

presence in the Senate Chamber, where his voice carried such resonance. Even after we had microphones, he would often speak without one.

John Stennis served in the Senate longer than all but one other person in its history. When he retired on January 3, 1989, he had served for 41 years, 1 month, and 29 days. During the 1960's and 1970's, he was the most influential voice in Congress on military affairs. He was chairman of the appropriations Committee, and was instrumental in the development of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, which was extremely important to both our States economically. He changed with the times, and began to support civil rights measures. Due to his integrity, diligence, and judgment, he was often called upon to investigate controversial political matters. It became routine to refer to him as the conscience of the Senate. He was a patriarch and teacher to younger Members.

It his later years, while his voice remained clear and his mind sharp, he experienced serious physical problems. He was shot and seriously wounded by a burglar at his home in 1973, and had a leg amputated in 1984 due to cancer, but each time, he returned to his beloved Senate much sooner than had been expected.

After he retired, Senator Stennis moved to the Mississippi State University campus, home of the John C. Stennis Institute of Government and the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service, created by Congress to train young leaders. In one of his last interviews, he said, "I do believe the most important thing I can do now is to help young people understand the past and prepare for the future."

At that birthday celebration for John Stennis a decade ago, I had the honor and pleasure of speaking. I ended my speech with an old Irish prayer, which goes:

May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind always be at your back.  
May the Sun shine warm on your face  
And the rains fall soft on your shoulders,  
And may the Good Lord hold you in the  
hollow of his hand during the remainder of  
your days.

He was a deeply religious man, and he told me he was particularly glad I used the prayer as a closing on that occasion.

John Stennis' days are now over, and his passing gives us reason to pause, reflect, and remember that this body is a decidedly better institution, and the United States a better nation, for having had the benefit of this statesman's service for so many years.

#### TRIBUTE TO BURTON COHEN

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is a personal privilege for me to rise today to congratulate a man of considerable achievement in both business and community spirit. Burton Cohen was one of the pioneers who helped lead Las Vegas from its origins as a small gaming

community to the thriving resort city that it has become today. Despite the great demands of his career, he has always devoted great time and energy to the development of our community and our State. Burton Cohen is more than a close friend; he is also a role model for Nevadans and all citizens of our country.

Burton Cohen moved to southern Nevada in 1966 when he became part owner and managing director of the Frontier Hotel. He had previously risen to success as the owner of his own hotel development company in Florida.

His talents were soon recognized throughout the Nevada gaming community, and he was recruited for other leadership positions in Las Vegas at Circus Circus, the Flamingo Hilton, Caesar's Palace, and the Dunes Hotel.

In addition to his considerable contributions to various hotel properties throughout southern Nevada, Burton has been a pivotal factor in shaping Nevada's transition to the 21st century. He was president of the Nevada Resort Association and was on the influential board of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. Without his innovative presence, and his insightful vision, Las Vegas would not be the destination resort and convention center it is today.

Mr. Cohen has always adhered to the needs of our community. He became closely involved in numerous community activities and charitable causes. He served on the board of the Southern Nevada Drug Abuse Council and led a successful campaign for the United Way in the Las Vegas Valley. Burton was a member of the board of directors of the Boys' Clubs of Clark County and the Nevada Division of American Cancer Society. Furthermore, he has also been an active member in the Anti-Defamation League and is currently a trustee of Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas.

Burton Cohen recently announced his retirement from his current position as president and chief executive officer of the Desert Inn Hotel and Country Club. His accomplishments in hotel management and in the community are unrivaled and will be deeply missed. Along with his wife, Linda, Burton has made southern Nevada a better place for tourists and residents alike.

On Saturday, May 20, the Anti-Defamation League will be honoring Burton Cohen with the "Lifetime Achievement Award." I can think of no better recipient for this honor, and I want the entire country to know of Burton's achievements and to join those of us in Nevada in recognizing his commitment to excellence.

#### MR. MAX H. KARL

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise today to express my sorrow at the passing of my good friend, Max H. Karl. He died on April 19, at the age of 85. Max was a man of vision, intellect, action, and compassion. He lived life to its

fullest extent as a family man, a business man, a philanthropist, a civic minded citizen, and as a man devoted to his faith. Max Karl was a good friend not only to myself and my family, but to all of those who had the good fortune to come into contact with him.

