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The Senate met at 9:15 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, from whom no secrets are hidden, and to whom we are accountable for our lives and our leadership, we come to You humbly and with a longing to be in a right relationship with You. If there is anything between us and You that needs Your forgiveness and cleansing, we confess it to You now. If there is any broken relationship with others that needs healing, we ask for Your reconciling power. If we have done or said anything that has hurt or maliciously distressed others, help us make restitution. And if there is any area of our work in which we have resisted Your will and guidance, we open ourselves to Your spirit anew for the challenges of this day.

Father, You have shown us how crucial it is for us to be open, receptive channels for the flow of Your power. Our Nation needs leaders who are Your agents of change, advancement, and creativity. We commit to You all that we have and are that we may think Your thoughts and realize Your plan for our Nation. Accept us as we are in our deep need to You and help is to be all that You intend us to be for Your glory today. In our Lord's name. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able Senator from North Carolina is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, this morning the leader time has been re-

served, and there will be a period for morning business until the hour of 10 a.m. Following morning business, at 10 a.m., the Senate will resume consideration of the foreign operations appropriations bill and the pending Brown amendment regarding Pakistan. Under the consent agreement, following 60 minutes of debate, there will be a roll-call vote on the Brown amendment. All Members can, therefore, expect a roll-call vote at 11 a.m. this morning. Further rollcall votes can be expected throughout today's session in an attempt to complete action on the foreign operations appropriations bill.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business.

### FORMER HOMEWOOD, AL, MAYOR ROBERT WALDROP

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, I rise with great sadness to announce that former Homewood, AL, Mayor Robert Waldrop passed away on September 9. Mayor Waldrop spent 24 years at the Birmingham suburb's helm of city government and was an outstanding, progressive leader who moved his community forward in countless ways during his long tenure. One of his crowning achievements was the establishment of Homewood's excellent school system, widely recognized as one of the State's best systems.

To Bob Waldrop, being mayor came naturally. His father had served as mayor of the Walker County, AL, town of Parrish, serving until he was 86 years of age. Bob was a native of Parrish, an Army veteran, a Mason, and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and Zamora Shrine.

Since Bob had already retired from his career with the Liberty National

Insurance Co. by the time he was first elected mayor in 1968 at the age of 55, he was known as being a full-time mayor for part-time pay. Truly, the city of Homewood was his life.

When Bob Waldrop left the Homewood mayor's office 3 years ago, I did a tribute to him on the floor of the Senate. This was on October 3, 1992. The Homewood City Council had just recently passed a resolution in his honor, and I wanted to have it inserted into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I ask unanimous consent that a copy of my statement and the accompanying resolution from 1992 be printed in the RECORD. It describes his many accomplishments and explains why he was so beloved by so many for so long.

I extend my sincerest condolences to Bob's wife, Louise, and their entire family in the wake of this tremendous loss.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Congressional Record, Oct. 3, 1992]

### TRIBUTE TO MAYOR ROBERT G. WALDROP

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, we all know of those local elected leaders from our States who, because of their long tenures in office, accomplishments, dedication, and hard work, seem to define the term "public servant." These are the ones who do not necessarily seek headlines, but whose satisfaction comes from doing good things for their communities. I know of no other leader who fits this definition and style of public service more aptly than Homewood, AL, Mayor Robert G. Waldrop. Mayor Waldrop, one of the longest serving mayors in the State, will be leaving his post on October 5, after 24 years of service. More than anyone else, he deserves credit for the success and growth of this Birmingham suburb over the last 24 years.

Mayor Waldrop originally entered the political arena after completing two other full careers: for 15 years, he was a pharmacist and for the 18 after that was a successful insurance agent for Liberty National Insurance Co. He has worked virtually his entire

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life. As if to portend his career as a pharmacist, his first job was at a drugstore when he was only 12 years of age in the small coal-mining town of Parrish, in Walker County. His own father was once mayor of Parrish.

Bob graduated high school in 1932, attended Auburn University for 1 year, then went to Birmingham to study at Howard College, now Samford University. In 1941, he and his wife Louise moved to Homewood. He left school a couple of years later to join the U.S. Army. After the war, he reentered Howard and completed his bachelor's degree in pharmacy.

By the 1960's, Bob had become well known in Homewood as president of the Lions Club and as a member of the library board. In 1968, several concerned citizens prompted him to consider running for mayor. There was a concern among Waldrop and local merchants about the number of small companies which had left the town. Since Homewood was his hometown and its concerns were his, he decided to run, and, if elected, serve one 4-year term. The rest, as they say, is history: he has been mayor ever since, remaining in office a little longer than he had anticipated.

Mayor Waldrop has been in the unique position of watching his city grow and expand from a budget of \$1 million to over \$7 million. He watched as the library doubled its number of books and services and moved to a new location. He watched Homewood break away from the county school system and establish its own, now recognized as one of the best in the State. He has seen Brookwood Hospital grow into one of the leading health care institutions in the State. He has served on the board of directors of Lakeshore Rehabilitation Complex, helping to make decisions that have resulted in a \$7 million renovation of the facility.

During his six terms as mayor, over 100 acres of park land have been added to the city and three swimming pools built. Mayor Waldrop initiated assessment-free street paving and waste pickup. Brookwood Village was constructed, and the Green Springs area annexed into the city during his tenure. In appreciation for his many years of service, Homewood's high school stadium was named in his honor.

