

Born on January 8, 1935, in a 2-room house in East Tupelo, MS, Elvis and his family moved to Memphis when he was 13. Six years later—with the help of Sam Phillips, Sun Records, and his recording of “That’s All Right”—Elvis became a star.

From that moment on his fame only grew, propelling him into the small pantheon of American icons who single-handedly remade popular culture.

In the 1960s, Leonard Bernstein was moved to remark, “Elvis is the greatest cultural force in the 20th century. He introduced the beat to everything music, language, clothes. It’s a whole new social revolution.”

John Lennon famously said, “Before Elvis, there was nothing.”

Elvis fused the styles of gospel country, and rhythm and blues. His instinctual style revolutionized rock’n roll and drove it to the center of popular culture.

Through his enormous talent, drive, and charisma, Elvis achieved remarkable success over 2 decades earning 97 gold albums, 55 platinum albums, 25 multi-platinum albums, 51 gold singles, 27 platinum singles, 7 multi-platinum singles, and album sales exceeding 120 million copies.

When the 21-year-old star appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1956, 82.6 percent of the viewing public tuned in.

Thirteen years later Elvis opened in Las Vegas, selling out a 2,000 seat showroom, 2 shows a night, for 4 weeks straight.

He became the most successful performer in Las Vegas history, surpassing Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, or Barbra Streisand.

In 1973 Elvis performed the now legendary “Aloha from Hawaii, via Satellite.” The concert was beamed worldwide, attracting the largest television audience to date, estimated at 1.5 billion viewers.

Elvis was only 36 when he received the prestigious Recording Academy’s Lifetime Achievement Award.

In 2004, the Recording Industry Association officially certified Elvis Presley as the No. 1 solo artist in U.S. history.

Elvis was, and remains, a genuine cultural force. Millions of fans from around the world have traveled to Graceland to feel a little closer to this American icon. And his music continues to course through American life.

Bruce Springsteen once said, “There have been a lotta tough guys. There have been pretenders. And there have been contenders. But there is only one King.”

And there’s only one Graceland that preserves the King’s memory.

I commend my colleagues for recognizing this singular cultural landmark.

CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ON BEHALF OF THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1259, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1259) to award a congressional gold medal on behalf of the Tuskegee Airmen, collectively, in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 1259) was read the third time and passed.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 4472 and H.R. 4911

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand there are two bills at the desk due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct. The clerk will read the titles of the bills for a second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4472) to protect children, to secure the safety of judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, and their family members, to reduce and prevent gang violence, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 4911) to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, in order to place the bills on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceedings en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bills will be placed on the calendar.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the privilege of the floor be extended to Harry Wingo through this session of Congress. Mr. Wingo is on loan to the Senate Commerce Committee from the Federal Communications Commission.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Sen-

ate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, March 28. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business for up to an hour, with the first 30 minutes the under control of the Democratic leader or his designee, and the final 30 minutes under the control of the majority leader or his designee; provided further that the cloture vote scheduled on the motion to proceed to the border control bill be postponed until 2:15 p.m. tomorrow.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. to accommodate the weekly policy luncheons.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this evening we have continued to work on an agreement for lobbying reform, as well as the border control bill which is scheduled for tomorrow. Under the agreement just reached, the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to the border control bill will be postponed to the afternoon unless further agreement is reached. We will notify Members as we lock in votes on either of the bills mentioned, and we do expect votes throughout Tuesday’s session of the Senate.

Before we close today’s session, I want to again say how much the Senate mourns the loss of Erma Byrd, the wife of our esteemed colleague, Senator BYRD. As the Chaplain opened the Senate remembering her in prayer, it is only fitting to close honoring this lovely and remarkable lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with Senator BYRD and his entire family.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:26 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at 9:45 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED BY THE SENATE MARCH 27, 2006:

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

MOLLY A. O’NEILL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE KIMBERLY TERESE NELSON.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MICHAEL D. KIRBY, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

RONALD S. COOPER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE ERIC S. DREIBAND, RESIGNED.

NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

HARRY R. HOGLANDER, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2008. (REAPPOINTMENT)

PETER W. TREDICK, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2007, VICE EDWARD J. FITZMAURICE, JR., TERM EXPIRED.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS ASSISTANT SURGEON GENERAL/CHIEF OF THE DENTAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 3036 AND 3039:

To be major general

COL. RUSSELL J. CZERW, 0000

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. FRANCES C. WILSON, 0000

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. NANCY E. BROWN, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C. SECTION 12203:

To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) ANN D. GILBRIDE, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C. SECTION 12203:

To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) JON W. BAYLESS, JR., 0000

REAR ADM. (LH) EDWARD MASSO, 0000

REAR ADM. (LH) WILLIAM H. PAYNE, 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS PERMANENT PROFESSOR, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY, IN THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 9333(B) AND 9336(A):

To be colonel

REX R. KIZIAH, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be colonel

MAUREEN MCCARTHY, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be colonel

JOSEPH A. WEBER, JR., 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be colonel

