

Town and County attorney, and during that time, from 1933 to 1938, he served as South Carolina State Senator, representing Edgefield County.

A true patriot, Senator Thurmond joined the U.S. Army Reserve as a 2nd lieutenant in 1924. He landed in Normandy on D-Day with the 82nd Airborne Division during World War II. For his military service, he earned 18 decorations, medals, and awards, including the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star for Valor, and the Purple Heart, among others.

His political ambitions flourished when, in 1947, Senator Thurmond was elected Governor of South Carolina. In 1948, he decided to run for President of the United States as the States Rights Democratic candidate. He carried 4 States and received 39 electoral votes, the third largest independent electoral vote in U.S. history. However, the most memorable moment for Senator Thurmond came in 1954, when he was elected to the United States Senate as a write-in candidate! To be elected to any position as a write-in candidate, much less to the United States Senate, is a true testament to one's political prowess. He was the first person to ever be elected to a major office in the United States by this method.

Senator Thurmond served on many committees during his service to America in the Senate. The duty and patriotism he displayed is a fine indication of all that he devoted to our Nation's military. It is quite fitting that Senator Thurmond served on the Senate Armed Services Committee and used his role to help enhance our military in every way possible. He served as chairman of this committee from January of 1995 to January of 1999 and was bestowed the great honor of being named chairman emeritus in 1999. The time I spent with Senator Thurmond on this committee was a wonderful learning experience for me and the Senate Armed Services Committee will miss Senator Thurmond. His military service provided him with an excellent background to understand the intricacies of our military and, without question, helped in his decision making ability for the betterment of America.

Additionally, I had the pleasure of serving with Senator Thurmond on the Judiciary Committee, where he was a member from 1967 until his retirement. He served as chairman of this committee from 1981 to 1987 and served as chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights from January to June of 2001. With a background as a judge and lawyer, Senator Thurmond cherished his role on this committee and always sought to ensure fairness on many issues, including that of appointing qualified judges to our Federal benches. I particularly remember his strong support for me when I was an unsuccessful judicial nominee in 1986. Senator Thurmond was a supporter, friend, and advisor.

To list the numerous honors and awards Senator Thurmond received

would take hours. However, I would like to point out some of the accolades I find truly incredible. In addition to his undergraduate degree from Clemson College, he also holds 34 honorary degrees. In 1994, he was inducted into the U.S. Army Rangers Hall of Fame. In 1997, he was awarded the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service. In 1998, he was awarded the Spirit of Hope award, named after Bob Hope, by the United Service Organizations. Last year, he was awarded the Washington Times Foundation American Century Award.

His life covered a time of monumental change in the South. His movement from a champion of racial segregation to one who promoted equal rights reflected the change that occurred throughout the region. His personal actions helped lead others to reject the impermissible policies of the past.

One of the great memories I have of spending time with Senator Thurmond is the time he asked me to accompany him on a trip to China in 1997, as I began my term as Senator. On this trip, we had some time to climb the Great Wall of China. As is custom, an assistant is typically assigned to older individuals as they make their journey along the wall. Senator Thurmond declined any help and, at the time, was the oldest person to ever climb the wall unassisted. The Senator's ability to put things in perspective is illustrated by the fact that when, upon reaching the top of the wall, stated "This is a big wall. Let's go."

As the leader of our delegation and President pro tempore of the Senate at age 97, he handled every occasion superbly. He was particularly elegant when we met with Chinese Premier Jiang Zemin. I remember he concluded his remarks with the words "China and the United States are friends. We want to be better friends."

It is almost impossible to travel anywhere in South Carolina and not find Senator Strom Thurmond's name on a street, building, lake, highway, or monument. All that he did for South Carolina and for our Nation is a true testament to the caliber of man that he was. The lives he touched and the people he has positively affected are numerous. I know that his service to our Nation is sorely missed. You simply cannot put a value on the role he played as a true public servant. Senator Thurmond will be missed by many, many individuals in Congress, in South Carolina, and in America. A true southerner, a true American, and a true patriot, Senator Strom Thurmond will forever be remembered as a man whose beliefs, ideals, and character remained unparalleled for an entire century.

FRANK BROWN

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I rise today to bid farewell to a trusted member of my staff, Frank L. Brown. Frank

is my legislative counsel for judicial nominations, minority outreach, immigration, civil rights and Department of Justice appropriations. He joined my staff on December 15, 1998.

Frank became a part of my staff after receiving his B.A. from Johnson C. Smith University and his J.D. from the University of South Carolina Law School. During his time with me, I have seen him grow into one of my most trusted advisers. He is a bright, articulate, and loyal young man with quite the personality. He has represented my office and the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in a most professional and caring manner. Unfortunately, the time has come for him to pursue other career objectives.

Frank is about to become the Assistant Director/Government Relations Specialist of Boys and Girls Harbor Inc. located in Harlem, NY. This organization is a non-profit that provides various educational services for over 7,000 low-income African-American and Hispanic-American children. I am confident that Frank will be a positive role model for those young people he will work with in New York City. Even though I regret his departure, I know that he will continue to be a part of the Arlen Specter staff family for many years to come. I wish him nothing but success in his future endeavors.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE M. ADELA EADS

• Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a distinguished public servant and friend, M. Adela Eads, who passed away on July 8 at the age of 83.

