

over 5 months, and never given a sufficient explanation of the delay in their case.

This is an unacceptable way for the United States to treat Iraqis who have loyally served with our soldiers at great personal risk. Groups like the Checkpoint One Foundation are invaluable in helping the United States repay our debt to those Iraqis translators to whom we owe so much. Jason Faler, the Checkpoint One Foundation, and similar organizations should be highly commended.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING BRENDA ZODY

• Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, today I honor a great Hoosier teacher, Brenda Zody, whose many accomplishments during 39 years as an Indiana educator serve as an example for us all. As Brenda prepares to retire from service to the children of Indiana, it is appropriate that we take a moment to give thanks to her for all she has offered to those she has reached throughout her career.

Brenda is a native of Martinsville, IN, and is a 1966 graduate of Martinsville High School. She received both her BS and MS degrees in education from Indiana State University, and began teaching in 1969 in Flint, MI. She moved back to her home state after a year, becoming an elementary school teacher at Staunton Elementary in Clay County, IN, while living in Vigo County.

In 1979, she returned to Martinsville with her family and began teaching second grade at Green Township Elementary, where she herself attended first, second and third grade as a child. She began teaching fourth grade in the late 1980s. During her time as a fourth-grade teacher, Brenda was involved heavily in the "Computer at Home/Buddy Project," an innovative education network which provided fourth and fifth graders across the State with take-home computers. She made it a point to take her students each year on Indiana history field trips, such as the Indiana Statehouse, the James Whitcomb Riley Home, the Benjamin Harrison Home, the new and old Indiana State museums, historic Vincennes and McCormick's Creek State Park. In addition, she was also heavily involved in the continuation of annual visits by Martinsville students to Cross School, one of Morgan County's only surviving one-room schoolhouses. Here, dressed in period clothing, students spend a day learning what school meant to children generations ago.

Brenda consistently went above and beyond the expectations of her post and, in doing so, imparted a love for the State of Indiana on her students. For these efforts, she was awarded the 2003 Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year award in Martinsville. She also played a critical role in developing the first

written history of Green Township Elementary School. Today, Brenda resides in Morgan County on property that has been in her family for about 100 years. She is the mother of John Zody of Bloomington and Erin Zody Kaiser of Greenville, and is grandmother to Gavin and Ruth Kaiser. Brenda's parents are Bill and Ruth Hammans of Martinsville.

As Brenda prepares to retire from the Metropolitan School District of Martinsville, I am reminded of a quote by Henry Brooks Adams, "A teacher affects eternity; she can never tell where her influence stops." While no longer in the classroom, her influence upon the students she has taught will continue to be felt for generations to come.●

REMEMBERING HARVEY KORMAN

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of a very special man, Harvey Korman of Los Angeles County, who died May 29, 2008. He was 81 years old.

Harvey Korman was a man of many talents and will be fondly remembered for his work in Hollywood as a comedic actor.

Harvey Herschel Korman was born to Ellen and Cyril Korman on February 15, 1927, in Chicago, IL. Interested in acting as a child, Harvey was signed by a local radio station when he was 12 years old. After serving in World War II, Harvey came back to Chicago to attend the Chicago Institute's Goodman School of Drama. After his studies at the Goodman School of Drama, Harvey moved to New York City, where he spent several years trying to find roles in Broadway theater productions.

After 13 years in New York, Harvey moved to Hollywood in the early 1960s. In 1964, Harvey was hired by Danny Kaye to be a part of "The Danny Kaye Show" ensemble. He stayed with the show for the next 3 years before joining the "Carol Burnett Show" in 1967. Harvey's versatile acting abilities played a critical role in explaining the success of the Burnett show, which appeared without interruption in television's top 10 during its 11-year run. It was through the "Carol Burnett Show" that Harvey also met one of his closest friends, Tim Conway. Through their many years together performing on the "Carol Burnett Show," Korman and Conway formed one of television's most formidable comic teams.

On the big screen, Harvey made more than 30 films, including four comedies directed by Mel Brooks: "Blazing Saddles," 1974; "High Anxiety," 1977; "History of the World Part 1," 1981; and "Dracula: Dead and Loving It," 1995.

Those who knew Harvey Korman recognized him as an animated and brilliant man. He took pride in promoting comedy to audiences worldwide. His work in comedic film and television will be remembered fondly by all those whose lives he touched. He will be deeply missed.

Harvey is survived by his wife Deborah Fritz and his four children: Kate, Laura, Maria, and Chris.●

REMEMBERING J.R. SIMPLOT

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, Idaho lost one of her native sons on May 25, a man who put Idaho on the map and made "Famous Potatoes" synonymous with Idaho across the world. John Richard "J.R." Simplot passed away at the age of 99, leaving a legendary legacy of hard work and shrewd business dealing—a pioneer in every respect. Who would have thought that a young man, with no more than an eighth grade education who used to hunt wild horses to feed hogs—his first business venture as a teenager—would put Micron on the global map some 50 years later? Among other things, J.R. can be credited with catapulting the ubiquitous McDonald's French fry to worldwide fame.

By the reckoning of some, J.R. Simplot is responsible for the employment of 14,000 Idahoans today, as well as the establishment of many Boise retail and hospitality centers such as the Boise Centre on the Grove, the Boise Factory Outlet and the Qwest Arena.

Those of us who knew him knew a man with a colorful personality and a resolute sense of self and what he believed in. He was a dogged businessman, as comfortable in his role in convincing President Reagan to support U.S. business interests as he was wandering into a campground near his cabin to visit with folks around the fire. His personality was as multifaceted as the organizations and institutions to which he gave millions of dollars. J.R. donated to multiple causes including millions of dollars to Boise State University and other Idaho institutions of higher learning, the Ronald McDonald House, the Boys and Girls Clubs, the arts, Idaho Public Television, the Boise Zoological Society, Boise area medical centers, the YMCA and public libraries. Being rated by Forbes as one of the top 100 wealthiest Americans, and the oldest living billionaire in the United States, didn't change J.R.'s outlook on life, nor his habit of driving to McDonald's to eat a few times a week. In his trademark pragmatic way, he outlined for Esquire Magazine, at age 92, what it takes to be successful in business. He compared business to playing a game of marbles: "Each man has his own taw, and if he gets good with that taw, he can knock the hell out of some marbles. And he can win, but he has to have strong fingers and the right aim. It's like anything else: You got to work at it."

J.R. was a no-nonsense, down-to-earth, highly perceptive businessman, entrepreneur and philanthropist. Idaho can be proud of his incredible legacy.●

TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN TERRY

• Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I would like to congratulate Mr. Stephen Terry