At the State level, Bob Waldrop was effective in addressing issues of importance to local officials. He served for a term as president of the Alabama League of Municipalities, which he recounts as a very exciting time for him. As its president, Mayor Waldrop was instrumental in getting the League's Workers' Compensation Fund established in 1976. He has served on the board of the fund since its inception, and as its president in recent years. He was also on the committee that created the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corp., a mutual insurance company offering liability, property, and casualty insurance to cities and towns. The mayor served on the first board of this company. He presided over the spouses' breakfast at the annual League of Municipalities convention for over a decade.

It is evident to all who know him that Mayor Robert Waldrop has served his community with a tremendous spirit and very apparent that he is a part of Homewood and Homewood a part of him. Although the voters in Homewood, like those in thousands of communities and jurisdictions across the country, opted for change this year, Mayor Waldrop can take pride in the fact that he did an outstanding job in looking after their interests and ensuring the progress of their city. He will long be remembered for his unique role in Homewood's history, and his legacy is one that mayors all over the State and country can look to as one to emulate.

It is my pleasure to commend Bob Waldrop for being the quintessential public servant. I

am confident that his community has not seen the last of his tireless devotion. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a resolution adopted September 14 by the Homewood City Council in honor of Mayor Waldrop be printed in the RECORD immediately following my remarks.

There being no objection, the resolution was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 92-21

Whereas, Robert G. Waldrop has served as Mayor of the City of Homewood, Alabama, since his election to that office in 1968 continuously to the present; and

Whereas, since Mayor Waldrop's election to office in 1968, the City of Homewood has enjoyed tremendous growth, expansion and success in business and opportunity for its residents; and

Whereas, during Mayor Waldrop's tenure as Mayor, he has received numerous awards and commendations, and has expended great energies to the benefit of the residents of the City of Homewood, Jefferson County, and the State of Alabama, which accomplishments include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) original organizer of the Jefferson County Mayor's Association in 1969 and served as its President from 1972 through 1974; (2) a motivating force and promoter of the Homewood School System; (3) honored by the Shades Valley Civitans as the Outstanding Citizen in Homewood in 1970; (4) elected the Boss of the Year in 1971 by the Alabama Business Women's Association; (5) honored by the Homewood Board of Education, by naming the football stadium the "Robert G. Waldrop Stadium" in 1976; (6) was elected President of the Alabama Workmen's Compensation Insurance Corporation for the State of Alabama; and (7) was elected President of the Alabama Legal Municipalities in 1976, and has served for the last fifteen (15) years on the Executive Board of the League; and

Whereas, Mayor Waldrop has provided the excellent leadership necessary for the development and growth of the City which accomplishments include development and expansion of a fine school system, development and expansion of Brookwood Hospital as a premier hospital in the southern portion of Jefferson County, annexation of numerous acres of property for residential and commercial development providing an excellent tax base and residential setting for Homewood residents, all of which growth and developments will be well chronicled in the history of the development of the City of Homewood, Alabama; and

Whereas, the members of the City Council of the City of Homewood desire to express officially, as well as individually, their appreciation for the outstanding services which Robert G. Waldrop has rendered to the City of Homewood and its residents during his twenty-four (24) years of service as Mayor of the City of Homewood; and

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama, at a regular meeting duly assembled, a quorum being present, as follows:

1. That the City Council of the City of Homewood, by the adoption of this Resolution, does publicly commend, thank and state as an expression of appreciation to Mayor Waldrop for the long and dedicated service which he has rendered to the citizens of Homewood as Mayor of the City of Homewood.

2. That the City Council of the City of Homewood desires to make a public statement of their thanks and gratitude to Robert G. Waldrop for his long and dedicated service to the City of Homewood and do by the adop-

tion of this Resolution make such statement.

3. That the City Council of the City of Homewood does direct that a copy of this resolution, after its adoption by the City Council, be distributed to Robert G. Waldrop, members of his family and that appropriate certified copies thereof be forwarded by the City Clerk to such other persons or organizations as she deems appropriate in the premises.

4. That this resolution shall be made a part of the official minutes of the meeting of the Homewood City Council.

#### THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF OSCAR HANDLIN

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, September 29 is the 80th birthday of one of the Nation's great thinkers and historians, Oscar Handlin.

For decades, our country has been blessed by his insights and scholarship on our origins as a nation and our character as a people. His lively view of our history shows how America has drawn on the strengths of many nationalities as generation after generation works to build a better future for their children. It is this enduring lesson of our history that has inspired him, throughout his career, to project an optimism regarding our future. As he has often said, "Perhaps our brightest hope for the future lies in the lessons of the past."

Professor Handlin exhibited a scholar's curiosity and thirst for learning early in his extraordinary career. He completed college by the age of 19. Before turning 30, he was invited to join Harvard's faculty. At the time, he had not yet completed his doctorate.

He was a distinguished professor of history and directed various scholarly institutes devoted to the study of American history and ideas. His outstanding leadership as director of Harvard's Center for the Study of Liberty in America and, later, the university's Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History produced a remarkable body of scholarly work and countless young scholars of American history.

Professor Handlin is best known for his extensive works on immigration. Early in his career, he once said, "I thought to write a history of immigrants in America. Then I discovered that the immigrants were American history." He has always maintained that America "is not merely a nation, but a teeming nation of nations."

His doctoral dissertation analyzed the adjustment of immigrants in Boston. It was first published in 1941 and was republished on its fiftieth anniversary in 1991 because of the continuing public interest in his scholarship. His basic work on immigration, *The "Uprooted,"* was first published in 1951. It won the Pulitzer Prize and to this day is considered a classic on America's immigrant history.