For years, Dell Eads was an indispensable member of the Connecticut General Assembly. She served for 4 years in the State House of Representatives, and then for 20 years in the Senate, including 2 years as President Pro Tempore—the first woman ever to be elected to that office for a full term.

If a casual observer walked onto the Senate floor in Hartford while Dell Eads was there, he might have been surprised to learn that the diminutive lady in the smart-looking suit and high heels was one of the chamber's most influential members. But for those 20 years, Dell Eads was indeed an imposing figure in Connecticut. She served her constituents, and her State, with commitment, distinction, and honor.

Dell Eads' life was devoted to working for the public good. Nowhere was that more evident than in her commitment to Connecticut's children. Before becoming a legislator, she chaired the Kent Board of Education for 26 years. She later served on the Connecticut Board of Education as well.

Many of her landmark legislative achievements were also devoted to helping children. Dell Eads was a chief architect of legislation which created our State's Office of the Child Advocate. Today, thanks to her efforts,

there's an office in Connecticut's government where people fight for children who aren't able to fight for themselves.

She also was integral in the passage of the Education Enhancement Act, which raised the pay of Connecticut's public school teachers. Dell Eads recognized that if we want our best and brightest to commit themselves to teaching our children, we need to commit ourselves to paying them fairly.

Dell Eads always seemed to find the right balance of toughness and tact. In the political arena, where it's often hard to figure out exactly what people are saying, Dell Eads wasn't one to mince words. If she had something on her mind, you were going to hear it. But when she spoke, she did so with the courtesy, class, and congeniality that earned her the admiration and friendship of her colleagues.

Though a Republican, she was respected by both Democrats and Republicans alike. She was loyal to her party—yet Dell Eads would never hesitate to reach across the aisle if there was work to be done.

No one could question Dell Eads' commitment to the people of Connecticut. After all, this was a woman who, at the age of 76, slipped and broke her collarbone—and reported to work at the State Capitol the very next day. And she continued to serve in the State Senate until she retired three years ago at the age of 80.

Dell Eads was slight in stature, but she was great in spirit. Her service was an inspiration not only to her colleagues in the Connecticut General Assembly, but to all the people of Connecticut. Our state has truly lost a great citizen, and a remarkable person.

I offer my most heartfelt sympathies to Dell Eads' two sons, Manuel and Gregory Eads, to her brother Manuel Diaz, to her five grandsons, and her entire family.●

TRIBUTE TO BRYAN JONES

● Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Mr. Bryan Jones of Yazoo City, MS, for his distinguished service as president of Delta Council.

Delta Council is an area development organization representing the 18 Delta and part-Delta counties of Northwest Mississippi. Delta council was organized in 1935 to bring together the agricultural, business, and professional leadership of the region to confront the major problems facing the region at that time. Since then, the organization has expanded its role, under leaders like Bryan Jones, to include educational policy, water resource conservation, highway development, agricultural research, and flood control.

As president of Delta Council, Bryan Jones has served very effectively as a Delta leader during stressful economic times. He has used sound judgment and contributed to meaningful improvements in the quality of life in the region.

Bryan has led the Delta Council into new fields of endeavor such as health care and adult literacy. He has supported innovative land and water conservation programs. He has been a strong advocate for water resource developments that include improved environmental restoration. And, he has become well known throughout the region and among members of the Mississippi Congressional Delegation as an effective spokesperson on behalf of the Delta's largest industry, agriculture.

After graduating from the University of Mississippi, Bryan Jones could have been placed in a senior executive position in almost any company located anywhere in the United States. However, because of his love for the Mississippi Delta, Bryan returned to the Delta region and his community to build a \$1 billion statewide banking system. In addition to serving as the Chief Executive Officer of the Delta Division of BankPlus, Bryan operates a cotton, soybean, corn, and wheat farm in Holmes and Humphreys Counties.

Bryan is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church in Yazoo City and he and his wife, Sara, have three children. He is an enthusiastic outdoors man and a director of Delta Wildlife, which is a leading advocate for the enhancement of the Mississippi Delta's rich wildlife resources.

I am pleased to congratulate Bryan Jones for his contributions to the Mississippi Delta and the Nation, and I look forward to working with him and other Delta Council leaders in the future who share our goal of improving the quality of life for the people of this area.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:42 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2660. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of

the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1474) to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system, and for any other purposes, and asks for a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

For consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. OXLEY, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. LATOURETTE, Ms. HART, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. FORD.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2660. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3150. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Automatic Identification System; Vessel Carriage Requirement (USCG-2003-14757)" (RIN1625-AA67) received on June 26, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3151. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Outer Continental Shelf Facility Security" (RIN1625-AA68 2003-0001) received on June 26, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3152. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Area Maritime Security (USCG-2003-14733)" (RIN1625 2003-0001) received on June 26, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3153. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Facility Security (USCG-2003-14732)" (RIN1625-AA43) received on June 26, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3154. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Belton, TX" (MB doc. no. 02-271, RM-10441) received June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.