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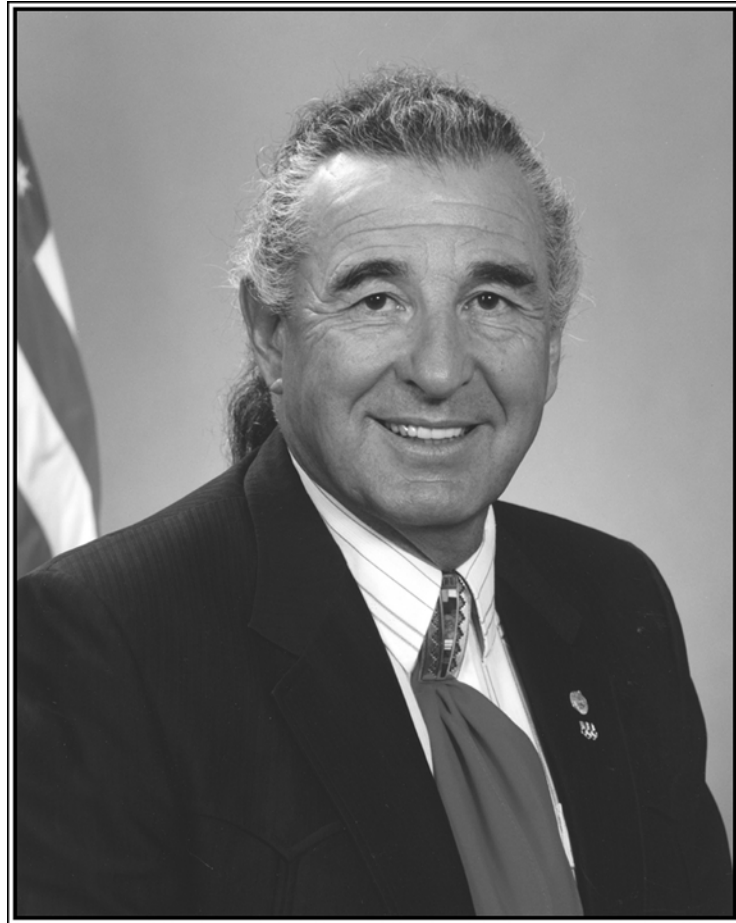
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## Biography

Colorado's senior U.S. Senator, BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL, was born in Auburn, CA, on April 13, 1933. His mother, Mary Vierra, was a Portuguese immigrant, and his father, Albert Campbell, was a Northern Cheyenne Indian. CAMPBELL was the only American Indian to serve in the U.S. Senate during his two terms, and is 1 of 44 Chiefs of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe.

He received a B.A. degree in physical education and fine arts from San Jose University in 1957 and later attended Meiji University in Tokyo from 1960 to 1964 as a special research student and subsequently received an honorary doctorate in the late 1990s. Before entering college CAMPBELL served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1953, stationed in Korea, where he attained the rank of Airman 2d Class.

CAMPBELL is a renowned jewelry designer, athlete, and trainer of champion quarter horses. He participated in the 1964 Olympic Games as the captain of the U.S. Olympic Judo Team, and has been a judo instructor. He was elected to the Colorado State Legislature in 1982, serving for 4 years.

CAMPBELL has been married to the former Linda Price for more than 35 years.

He is the father of two grown children, Colin Campbell and Shanan Campbell-Wells. He is a proud grandfather to Luke and Saylor Longfellow and Lauren Campbell. He and his family enjoy many activities together, including riding motorcycles.



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## Farewell to my Senate Colleagues

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, since I am retiring at the end of this term, after 22 years in public office, let me say in all honesty that, regardless of party, I have never in my life met a more dedicated, caring group of men and women, who are not only my colleagues but also my friends. We may have our disagreements, but in each our own way, we know in our hearts that we are trying our best to do the right thing for our Nation. And I think we probably all agree that the more we adhere to the teachings of the Good Book, as we have been admonished many times, the less we would need a law book.

The people of Colorado have honored me for allowing me to represent them in our Nation's Capital—not long by some standards, of course. But I have to tell you, on each sunlit morning as I drive to work, or each moonlit night, particularly in the wintertime after a fresh snow, and I view the dome of this great building as the first or last thing I do in my workday, I am just thrilled that I was here for a while and it was a part of my life.

And now I have to tell you how much I admire and respect my colleagues. Their friendship and guidance is more than I can ever repay. Each is very special to me, and I certainly will not forget them. Surely, when newly elected freshmen are sworn in 100 years from now, and they come on this floor and open the desks and read the bottoms of drawers and the names of all the Senators who have historically been sworn in before them, they will see the names of Senator Robert Byrd, Senator Ted Stevens, Senator Dan Inouye, Senator Ted Kennedy, and Senator Domenici of New Mexico, and they will already know when they read those names they are reading the names of Members who have served in this body for most of their adult lives and both molded the history of this Nation and set a standard of commitment to excellence for all to follow.

Mr. President, I would be remiss if I did not thank the unsung heroes of this body, and those are the hard-working

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staff people without whose dedication many of us simply would not get much done. I salute them because they are not only our employees, but they are our partners in finding solutions in a world that becomes more complicated with each passing decade.

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## Proceedings in the Senate

THURSDAY, *November 18, 2004*

Mr. BURNS. BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL served from the 103d to the 108th Congress. But my, the knowledge he has had and the experiences he has had.

It seems as if he has always ridden dangerous things, including old broncs and horses, which are unpredictable, and, you might say, not the safest things. What a great thrill being the cover Senator for Harley-Davidson. He, too, has lived a great life. He, too, understands the West. He is also a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. The reservation is in my State of Montana.

