunches out. We are planning on one lunch a month at someone's home.

Extra shopping? Not on your life!! Since we have no clue how high fuel is going to go, extra spending is not considered. Is this hurting the economy, no doubt about it, but with no reasonable end in sight we have no choice!!

IRENE.

I would have much preferred to see the global warming legislation go through. The energy prices right now are short-term pain, but nothing compared to what we're headed for if the current course is maintained on global warming. Please think in the longer term and consider changing your stance on global warming. And please don't send me one of those garbage "thank you for your support" automatic responses. I do not support your vote on this.

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ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING DIANE REESE

• Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the presentation of the Diane Reese Award to Marilyn J. Smith for her work as the president and co-founder of the Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services in Seattle, WA. The presentation took place in the Library of Congress during a major conference on domestic violence.

This award is much more than recognition of an individual who has gone above and beyond to help those who have and still are suffering from the terrible domestic violence abuses happening daily. This award recognizes a way of life that has inspired and helped countless people that are in need. I would like to commend Marilyn J. Smith for her outstanding work continuing Ms. Reese's compassionate legacy.

As some of you know, I got my start serving the public when I came to southern West Virginia as a VISTA volunteer. Although Ms. Reese's social justice work started long before her life moving journey to the coalfields of West Virginia, it was that journey that connected both of our lives together.

I was able to witness firsthand Diane's ability to gracefully build the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Working with Sue Julian, who still is a team coordinator at the Coalition, they provided the leadership to create a strong program that has grown into a network of shelters, outreach centers, and support groups throughout West Virginia. Diane inspired many thanks to her steady, quiet but fully committed life. Sue and the rest of the coalition continue that work.

Visiting the various shelters Diane helped set up in the early 1990s was a very moving opportunity that I feel very fortunate to have experienced. Working closely with Ms. Reese and the coalition, we fought together for the passage of the first Federal Violence

Against Women Act and its subsequent reauthorizations. I have continued to work with the coalition and have tried to help with vital Federal grants. Diane, Sue, and the coalition have played a pivotal role in advising me about the Violence Against Women Act over the years.

In West Virginia, Diane Reese touched the lives of so many with her unique ability to heal and serve those in need. Throughout her years of serving the public, Diane became an adjunct faculty at Southern WV Community College and was an active member in the Mountaineer Food Bank, the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund Board, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, just to name a few. As you can see, Diane certainly went above and beyond the norm with her generosity and charity.

Just last year the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence that Diane helped to create provided support to over 15,000 people, including children. As you can tell, the numbers of those touched by her life are enormous. Her community organizing efforts, spirit for social justice, and expert skills as an educator made her a good counselor and dear friend.

I and all the people who knew and worked with her were saddened to lose her, and we mourn her still. But Diane has an extraordinary legacy that lives on in the work of the coalition in West Virginia and the national award that continues to inspire and acknowledge the next generation of advocates. Diane Reese pursued every obstacle she faced with knowledge, kindness, respect, expertise, and conquered each one of them with grace and optimism. Those of us lucky enough to know her personally will also remember her, and the award in her memory continues to inspire all of us. And, I know that with the great challenges that still face the victims and survivors of domestic violence, Diane would be urging us to continue the work she began and reminding us that the goal of securing peace at home for everyone is a goal upon which we must never give up.●

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL CRAIG M. GREENE

• Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize and pay tribute to LTC Craig M. Greene, deputy chief, Army Senate Liaison Division, Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison, who will retire September 1, 2008. I wish to commend and congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Craig Greene upon his retirement.

Lieutenant Colonel Greene's distinguished career as an infantry officer embodies all of the Army's values of loyalty, duty, respect, honor, integrity, and personal courage and spans 20 years, during which he has distinguished himself as both a soldier and leader.

Upon graduating from the University of Massachusetts, Lieutenant Colonel

Greene served as an infantry officer in command and staff positions in a number of infantry units. Prior to Lieutenant Colonel Greene's assignment to the Office of Chief of Legislative Liaison, he was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division, Light, Schofield Barracks, HI, from 2001 to 2003. His experience in the Army's Officer Personnel Management Command led to Lieutenant Colonel Greene being selected to serve as the brigade S-1 for the 2nd Brigade "Warriors" and the secretary to the General Staff for the Commanding General. The consummate professional, Lieutenant Colonel Greene revised internal systems to streamline information flow and the decisionmaking process to include instituting a "Battle Rhythm" for the division staff eliminating redundant meetings and events.

In his more recent position as a congressional liaison, I have come to know and respect Lieutenant Colonel Greene. A natural at building and maintaining relationships with Members of Congress and their staffs, Lieutenant Colonel Greene was invaluable as the Army faced many challenges associated with its budget and real-world combat operations in the global war on terror. Members knew they could count on Lieutenant Colonel Greene for his counsel, professional advice, and unwavering integrity.

While assigned to the Office of Congressional Legislative Liaison, Lieutenant Colonel Greene prepared members of the Army staff for over 20 hearings and orchestrated over 150 congressional engagements to ensure Congress understood the Army programs and budget requirements to grow and transform the Army. Lieutenant Colonel Greene escorted over 50 congressional delegations worldwide.

His expertise concerning congressional affairs, his strategic, operational, and tactical knowledge of the Army, combined with his keen intuition and ability to develop key relationships have been instrumental in enabling the chief of legislative liaison and the Army to meet the Army's legislative objectives. Lieutenant Colonel Greene has escorted 12 delegations to Iraq and Afghanistan, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. I was privileged to have Lieutenant Colonel Greene as an escort on several of my own trips.

A tireless worker, he coordinated with all of the relevant agencies and individuals to ensure my overseas travel was always successful. I am extremely grateful for the service he provided me and my staff during those trips.

During his distinguished Army career, Lieutenant Colonel Greene has been awarded numerous accolades, including the Defense Meritorious Medal, four Meritorious Service Medals, five Army Accommodation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, the Expert Infantry Badge, the Ranger Tab, and Parachutist and Air Assault Badge.