DANIEL J. MCGRAW, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

CONSTANCE C. MCNABB, 0000
AMY L. WALKER, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be colonel

KENNETH R. FRANKLIN, 0000
MICHAEL S. PETERS, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be colonel

PETER L. BARRENECHEA, 0000
PATRICK H. DURBIN, 0000
ALAN K. HODGDON, 0000
WORTH S. HOLT, JR., 0000
KAREN L. MORRISSETTE, 0000
JAMES T. NINOMIYA, 0000
DAVID L. PORTER, 0000
PHILLIP E. STYKA, 0000
RALPH M. SUTHERLIN, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be colonel

DAVID G. ALLEN, 0000
RALPH B. ARNOLD, 0000
ROBERT B. AUNAN, 0000
PAUL L. AYERS, 0000
JOHN C. BABICZ, 0000
JAMES D. BARKER, 0000
BRIAN P. BARNES, 0000
GWENDOLYN G. BATES, 0000
MARK H. BERRY, 0000
JAMES C. BLAYDON, 0000
GREGORY A. BULKLEY, 0000
CHRISTOPHER H. COLBERT, 0000
LANDIS B. COOK, 0000
JOHN M. CROCKER, 0000
JOHN P. CURRENTI, 0000
HOWARD D. DAVIS, JR., 0000
JOHN L. DERRICO, 0000
SCOTT A. DOLD, 0000
JOSEPH H. EARLY III, 0000
DAVID R. FOUNTAIN, 0000
LENUE GILCHRIST, JR., 0000
JEROME J. GOODIN, 0000
RANDALL E. GRATZ, 0000
STEVEN F. GRECO, 0000
MICHAEL J. GREEN, 0000
JOHN A. GWOSCH, 0000
RICHARD N. HARRIS, JR., 0000
EARL A. HENDERSON, 0000
CECIL J. HENSEL, JR., 0000
SHELLY M. HUNIHAN, 0000
HAROLD L. JENNINGS, JR., 0000
DAVID R. JOBE, 0000
ZANE R. JOHNSON, 0000
DAVID T. KENNEDY, 0000
DAVID E. KRINER, 0000
MICHAEL D. LABOUNTY, 0000
BURL N. LAMBERT, 0000
MICHAEL A. LOH, 0000
DAVID C. LOWELL, 0000
RUSSELL A. MADDERRA, 0000
NORBERT MADERA, 0000
TIMOTHY J. MALONE, 0000
JIM S. MCCREADY, JR., 0000
MICHAEL G. MCMILLIE, 0000
STEPHEN B. MEHRING, 0000
ROBERT A. MEYER, JR., 0000
JAMES C. MILLER, 0000
HAROLD T. MOBLEY, 0000
ROBERT C. MOHR, 0000
GREG H. MUSE, 0000
JANET F. NOBLE, 0000
MICHAEL A. NOLAN, 0000
GREGORY P. OCONNOR, 0000
JAMES OGONOWSKI, 0000
SCOTT E. PATTEN, 0000
JAMES M. PFAFF, JR., 0000
STEPHEN M. PULLEY, 0000
STEPHEN E. RADER, 0000
GREGORY S. RIDDLEMOSER, 0000
ORLANDO J. ROSADO, 0000
WILLIAM S. RYAN, 0000
LUTTRELL G. SCHETTTLER, 0000
MICHAEL A. SCHWAMM, 0000
PAUL R. SHEPPARD, 0000
DONALD B. SIMS, 0000
GEORGE C. SPEAKE, 0000
MICHAEL E. STASIEWICZ, 0000
MICHAEL E. STENCEL, 0000
GREGORY N. STROUD, 0000
SCOTT A. STUDER, 0000
GARY A. TAYLOR, 0000

To be colonel

KEVIN A. TURNBO, 0000
SCOTT T. TYRRELL, 0000
JONATHAN C. WARREN, 0000
WENDY B. WENKE, 0000
DAVID B. WHIPPLE, 0000
DENNIS W. YOUNT, 0000
DAVID D. ZWART, 0000

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

DAVID M. LIND, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY NURSE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be colonel

MARY M. SUNSHINE, 0000

To be major

DEBRA CHAPPEL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY NURSE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be lieutenant colonel

JACQUELINE P. ALLEN, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DENTAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be lieutenant colonel

VALERIE MCDAVID, 0000
BRUCE R. MEYER, 0000
VICKI WYAN, 0000

To be major

SCOTT BROWN, 0000
MARK E. BUFALINI, 0000
ROBERT SELTERS, 0000
CATHLEEN STERLING, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY VETERINARY CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be major

CHARLES C. DODD, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be major

ALVIS DUNSON, 0000
FRANCIS WILLIAMS, 0000

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate Monday, March 27, 2006:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DENNIS R. SPURGEON, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (NUCLEAR ENERGY).

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

WITHDRAWALS

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on March 27, 2006, withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nominations:

HENRY W. SAAD, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON FEBRUARY 14, 2005.

DAVID C. SANBORN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 18, 2006.