At this time, I also extend my heartfelt condolences to his family. Max is survived by his wife Anita, his son Dr. Robert Karl of Miami, daughter Karyn Schwade of Miami, sister Minnie Friedman of Milwaukee, his brother Dr. Michael Karl of St. Louis, and nine grandchildren.

Mr. President, Max Karl was a man who was devoted to his family, his community and his work. He was a son of Wisconsin, who in every way contributed to the betterment of those around him. Max was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and its law school. He was the founder and chairman of the Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corp., headquartered in my hometown of Milwaukee. Max also served as past president of the Mortgage Insurance Companies of America and as a director of First Wisconsin Corp. and MGIC affiliates.

In the public arena, Max served as a member of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation's advisory committee; the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association Chamber of Commerce; the National Association of Home Builders Roundtable; and was a member of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's School of Business Administration Advisory Council.

Max Karl's other civic activities included serving as a director of the Grand Avenue Corp.; the Greater Milwaukee Committee; the Milwaukee Art Museum; the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra; and the United Performing Arts Fund. Max was also a past trustee of Mt. Sinai Medical Center; Alverno College; the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; and a trustee emeritus of Marquette University.

Among the many awards and commendations he received in recognition of his charitable and civic work, Max was the 1962 recipient of the National Home and House Award; the 1973 recipient of the State of Israel Golda Meir Award; the 1982 Milwaukee Press Club Headliner Award winner; the 1985 Children's Outing Association Father of the Year; and most recently, in 1994, Max Karl was named to the UWM School of Business Administration "Wisconsin Gallery" of leading corporate citizens.

Max Karl was also a giant in the Milwaukee Jewish Community who, among his other accomplishments, served as a past president of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation; a former chairman of Wisconsin State of Israel Bonds; a member of the boards of Hillel Academy and the former Milwaukee Jewish Home. He also served on the boards of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science; Americans for a Safe Israel; American

Israel Public Affairs Committee; United Israel Appeal; and the United Jewish appeal.

Mr. President, Max Karl was a man who used his time on this Earth fully and judiciously, and in so doing he created a rich legacy that will stand forever. He improved the lives of many, many thousands of people. He was greatly respected and much loved. He will be missed.

#### HONORING RALPH NEAS

Mr. BRADLEY. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Ralph Neas, an outstanding leader for civil rights, who is being honored this evening by the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

Tonight, as the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights [LCCR] celebrates its 45th anniversary as the Nation's oldest, largest and most broadly based civil rights coalition, Ralph Neas will be awarded the prestigious Hubert H. Humphrey Civil Rights Award for his "selfless and devoted service in the cause of equality." During his 14-year tenure as the executive director of the Leadership Conference, Ralph has been a voice of compassion and reason and a tireless advocate for equality. Dubbed the "101st Senator on Civil Rights" by Senator EDWARD KENNEDY, for his successful coordination of the lobbying efforts of 180 national organizations in the LCCR and for playing a major role in the passage of more than two dozen legislative victories, Ralph has demonstrated his effectiveness as a coalition builder. From the enactment of the 1982 Voting Rights Act extension to the recent enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, his efforts have truly made a difference with respect to securing civil rights for millions of Americans.

Ralph's role in the civil rights community has not been limited to advocacy for the legislative arm of the civil rights community. In addition to his lobbying and legal research efforts, Ralph took on the role of executive director of the Leadership Conference Educational Fund. This independent organization supports numerous educational activities relevant to civil rights such as: an award winning public service advertising campaign promoting tolerance and diversity; a children's anti-discrimination campaign; and the publication of books and reports on emerging civil rights issues.

Today, when our country is increasingly a mixture of races, languages and religions, I am delighted to pay tribute to the efforts of an individual who recognizes the importance of both preserving and celebrating the diversity of our society. The reality is that America is essentially a pair of ideals—liberty and equality. However, these are ideals that are still unrealized. To realize these ideals we need to recognize that our increasing ethnic and racial diversity is a remarkable opportunity. We need to recognize that we will either all advance together, or each of us will be diminished. Ralph Neas has spent

the better part of a distinguished career working to ensure that—no matter the color of our skin, the shape of our eyes, our religion, our gender—we all advance together. I salute Ralph Neas for the dedication and leadership he has so generously given to the civil rights community and congratulate him on being awarded the Hubert H. Humphrey Civil Rights Award.