We campaigned together, learned from each other. Now he will be returning back to his Colorado, back to the High Country. He is looking forward to that. \* \* \*

As to all of these men, I want to say you do form relationships here, and there is a certain bond that attracts us all, as we learn that even though you may be on the same side of the aisle or the opposite side of the aisle, one could always agree or disagree without being disagreeable. That is what makes the Senate a special place.

We will miss all of these men, but I am looking forward to those who take their place as, there again, new relationships will be developed, a new bond dealing with the old challenges of a free society, with those who love the Constitution and love this country who were prepared to die for it and would if asked to do so today. No one doubts the depth of their patriotism nor their service to their country. We welcome them as we say goodbye to old friends, old relationships that will never be forgotten.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I wish to make a couple of comments regarding my very good friend, BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL, who is retiring with me at the end of this session. Senator CAMPBELL is a unique Senator. All Senators are unique, but he is especially unique. He is a very special Sen-

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ator, the only Native American presently serving in the Senate and he is chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee.

He has a very distinguished career. He was in the Air Force. He served in Korea. He served in the State legislature. He served in the House of Representatives. I believe he was elected in 1986. He was elected to the Senate as a Democrat in 1992, 12 years ago. He was reelected in 1998. In March 1995, he had the courage and the conviction to change parties. That is not easily done. He did it and I greatly respect him and admire him for that, but also for his service to our country.

He is a jewelry designer.

I have had the pleasure of knowing BEN NIGHORSE CAMPBELL and his wife, Linda, fairly well for the last 12 years. I have great respect for him. He has passed a lot of legislation. A lot of people are not aware of that. Many of his bills have become law. In many cases, he is a quiet legislator. He is effective and he gets things done.

He is on the Appropriations Committee. He has had his fingerprints on a lot of legislation. He is chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee. That committee considers a multitude of issues. Some of us kind of moved around and made way for him to become chairman of that committee. We thought it was very special to have a Native American become chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee for the first time.

He is unique from the standpoint that he rides a Harley. He has a great love for the West.

I think he has made a valuable, important contribution to this body, the Senate.

He has represented his State of Colorado very well. Colorado has had some great Senators. Bill Armstrong was one of my favorite Senators and one of my mentors. Wayne Alford is another outstanding Senator from Colorado. BEN NIGHORSE CAMPBELL certainly falls in that role of being an outstanding Senator. I think he and Linda both will be missed in this body, the Senate.

I congratulate him and Linda for their many years of service going all the way back to the military, to the State legislature, to serving in the House of Representatives, and now 12 years in the Senate. He has given a lot of public service to this country, and given it well. He has served well. As the Bible says, "Well done thou good and faithful servant." He has certainly done that. He has made the State of Colorado



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very proud and, frankly, the country very proud. The Senate is better off for his service. I congratulate him for his service.

The Senate will miss the services and the laughter of BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL. I compliment him for his service.

Mr. SHELBY. My friend Senator CAMPBELL, BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL, you talk about somebody unique. He is a unique American. He is a Native American. He is proud of who he is. He has represented the State of Colorado, both in the House of Representatives and in the Senate, very well. I wish him the very best. He will certainly not go away in the future.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL is a man of many talents. He is an Indian chief, a Korean war veteran, a champion quarter horse trainer, an Olympic judo competitor, a rancher, and a jewelry designer.

After his service in the military and a series of athletic victories, BEN settled down to run his ranch and design jewelry. But, by pure accident, politics entered his life. Colorado, the Senate, and America would never be the same.

In 1982 BEN attended a meeting to support a friend's bid for sheriff. He made a stunning impression and walked away drafted as a candidate for the Colorado State Legislature. BEN served the people of Colorado there and in the House of Representatives. And 12 years ago, they elected him to the Senate.

More than 20 years after that fateful evening, BEN has left an indelible mark on the Senate. He has taken the lead on critical agricultural issues, fought excessive spending, argued for a balanced budget, and sponsored Federal drought relief for farmers. From drug policy to natural resources conservation, he has advocated for Colorado interests, and he has brought home what the people of his State elected him to do. He has also sponsored or co-sponsored 54 Indian-related bills that became law. And he is the first American Indian ever to chair the Senate Indian Affairs Committee. Without him, the spectacular Museum of the American Indian that graces our National Mall would not have become a reality.

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BEN is a leader who stands firm by his beliefs and works hard for the people of Colorado and Americans everywhere. We wish him and his wife, Linda, all the best for the future.

FRIDAY, *November 19, 2004*

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, obviously, in the brief time here I am not going to be able to say everything that comes to mind about the Senators who are retiring but to summarize a little bit of the information for the benefit of those who might be watching.

When you have long, distinguished careers of Senators and they decide not to run for reelection but leave the body, there is a lot that comes to mind about their service. I think it is good to remind ourselves of just a few of these things because of the service they have provided, both to the people of their own States and to the United States. \* \* \*

Mr. President, I wish to say a word about our colleague, BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL. Senator CAMPBELL and I served together in the House of Representatives. He is unique in the history of the Senate. He is a Native American who came first to the House and then to the Senate. He represents the people of the State of Colorado, as does the Presiding Officer, with distinction. He is a real man of the people. He is a jeweler, a motorcycle enthusiast, a real athlete—an Olympian, as a matter of fact, in judo. He is a man whose interests are extensive beyond the kind of humdrum interests sometimes we in the Senate focus on. He brought a lot of spirit and a lot of light to this body. I know BEN will be missed by every one of us as well.

These are only four of the colleagues [Senators Nickles, CAMPBELL, Fitzgerald and Miller] who are going to be leaving us at the end of this session. These are Senators whom I became particularly close to. I wanted to say a word about each one of them, to wish them all the very best, bid them farewell, also to know they have too many friends around here to ignore. And we are going to be staying in touch with every one of them.

We thank them for their service to the people of their States, to the Senate, and to the people of the United States of America.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I am going to yield the floor, but I do want to talk about our other colleagues who

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are retiring in a few minutes. There are a lot of good people here on both sides of the aisle.

