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LARRY CRAIG HONORS THOMAS' SERVICE

“loss of a truly marvelous American”

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Idaho Senator Larry Craig honored Senator Craig Thomas', R-Wyo., service and life earlier today on the floor of the U.S. Senate. Excerpts of his remarks:

“I must tell you that notice of his death late yesterday evening was a real loss to me and my wife Suzanne. To his wife Susan and their four children, we stand in quiet prayer for strength for you through this difficult time and loss of a truly marvelous American.

“I would often introduce Craig at speaking engagements as ‘the Cowboy from Wyoming.’ He would stand with a big smile on his face because he viewed that as a statement of respect. We Westerners who work closely together on issues that are uniquely Western appreciate and understand that.

“He could be tough in his position. He knew exactly where he was on almost all issues, and he very seldom gave ground. But he would give ground when he knew it would bring the issue to resolution. That’s the art of a talented policy-maker, and Craig Thomas, representing his State of Wyoming and the nation, was truly that.

“His life is taken from us and from the citizens of his State and from his family at a time when Craig Thomas was serving his State and his nation well. Again, to his wife and children, we’re going to miss Craig a great deal here in the Senate, and I personally, as a friend, will miss Craig Thomas.”

Senator Craig’s full remarks are available at
<http://craig.senate.gov/statements.cfm>.