#### WAS CONGRESS IRRESPONSIBLE? THE VOTERS HAVE SAID YES

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, before contemplating today's bad news about the Federal debt, let's do our little pop quiz once more:

Question: How many million dollars are in \$1 trillion? While you are arriving at an answer, bear in mind that it was the U.S. Congress that ran up the Federal debt that now exceeds \$4.8 trillion.

To be exact, as of the close of business Tuesday, May 2, the exact Federal debt—down to the penny—stood at \$4,859,125,275,200.95. This means that every man, woman and child in America now owes \$18,445.32 computed on a per-capita basis.

Mr. President, back to the pop quiz: How many million in a trillion? There are a million million in a trillion.

#### TUFTONIA'S WEEK AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, it is a privilege to take this opportunity to commend Tufts University in Medford, MA, which 2 weeks ago celebrated its 11th annual Tuftonia's Week events. During this week each year, graduates of Tufts from around the world join together to remember and honor their outstanding university.

Tufts was founded in 1852 and now has over 8,000 students from all 50 States and 213 foreign countries. The university's main campus in Medford/Somerville is home to the college of liberal arts, the graduate school, the school of nutrition, and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, among others. The school of medicine and dentistry is on the Boston campus, and the Grafton campus houses the only school of veterinary medicine in New England.

I am proud to note that this year, the theme of Tuftonia's Week is community service. Many alumni celebrated the occasion by volunteering and helping to improve life in their neighborhoods. Among universities in Massachusetts, Tufts has taken an impressive leadership role in promoting community service and by integrating opportunities for such service into the academic curriculum.

The Tuftonia's Week celebration has a special meaning for me, because my daughter is one of more than 85,000 Tufts graduates. I am honored to take this opportunity to congratulate the president, John DiBiaggio, and the rest of the Tufts community for their impressive accomplishments.

#### A GREAT PHYSICIAN AND A TRUE PIONEER

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Ray Stowers, D.O., a constituent of mine. Dr. Stowers, a native Oklahoman, is an osteopathic, family practice physician from Medford, OK, who is a true example of the pioneer spirit in America.

In the pioneer spirit, Ray's contributions have resulted in so many "firsts" in his life, both for the State of Oklahoma, for the osteopathic medical profession, and for the patients that he has reached into the rural communities to help.

It is because of his most recent "first", that I rise today to congratulate Ray on his recent appointment to the Physician Payment Review Commission [PPRC]. Ray Stowers represents what is best about medicine and physicians in America today. During a time when the trend to become a specializing physician is so strong and promises such great rewards, Ray Stowers has remained dedicated to the path of providing solo, rural, family medicine for 21 years. Yet from this path, Ray has been able to pioneer programs that enhance the numbers of physicians who share this important commitment.

One of Ray's many successes occurred when the Governor of Oklahoma appointed him to serve on the board of the Task Force and Rural Planning Committee which was responsible for advising the Governor on the State's health care manpower needs, and for convening a statewide conference to discuss rural health care delivery issues.

As well, Ray had the vision to see Oklahoma's need for rural health clinics, ensuring care for Oklahoma's hardest to reach populations. While he saw the need for, and began, the first rural health clinics in this State, within 5 years that number had burgeoned into 38 rural health clinics. Now, Oklahoma's hard-to-reach and underserved communities are assured access to a doctor and good medical care.

In addition to his many appointments, since 1993, Dr. Stowers also has been a presence on the American Medical Association Relative Value Update Committee [RUC]. As the first osteopathic physician appointed to serve on this prestigious committee, Ray has facilitated greater understanding, collaboration, and teamwork between the osteopathic medical profession and the allopathic physician community, and has lent his considerable expertise on physician practices to the RUC proceedings.

Dr. Stowers has served his family, his profession, his community, and his State with strength and integrity that symbolizes a modern pioneer. Dr. Stowers, the great State of Oklahoma is proud of your accomplishments. And