We are going to miss all of our friends over here, but I am going to miss Don Nickles. I have had a lot of fights with him, but I know he always knew where he wanted to go. I respected that.

Peter Fitzgerald, newer among us, but a gentleman to be noted, and BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL comes from a State I love. I have two grandchildren there. He is a decent fellow. We are going to miss all of them. I will talk about them later.

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, while the Senate is holding in abeyance for the final Omnibus appropriations bill that the House is getting ready to file sometime tonight, I want to take the opportunity to pay tribute to our retiring Senators: Tom Daschle, Fritz Hollings, Don Nickles, John Breaux, BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL, John Edwards, Peter Fitzgerald, Zell Miller, and Bob Graham.

I wish to make a speech about each one of these Senators who has become a dear friend, in some cases, over the years. \* \* \*

BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL has this wonderful new museum for Native Americans which would not have happened—just a stone's throw from this Capitol—had it not been for his leadership. There is, as you go through this museum, a special display on the artwork of BEN. I commend it to our colleagues.

So for all of these names I have mentioned, in the great poem "Ulysses," he says, "I am a part of all that I have met," and I am a part of all these great Senators. I am much richer for it and for having been their friend.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. I talked before about Tom Daschle. I also will discuss the rest of our colleagues who are leaving the Senate.

When the 109th Congress convenes in January, nine of our current colleagues will not be here. I take a few moments to pay tribute to them. Collectively, our colleagues have served in the Senate for 144 years. We will miss them. \* \* \*

Another friend from the other side of the aisle is BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL, the senior Senator from Colorado. He is one of the true originals in the Senate. He is 1 of 44 chiefs of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. He served our country in Korea. He is a renowned jewelry designer, athlete, and

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trainer of champion quarter horses. He participated in the 1964 Olympics as a member of the U.S. Olympic Judo Team.

He was elected to the Colorado State Legislature in 1982, serving for 4 years before coming to Washington. He has livened up the place with his string ties, beautiful jewelry, and his Harley-Davidson motorcycles. And he has been our conscience when it comes to meeting our treaty obligations to Native Americans.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I know the hour is getting late and others want to be heard, but I briefly want to express some thoughts about our colleagues who are leaving this wonderful body. Today we have heard some very compelling speeches, particularly the one given by my good friend, Tom Daschle of South Dakota, our Democratic leader.

I was pleased to see so many of our colleagues remain on the floor to listen to the departing Democratic leader. The words he expressed about his State, his staff, his colleagues, his feelings about the country, and the future, are instructive. I know it can sound repetitive when people hear us talk about our colleagues this way, but I think it is important for the public to note that while they might hear only about the bickering, the part that you do not often see is the deep respect, affection, and caring that goes on among the Members of this body. This affection comes despite the differences that exist in red States and blue States, or being strongly conservative or strongly liberal.

There is this weaving of a common denominator through each and every one of us, particularly after years of common service in this remarkable institution we call the Senate. There is a deep and abiding respect for those who have come here, those who have served here, those who have tried to make a difference for our country.

It may seem like it is inside discussion, but I hope the public understands how deeply felt these comments are about colleagues who will no longer have the pleasure of spending each and every day in this Chamber, but whose friendship and collegiality will continue in the years ahead as we encounter each other in different walks of life. \* \* \*

Mr. President, I also want to take a few minutes to speak about another dear friend, BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL.

BEN and I have served together for a while on the same side of the aisle. BEN made a decision to move to the other side of the aisle a few years ago. We talked at great length about his decision. I recall how it was very difficult. In fact, we talked into the wee hours of the morning about his deci-

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sion to go from the Democratic side of the aisle to the Republican side of the aisle.

Despite that change, we have continued our strong friendship over the years. I respected his decision. I was disappointed by it, obviously, but nonetheless, I respected the decision he made and the reasons for his arriving at that decision. I have great affection for him and wish nothing but the best in the years ahead.

He has a compelling story. He is the son of a Portuguese immigrant and a Northern Cheyenne Indian. He is 1 of 44 chiefs of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Tribe. He is the first American Indian to chair the Committee on Indian Affairs. Without a doubt, Senator CAMPBELL's heritage has enabled him to bring a unique perspective to this body, a perspective I know all of us have valued over the years.

Throughout his 12-year tenure in the Senate, Senator CAMPBELL has represented not only his constituents in Colorado but Native Americans all across our Nation. For some years he, along with Dan Inouye of Hawaii and others, have worked hard to establish the National Museum of the American Indian. Finally, this past September, the dream finally became reality. It never would have happened had it not been for BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL and Dan Inouye.

As a result of their determination over the years to see that there would be adequate recognition for America's Native peoples, the museum would not have happened.

BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL has been involved in many other issues such as the Helsinki Commission. But his particular contribution, I think, will always be raising the profile and the interests of our Native Americans.

All of us, again, wish him and Linda and their family the very best in the years to come.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to bid farewell to the Olympian from Colorado.

Forty years ago, Senator BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL carried the American flag in the opening ceremonies of the Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan. He was the captain of the U.S. Judo Team and already a gold medalist in the 1963 Pan-American Games. For most men, that would be accomplishment enough for a lifetime. But for BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL, it was only the beginning.

Every one of us who has been privileged to serve in the Senate knows that we will never again see anyone quite like BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL. He is probably the only Senator equally comfortable driving a truck or a Harley-

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Davidson motorcycle. He has been both a Democrat and a Republican, although he is now a Republican, and I remind the President that wisdom blooms with age.

In 1995, Senator CAMPBELL heroically subdued and handcuffed a man who had assaulted the late Senator Strom Thurmond in the Capitol subway. I suspect many Senators became a little more inclined to vote for his amendments after that.

