

SAMUEL IRWIN "SONNY"
GOLDBERG

•Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my fellow Charlestonian and good friend, Samuel Irwin "Sonny" Goldberg. Sonny was one of a kind, a true gentleman who was loved by all. As many others have said, if there was ever an ambassador for Charleston's King Street, it was Sonny. An esteemed businessman, he had friends in stations both high and low all over town. The origin of his name lay in his father's penchant for singing Al Jolson's "Sonny Boy." Sonny inherited his father's gift of song and everyone in the lowcountry is richer for it. Sonny sang all the old greats: "Marialana," "Embraceable You," "Honeysuckle Rose," "I've Got You Under My Skin" and a number of others. He was the King Street Singer.

Sonny's singing did not outshine his talent for business and friendship. To know him was to love him. As his good friend, Douglas Donehue, said in his eulogy, "Sonny had within him a spark of genius that won the hearts of people from all walks of life." He loved to read; he was a student of the world and an avid observer of mankind. Sonny was a man of his word, a man of his faith, strictly observing the Sabbath every Saturday, and a man of family. His wife Shirley, and his children will greatly miss him.

Sonny Goldberg gave much to the Charleston community and was especially integral in the revitalization of King Street, Charleston's main shopping district. We will greatly miss him and his gentle reminder to, "Drive carefully. We want you to get here." I respectfully request that the following editorial be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

[From the Charleston Post & Courier, Mar. 3, 1997]

S.I. "SONNY" GOLDBERG

They call me the King Street Singer 'cause I sing whenever I'm blue.

And if you should be feeling lonely I recommend it to you.

You may not be Mario Lanza or Fisher or Como or Bing.

But you'll feel so great in the morning
If you open your mouth and sing.

If there had ever been an election for mayor of King Street, Samuel Irwin Goldberg would have surely won. Instead Mr. Goldberg became the "King Street Singer," one of the city's most recognized personalities.

Born in Charleston in 1922, Mr. Goldberg began working in his father's King Street furniture business early in life. In the 1950s

it was his decision to supplement the company's newspaper advertising with radio and TV spots—a practice he kept up after opening his own store in 1981.

In them, Mr. Goldberg—often with a ukulele in hand—would sing a few bars of Jack Gale's "Serenade of the King Street Singer" before stopping to insert a couple of lines about the great values at Goldberg's.

It was because of these ads—both print and broadcast—that Mr. Goldberg seemed to be known wherever he went. He usually would seem surprised and ask, "How do you know me?" when people would inevitably stop him on the street or in restaurants and, more often to recite the later rap version that aired: "Go Sonny Go, Go Sonny Goldberg, Go Sonny Go, Go Sonny Goldberg. . ."

Although widely regarded for his humor, the private Mr. Goldberg was much more than "the singer."

A deeply religious man, he was an Orthodox Jew who considered his faith among the most important aspects of his life. Even when South Carolina's Blue Laws prohibited many retail stores from doing business on Sunday, Mr. Goldberg opened his. He closed on Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath. The law was amended to legalize that practice with what was called the Sabbatarian exemption. It since has been extensively revised.

Regarding the Sabbath, he said in a 1994 newspaper article, "I look forward to it every week. We're supposed to restrict ourselves from all that God did . . . from anything that creates a fire, energy, anything like that. We don't cook on Saturdays. I don't ride in the car on Saturdays. I go to the Synagogue Friday night, Saturday morning and Saturday evening. I think it's a relief that you can't put a value on."

Mr. Goldberg had that inherent knack for making those around him feel good, and people from all walks of life counted themselves among his many patrons and friends. In 1995, Sonny Goldberg closed the store that for so long was a King Street institution. When he died Thursday at 74, Charleston lost one of its favorite and most colorful citizens. •

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT
PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Democratic leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, appoints the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] as vice chairman of the Senate delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group during the 105th Congress.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 11,
1997

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of

10 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 1997. I further ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and the Senate then immediately resume consideration of Senate Resolution 39.

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

Mr. WARNER. I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. in order for the weekly party caucus to meet.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, tomorrow the Senate will resume consideration of Senator GLENN's amendment to Senate Resolution 39, which the distinguished Senator just sent to the desk, the Governmental Affairs Committee funding resolution. It is the majority leader's hope that Tuesday morning we will be able to reach an agreement as to when we will vote on the Glenn amendment, hopefully soon after the recess, that is, the noonday recess of the policy luncheons.

Senators can expect rollcall votes throughout Tuesday's session of the Senate as we continue to make progress on Senate Resolution 39.

Now, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to exercise 5 minutes in morning business for the Senator from Virginia prior to the recess.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. WARNER pertaining to the introduction of S. 418 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 11.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:40 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, March 11, at 10 a.m.