Senator CAMPBELL has consistently fought to reduce the burden the Federal Government places on American families by cutting taxes and spending. Hailing from the home of the Rocky Mountains, he has led the Republican Party in preserving our environment. He was instrumental in establishing the National Museum of the American Indian on the National Mall, which opened this fall. He is the only Native American Indian Senator currently serving, and only the eighth in the history of Congress.

And the Senate is not the only exclusive club in which he claims membership. He also is on the Council of 44 Chiefs for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Lama Deer, MT.

Senator CAMPBELL is an honest, straightforward man who likes simple pleasures. He served his country with the U.S. Air Force in the Korean war. He and his wife of over 35 years, Linda, have two children and three grandchildren.

He has designed award-winning jewelry and trained champion quarter horses. And being from Kentucky, the horse capital of the world, he has my special appreciation for that. I have welcomed him to my home State before, and he is welcome again in the Bluegrass State anytime.

In 2001, Senator CAMPBELL rode a motorcycle specially designed in red, white, and blue in the Inaugural Parade. I, for one, would not be surprised to see him ride that bike all the way from here to his hometown of Ignacio, CO, now that his 12 years with us draws to a close. It has been an honor to share this Chamber with him, and I salute his service, tenacity, and integrity.

But most of all I salute his courage. He stood tall as 1 of 100, and he stood just as tall alone.

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my colleague and friend Senator BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL.

Since his election to the Senate in 1992, Senator CAMPBELL has been the only Native American in this body and only the eighth to serve in Congress. Senator CAMPBELL's road to the Congress took many interesting turns—a truck

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driver, veteran, athlete, jewelry designer, and trainer. He served honorably in the Air Force during the Korean war. He represented the United States as captain of the 1964 U.S. Olympic Judo Team. Later, he built a successful jewelry business as well as bred and trained quarter horses.

During our time in the Senate, I have come to know Senator CAMPBELL best as a fellow member of the Committee on Indian Affairs. Senator CAMPBELL has served as chairman and ranking member of that committee since 1997. In that capacity, he proved to be an outspoken leader and tireless advocate for all Native Americans. He invested the time to learn about the diverse interests impacting tribes across the country and worked across party lines to develop workable solutions to those problems.

Senator CAMPBELL often focused on developing and refining Federal programs that would provide a hand up and build reservation economies to help make sure all Native Americans share in the prosperity other Americans have seen. He was also instrumental in securing a National Museum for American Indians, an effort that started more than 15 years ago and culminated with a museum opening this September along the National Mall.

I particularly appreciated Senator CAMPBELL's role in helping the tribes in North Dakota make sure the Federal Government fulfilled its long-standing commitment to compensate them for the infrastructure lost due to the construction of the Missouri River dams. Senator CAMPBELL has helped me shepherd legislation through Congress that would fulfill one of these vital promises to the Three Affiliated Tribes, the replacement of its hospital. I truly appreciated his support.

Senator CAMPBELL has been a true champion for Native Americans. His compassion and conviction will be missed in the U.S. Senate.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I regret that my friend from Colorado, Mr. CAMPBELL, is retiring from the Senate. He and his wife, Linda, have become good friends who will be truly missed.

I enjoyed serving for a few years on the Committee on Indian Affairs with him, and I have had the pleasure of traveling with him on official business of the Appropriations Committee.

His service in the Senate has been exemplary. He has taken his responsibilities seriously, and he has reflected credit on his State.

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I did worry about his motorcycle riding. But it was an asset when the new King of Jordan visited the Senate and asked to go for a ride.

I hope we will continue to look to Senator CAMPBELL for advice and counsel in the years ahead, especially on the finer points of self defense as an Olympic Gold Medal winner in judo.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise today to take this opportunity to honor our departing colleagues who are leaving the Senate. In almost each new Congress a different group of 100 men and women comes together from different backgrounds and political philosophies, representing different interests and constituencies, but through all our differences, we develop respect and admiration for each other. Many times we step across the aisle and work together on legislation and oftentimes genuine friendships are created. As I pay tribute to these departing Senators, whether they have been here one term or seven, they are a remarkable group and we thank them for their honorable service.

BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL has been more than just a neighbor Senator from out west, but a close friend and colleague.

I have worked with Senator CAMPBELL on the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the Indian Affairs Committee. During his 18 years in the U.S. Congress, Senator CAMPBELL has earned the respect of Members on both sides of the aisle as being a statesman and staunch advocate for the State of Colorado. In addition, he is the sole American Indian serving in the Senate, and he is also a Northern Cheyenne tribal chief. His work on behalf of tribes is legendary, and I know he will be sorely missed by the American Indian people.

Senator CAMPBELL has been a recognized leader on public land and natural resource policy. Since New Mexico and Colorado face similar challenges, we have worked closely on these matters, and it has been a privilege to work with someone so passionate about improving land management policies.

Senator CAMPBELL is a veteran, Olympian, and public servant, and he has selflessly devoted himself to serving his State and country for over half a century. Senator CAMPBELL is a unique individual who I call a friend. His love of nature, his family and his roots are continually evident. As a father, grandfather, and Senator, I know that Senator NIGHTHORSE



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CAMPBELL and his loved ones will be glad to have more time for family activities.

He proudly represented Colorado and its people. His leadership and presence will be greatly missed by all. I wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

SATURDAY, *November 20, 2004*

Mr. ALLARD. Madam President, I take a moment to talk about four colleagues whom I have had an opportunity to serve with in the Senate.

First of all, I want to talk about my colleague from the State of Colorado, who is not going to be with us as we go into the waning days of the 108th Congress.

I had an opportunity to get to know BEN CAMPBELL in the Colorado General Assembly. In 1982, he was elected to the State house and I was elected to the State senate. It was not long before the buzz in the Capitol was all about this great Native American whom we had serving in the State house who brought to the Capitol some common sense from western Colorado, an individual who in his own right had already gained some national notoriety.

Senator CAMPBELL came from a family that was somewhat dysfunctional. It was a poor family. He joined the Air Force. While he was serving in the Air Force, he had an opportunity to get his GED. He served in Korea. While serving in the Air Force, he also spent some time in Japan where he received some judo training. He became a member of the first Olympic Judo Team representing the United States. He had the distinction of carrying the flag representing the whole United States entourage that was there participating in the Olympics.

This individual brought a considerable amount of national notoriety to the Colorado General Assembly. But he became even more respected because of his firm conviction, his hard work, and his commitment to small business, and to water issues of the western slope in the State house district he represented. In fact, having finished his first term, he was recognized as 1 of the 10 best legislators in the Colorado General Assembly. He had an opportunity to serve for about three terms and took on an incumbent Congressman. He won that particular race and ended up in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1986; then got elected to the U.S. Senate in 1992, and reelected in 1998.

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During this period of time, I had an opportunity to establish a personal relationship with Senator CAMPBELL in the State legislature. I respect a lot of the values he brought to the legislature. I had an opportunity to work with him for a short period of time in the U.S. House of Representatives. He certainly was a team player and somebody whom I felt I could work with. I looked forward to the opportunity when I could serve with him in the Senate. While serving here in the Senate, we became known as a team representing the interests of Colorado, which has been pretty effective. A lot of the issues that are important to the State of Colorado we were able to accomplish. A lot of it was because he was willing to take on the responsibilities of the Appropriations Committee. Representatives from Colorado ordinarily didn't seek out these committees, but he made a big difference.

I consider it a great pleasure to be able to serve with him. I consider him family. Not only are we close friends, but my niece married his son. I have the greatest respect for the CAMPBELL family. They are great Americans and I am pleased to be considered part of his family. \* \* \*

I view these four individuals as four individuals who have distinguished themselves in my mind and four individuals whom I have appreciated having the opportunity to serve with in the Senate and whom I hold in great esteem. I wish them the very best as they pursue life's journey, having served in a distinguished way in the Senate. I wish them the very best and Godspeed.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Madam President, I rise to say good-bye to several of my colleagues, dear friends and colleagues with whom I have had the pleasure to work in the Senate. \* \* \*

Senator BEN NIGHORSE CAMPBELL is one of the best friends I have in the Senate. I am particularly going to miss him. He commands more attention than a Harley-Davidson with straight pipes.

He brought a wealth of experience and perspective to the Senate that enriched all of our deliberations. Let me list, in no particular order, some of these experiences. He was a fruit picker, a deputy sheriff, the captain of the U.S. Judo Team in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. He is a horse trainer, a rancher, a fabulous jewelry artist, and chief of the Northern Cheyenne tribe.

He also has served the people of Colorado as their Senator, both as a Democrat and a Republican. He is a renaissance man in every sense of the word. He can ride a Harley-David-

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son like a genuine biker because he is the real thing. On his motorcycle or on the Senate floor in his ponytail and sunglasses or in his business suit, he has unabashedly defended the values and interests of Americans of all incomes and backgrounds. This stems from his pride in our great country.

I remember when he decided it was time for the Capitol Police to buy American and trade in their Japanese-made motorcycles for Harleys. He said in his typical upfront style that the Japanese bikes made the police look like “pizza delivery boys” and they are not fast enough to catch crooks. Needless to say, the Capitol Hill motorcycle police are now equipped with Harleys.

One of BEN’s most prominent contributions is now visible on our Mall, the National Museum of the American Indian. He initiated the legislation to found this museum within the Smithsonian, and the beautiful building housing priceless collections of American Indian artifacts and art work is a tremendous legacy of BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL: my friend, my colleague, and biker buddy.

Madam President, I will miss all of my colleagues. As we take the opportunity to go forward in a new Congress, we will make new friends, but we will never forget the old ones.

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I want to share my views, as did Senator Hutchison and others, about our colleagues who are leaving for new adventures in life.

I wish all the best to Senator Hollings. We will miss his booming voice. We will miss Senator Edwards, Senator Graham of Florida, and Senator Daschle. We will also miss John Breaux, a man we know will enjoy life with his good common sense and sense of humor. He is a good friend.

I want to speak about four others, though,

BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL is a unique, proud leader of heritage. He is a man of principle. I look at BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL as one who runs on his own gear ratio. He is a character with character, whom I will certainly miss. \* \* \*

Mr. REID. Everyone has heard me talk about Searchlight, NV, the place of my birth and where I still live. The only Senator who has ever been to my home in Searchlight is BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL. BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL one day called my wife and said: I will be in Searchlight and want to come visit you. I will be there in about 40 minutes.

I was out doing a little jog. I thought something was wrong when I came back. She said: NIGHTHORSE is on his way.

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He had a vehicle that was so big—I live a little bit off the beaten path—it could not get into my yard. We went up and met him and brought him back to my home. We had a wonderful visit.

BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL is, among other things, a great artist. He makes jewelry. I wanted to get my wife something very special for Christmas a couple years ago, and I went to BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL to see if he could do something unique. He said he was making his daughter a belt, and he would make one just like it for my wife.

He did that. It is a beautiful piece of jewelry. There are two of them in the world. My wife has hers, and if you go to the Museum of the American Indian, which is right down the way and just opened, you will see my wife's silver belt in the museum. Actually, it is not hers, it is his daughter's, but there is only one identical to my wife's. BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL is a great guy, a tremendous athlete.

I have great admiration for his physical prowess. I have always disagreed with his motorcycle riding but he believes he should continue doing that. I have read his book. It is a wonderful rags-to-riches story. He will be missed and that is an understatement.

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to departing Senators for their service and devotion to the U.S. Senate. They are not only my colleagues but my friends as well.

The reality of elections for the Senate is that every two years we experience change—current Members depart and new Members are welcomed. At every transition I am reminded by the reality that life is more than just politics. I am certain the departing Senators are experiencing a tremendous feeling of sorrow, yet anticipation of things to come, as they leave their friends, colleagues, and this great nurturing institution.

Though we may fight hard during campaigns, we return to the Senate after the election to realize that we are not just losing Senators—we are losing friends. There is a bond—a collegiality and friendship in the Senate that crosses party lines. We face long hard battles on the campaign trail and sometimes things can get ugly. But after all is said and done, after election day, we must all come back to Washington and work together to do what is best for our country.

I will certainly miss my colleagues with whom I have worked for several years. I have had the honor to serve on the Finance Committee with four of my distinguished retir-

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ing colleagues, including Senator John Breaux and Senator Don Nickles. Both of these men were instrumental in leading the fight to reform Medicare.

Senator BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL is a very kind and humble man and I have had the honor to work with him to assure that nondemocratic forces are unsuccessful in undermining movements for democracy in the Ukraine. But what I remember most about Senator BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL is a story he told me once about his decision to vote for the ban on partial-birth abortion. While in the hospital recovering from a motorcycle accident, Senator CAMPBELL was touched by the immense effort of doctors to save the lives of babies that weighed only a couple pounds and were only a couple of minutes old. This picture made him question partial-birth abortions: Why would we not do everything in our power to save babies who were still in their mother's womb? I thank Senator CAMPBELL for his honesty on this issue and for sharing that story with me. I will never forget it.

Our departing Senators have been lights of inspiration and men who went above the call of duty to serve our country in their congressional capacities. They each have their own unique political perspective that has served the Senate well. Although my philosophies may differ from some Senators, we do not disagree on the greatness of America. We can all agree that we live in the greatest nation in the world, and we all believe that without democracy, life, liberty, and justice cannot flourish.

My departing colleagues are great men and great Americans. They have contributed immensely to our country—making their States and our country significantly better than when they first stepped foot on the Senate floor.

We are all going to miss their presence and wisdom here in the Senate. Their departures will surely leave a hole in expertise and leadership that will be hard to fill. I wish them health and happiness in their future endeavors—wherever the road may take them. May God continue to bless them and their families.

Come January, as we face another transition, I welcome in the new Members and look forward to forging new relationships as we continue to work toward making Americans safer, healthier, and more financially secure.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to honor my good friend and colleague, Senator BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL of Colorado. BEN is my best friend in the Senate. I know every one of my Senate colleagues would

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join me in expressing how much we care for Senator CAMPBELL and how much we will miss him here in the Senate.

I have always considered BEN to be larger than life, someone you would read about in a novel about the Senate rather than someone actually serving in the Senate. He is a high school dropout who became a U.S. Senator, a veteran of the Korean war, captain of the U.S. Judo Team, and an extremely successful horse breeder and jeweler. He doesn't conform to any stereotypes. No other Senators—let alone Republicans—wear a ponytail, ride a Harley-Davidson to work, or stubbornly refuse to wear any neckwear more formal than a western bolo tie.

But I am sure I am not surprising any of you by saying BEN is not your typical politician. One of my favorite stories about BEN's independent streak is from a town meeting he held back when he was a Member of the House.

A constituent asked BEN a question, and BEN did his best to answer it. The gentleman didn't like the response, so he tersely rephrased the question and BEN answered it again. The man got very upset, and said "You have not answered my question!" BEN firmly told him, "Look, you asked a question, I answered it. You asked me again, and I answered it. Now I can't help it if you don't like the answer you got, but these other folks are waiting to ask questions of their own, so you and I are just going to have to agree to disagree."

BEN started to call on another person when the man jumped out of his chair and yelled to BEN, "I don't believe you are taking all of the facts that I've stated into account, and you are not going to simply dismiss me like that. I am a taxpayer, and I pay your salary, and I demand an answer!"

BEN, through gritted teeth, said, "You know, I hate it when people feel that because you're an elected official, they somehow own you. Do you realize that my salary costs every man, woman and child in this country about one-half of one cent each year?" At that point, BEN reached into his pocket, pulled out a penny, flipped it to the man, and said, "Here's your refund!" He turned to the audience and yelled, "Next question!" The audience cheered and the man left the meeting.

Now that is a good description of the BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL that I have come to know and love.

Most of you know that I have sat next to BEN during policy lunches ever since he saw the light and switched parties so many years ago. I still love to tell the story of when he decided to move over to the right side of the aisle.

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BEN and I became good friends soon after he joined the Senate, and we repeatedly discussed his growing disillusionment with the policies and politics of those on other side of the aisle. I would point out that power, its accumulation and retention, seemed to be of greater importance to some on his side than finding the right answer, that the worth of an issue should not always be measured simply by political advantage. He would disagree, but over time his protests would grow fewer and less heartfelt.

I was surprised when BEN stopped me one day nearly 10 years ago and said, "Orrin, you're right. I can't stand it anymore over here." He asked whether I could arrange for him to see Senator Dole, and I said, "I believe I can"—3 minutes later we were in Bob Dole's office.

Bob had the biggest smile on his face I had ever seen and gave BEN a warm hug. He commented about the courage and principle it took to make such a decision, but he didn't need to make a hard sell. It was obvious BEN had already made up his mind to become a Republican.

I can vividly remember when BEN attended his first Republican policy luncheon. BEN and I had discussed how disappointed he was with the direction and tone of the Democrat policy meetings. He said they had devolved from honest discussions of differences into angry, one-sided shouting matches dominated by some of the most senior and well-known Members. If you didn't agree with their liberal positions, your view wasn't welcome.

I assured BEN that the Republicans were different. We showed great respect for one another and there was always considerable deference given to differing points of view.

When BEN and I took our places at the back of the room—where we have sat together since that day—a quiet discussion soon broke out into bitter argument. One person jumped up, anger seething from his face, stared at another very senior Member with a snarl on his face, and then called him a derogatory name. Everyone started shouting, and it took Bob Dole several minutes to restore order.

BEN's eyes got larger and larger as he watched what was happening, then without turning his head, he gave me a quick jab in the ribs. "Gee, Orrin," he muttered, "it's sure good to see how well we Republicans get along compared to those darn Democrats!"

Thankfully, BEN's decision to join the Republican Party wasn't solely based on policy lunches.

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I have plenty more stories to tell of my good friend from Colorado, but I will close by saying that I will miss BEN dearly and wish him the very best as he starts the next phase in his life. I know him too well to think that this is really a retirement from public service. This is just the end of one phase of service that will open up several other ways for him to reach out and make a difference in the lives of those around him.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, for the past 12 years, the Senator from Colorado has served his State with distinction as a Member of this body. Throughout that time, I have been pleased to join my friend and colleague in a number of legislative efforts. He has been a tireless advocate on behalf of Native Americans, for the protection of police officers, and for preserving public lands and natural resources. It is because of his leadership on these, and many other issues, that the presence of the senior Senator from Colorado will be missed in this Chamber.

In 1989, Senator CAMPBELL, then Congressman CAMPBELL, sponsored legislation to create a new museum that would ensure the recognition and celebration of Native American culture and history. I am thrilled that earlier this summer we were able to join in the celebration with Senator CAMPBELL as the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian opened in Washington, DC. I know that none of us will ever forget the sight of our colleague in full chief's regalia speaking on the Senate floor on the day the new museum opened.

Before serving his State in Washington, Senator CAMPBELL represented his country as the captain of the U.S. Olympic Judo Team, competing in the 1964 Tokyo Summer Olympics. While I have never had to witness him use these skills on a fellow Member of the Senate, he once helped subdue a suspect who had shoved Senator Thurmond until the Capitol Police arrived.

One of Senator CAMPBELL's most noted passions is his enthusiasm for motor vehicles. Senator CAMPBELL has a well-documented love of Harley-Davidson motorcycles, and Washingtonians have occasionally caught a glimpse of the Senator riding around town on his motorcycle. As the Capitol Hill newspaper *The Hill* noted in April 2003, the Senator added to his vehicle collection last spring when he replaced his 20-year-old Dodge Plymouth last spring with a brand new Mini Cooper. While most Americans may know how the Senator gets around town when he is in Washington, far fewer probably know that Senator CAMPBELL was behind the wheel for



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most of the trip when the 2000 National Holiday Tree was transported from Colorado to Washington, DC, on a Mack truck.

Senator CAMPBELL and I share a background in law enforcement, he as a former Sacramento County sheriff's deputy in California, and I as a State's attorney in Vermont. This background helped bring us together to develop the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Acts of 1998 that has since been reauthorized in both 2000 and 2004. Since its inception in 1999, this highly successful Department of Justice program has provided law enforcement officers in 16,000 jurisdictions nationwide with nearly 350,000 new bulletproof vests.

Earlier this year, Senator CAMPBELL and I collaborated to produce the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act, which will allow qualified active-duty law enforcement officers to travel interstate with a firearm, provided that officers are carrying their official badges and photographic identification. I was proud to team up with Senator CAMPBELL in writing and introducing the Senate version of the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act that will enable law enforcement officers nationwide to be prepared to answer a call to duty no matter where, when, or in what form it comes.

Senator CAMPBELL has a long and distinguished legislative history as a Member of the U.S. Congress. I am proud to have served with him on the Agriculture and Appropriations Committees, and I am proud of our partnerships to protect police officers, fight against landmines, and to provide funding for the WIC and Head Start Programs. I applaud the Senator for his 12 years of service in the Senate and 6 years of service in the House of Representatives, and I congratulate him on a remarkable career.

Mrs. DOLE. Mr. President, today I want to take a moment to pay tribute to my friend and my colleague, Senator BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL.

Long before I arrived in the Senate, BEN had proven to be a trusted friend. In my early days as a Senator, our friendship was furthered as I sought wise counsel from veteran Members like BEN. I found that his wisdom and insight on the rules and idiosyncrasies of Capitol Hill were invaluable to my adjustment here. And I must say, I just thoroughly enjoy his company. It goes without saying that having to say farewell to BEN certainly pulls at my heartstrings.

I also sought BEN's aid when I introduced my first legislation to finally offer the Lumbee Indian Tribe Federal recogni-

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tion. This significant bill would not have moved forward without the strong assistance of the Senator from Colorado. I was moved by BEN's interest in the bill, and to this day, I am touched that he remains invested in something so close to my heart. I am eternally grateful for the role he's played in moving Lumbee recognition one step closer to becoming a reality. BEN's commitment to the Native American community is unparalleled and is certainly to be commended.

BEN's legacy will linger in the halls of the Senate long after he has shut the door to his offices. He leaves behind a record of service that one can only hope to emulate. Coloradans have benefited from BEN's character, conscientiousness and compassion for years, and I know they will welcome him home with open arms.

My warmest best wishes to my dear and treasured friend, Senator BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL. There is no doubt that he will be sorely missed, not just by me, but by all of us who have been blessed to call him our colleague and our friend.

Mr. DASCHLE. Today I would like to say a few words about eight additional Senators with whom I have served these last historic 6 years, all of whom will be leaving when this Congress ends. \* \* \*

Senator Nickles, Senator CAMPBELL, Senator Fitzgerald, and Senator Miller, it has been a privilege to work with each of you. You have each sacrificed much to serve our Nation and I am sure you will continue to serve America well in the years to come.

I have to be honest, Mr. President, it was not my wish to depart with these fine Senators. But it has been my honor and a joy to serve with them, and one that I will remember all the days of my life.

Mr. McCONNELL. We cannot conclude the 108th Congress without a sense of sadness. There are many—in fact there are too many—great Senators who are leaving this institution. I have already had an opportunity to express my goodbyes to Senator Nickles, Senator CAMPBELL, and Senator Fitzgerald.

I also wish a happy and healthy future to our colleagues across the aisle, Senator Daschle, Senator Breaux, Senator Hollings, Senator Bob Graham, Senator John Edwards, and Senator Zell Miller. Each of these men has made a lasting contribution to this marvelous institution.

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## Proceedings in the House of Representatives

TUESDAY, *September 21, 2004*

### COMMEMORATING THE OPENING OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to join in support of this resolution.

The resolution notes that the National Museum of the American Indian Act (20 U.S.C. 808 et seq.) established within the Smithsonian Institution the National Museum of the American Indian and authorized the construction of a facility to House the National Museum of the American Indian on the National Mall in the District of Columbia. It points out this will be the only national museum devoted exclusively to the history and art of cultures indigenous to the Americas, and will give all Americans the opportunity to learn of the cultural legacy, historic grandeur, and contemporary culture of Native Americans. And it recognizes that the new museum officially opens today.

By its passage, Congress—

(1) recognizes the important and unique contribution of Native Americans to the cultural legacy of the United States, both in the past and currently;

(2) honors the cultural achievements of all Native Americans;

(3) celebrates the official opening of the National Museum of the American Indian; and

(4) requests the President to issue a proclamation encouraging all Americans to take advantage of the resources of the National Museum of the American Indian to learn about the history and culture of Native Americans.

Mr. Speaker, this day has been a long time coming—and passage of this resolution will make clear that it is all the more welcomed by all Americans. The resolution comes to us from the Senate, where it was introduced by Colorado's senior Senator, BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL.

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Senator CAMPBELL deserves our thanks, not only for this resolution but even more for his leadership in making this day a reality. He has earned the praise extended in two editorials that I am attaching for the information of our colleagues;

[FROM THE *Rocky Mountain News*, SEPTEMBER 21, 2004]

#### CAMPBELL'S LEGACY

Kudos to Sen. BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL for helping create the Smithsonian's spectacular new National Museum of the American Indian, which celebrates its grand opening today on the Washington Mall.

While serving in the U.S. House 15 years ago, CAMPBELL was asked to be a prime sponsor of the bill that authorized the museum. He was more than willing, but on one condition: the Smithsonian must first agree to return the remains of about 18,500 Native Americans to their tribes for burial, and other museums nationwide must do the same.

The museums resisted, but CAMPBELL prevailed.

He also helped procure the \$214 million needed to build the museum and fill it with artifacts. He deserves the place of honor he will enjoy at today's ceremonies.



[EDITORIAL FROM THE *Pueblo Chieftain*]

#### A TRIBUTE TO SEN. CAMPBELL

When the Colorado Republican started off as a Democrat in the U.S. House, one of his first bills was to build a museum to honor the Native Americans who peopled the Americas long before the first Europeans arrived. A grand opening ceremony for the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., will be held today, and it will be the capstone of Sen. BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL's service in Congress.

The monument to a largely ignored set of cultures sits on the last vacant spot on the National Mall, in the shadow of the U.S. Capitol, as the centerpiece of the Smithsonian Institution's 18 museums and galleries. The five-story, curvilinear building with limestone facade was designed as if the building itself were a natural formation carved by rain and snow over the centuries, as if it had always been there. Yet, it almost wasn't there at all.

This museum is Sen. CAMPBELL's pride and joy. When the Colorado Republican started off as a Democrat in the U.S. House, one of his first bills was to build a museum to honor the Native Americans who peopled the Americas long before the first Europeans arrived.

In the years since, Sen. CAMPBELL chaired the museum's fund-raising committee, leading the effort to raise more than \$100 million in private financing to turn an idea into brick and mortar. He hopes the museum will erase the myths characterizing Indians as "savages that were raping and pillaging." The life, languages, literature, history and arts of the native people of the Western Hemisphere will be the focus of every exhibit.

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Sen. CAMPBELL, who once made his living as a designer of Indian jewelry, will showcase some of his own artwork in an opening show that will continue for six months.

When he first ran for Congress in 1986, Sen. CAMPBELL emphasized that his political career would be about non-Indian issues as much as it would be about Indian issues. Today, the 71-year-old Cheyenne tribal chief cites numerous accomplishments that have nothing to do with that background and everything to do with making a difference, including doing his best to protect Arkansas River water from the devastating water diversions by Aurora and Colorado Springs, the funding of bullet-proof vests for the nation's police officers, pushing for a national law enforcement museum and upgrading two Colorado attractions—the Great Sand Dunes and the Black Canyon of the Gunnison—to national park status.

Today, he will stand just north of the site where the Indian Removal Act of 1830 was signed—“where the museum now sits”—and address a crowd expected to include thousands of fellow American Indians. The irony of putting the museum on the site where Congress acted to forcibly relocate Indians will make the day all the sweeter.

Sen. CAMPBELL is retiring from Congress the end of this year. The museum he shepherded to reality will in some small measure be a tribute to this adopted Coloradan.

TUESDAY, *September 28, 2004*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. S. 2508, authored by our distinguished Senate colleague, Mr. Domenici, redesignates the reservoir known as the Ridges Basin Reservoir located on Basin Creek, a tributary of the Animas River in Colorado, as Lake Nighthorse. The reservoir is being constructed as a provision of the Colorado Ute Indian Water Settlement Act of 1988. This designation will honor the service of retiring Senator BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL who was instrumental in the enactment of this act among many others important to the western United States during his long career in public service.

I urge the adoption of the bill.

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