

of the property and buildings, making it the only community college in Kentucky controlled by the local community. When it appeared that the area was handicapped by the lack of an engineering school to serve college students in the area, George worked to establish an extension of the UK engineering school in Paducah. In fact, George and his wife, Eleanor, gave \$4 million to help build a suitable facility to house the program. Though George was reluctant, the building was named Crouse Hall to acknowledge his leadership and generosity in bringing the dream to reality.

George's passing leaves a great void is left in Western Kentucky. His was truly a life well lived. I offer condolences to his wife of many years, Eleanor, and the entire Crouse family. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the achievements and contributions of this outstanding Kentuckian, and that an article from the Paducah Sun be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The article follows.

CROUSE'S LEGACY ONE OF GENEROSITY

(By Joe Walker)

People who knew barge company mogul George P. Crouse Sr. remember him for his ceaseless giving to the Paducah area and helping mold it into a hub of the nation's river industry.

"I was honored to be able to tell people that George Crouse was my friend," said Paducah Community College President Len O'Hara. "He was a wise, visionary and generous man. There's no doubt that he did more to shape the face of the college—both Paducah Community College and Paducah Junior College—than any other individual."

Mr. Crouse, 86, died at 8:24 p.m. Sunday at Western Baptist Hospital. Friends may call at Roth Funeral Chapel from 5 to 8 p.m. today.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church, where he was a member. The Rev. Lynn Shurley will officiate. Burial will be private.

He was founder and past chairman of Crouse Corp., which he built from a single, leased boat to one of the nation's largest barge lines. He started the firm in 1948 after having worked with the Tennessee Valley Authority and seen how its dams improved navigation on the Tennessee River. He also knew Paducah was ideally situated near the confluence of two major rivers.

"I had learned earlier that the Tennessee (river) is a side street," he once wrote, "and the Ohio and Mississippi are the main highways."

About a month ago, in failing health, Mr. Crouse became chairman emeritus of the firm, making way for President Bill Dibert to take over as chairman. Mr. Crouse's son, Avery, a noted filmmaker, assumed the role of vice chairman.

My father was the first to show us to always plan for the inevitable," said Avery Crouse, who returned to Paducah to help run the business while continuing to make films. "We've often said that no one will fill his shoes, but several of us will try to do that."

The same is true for Paducah, which will miss Mr. Crouse immeasurably, said O'Hara. "People don't have any idea how much he's given to this community, not only with his mind, but also contributions of money."

In 1968, as a member of the Paducah Junior College Board of Trustees, Mr. Crouse fashioned the legal structure that brought the school into the University of Kentucky community college system while maintaining local ownership.

"He made sure PJC retained ownership of the property and buildings, so the community still owns the college," O'Hara said. "It's the only one in the nation that is locally owned."

Mr. Crouse, who told O'Hara repeatedly that higher education was Paducah's greatest need, and his wife, Eleanor, gave \$4 million toward the PCC engineering school. But O'Hara said Mr. Crouse was reluctant to publicize the gift or have the school named after him and his wife.

"I told my staff this morning that I'm so happy to have been able to get it finished and for it to become a community icon before his passing," O'Hara said.

Because of Mr. Crouse's modesty, Paducahans will never know the real extent of his beneficence, O'Hara said.

"The (public) library owes a great deal to George Crouse. Paducah Tilghman High School does, too, and a lot of other less visible charities," he said. "He was very quiet about it and didn't want his name passed around, but he was always there."

In the 1960s, Mr. Crouse used his business savvy to boost the growth of Peoples First Corp., which became a large, regional banking firm before merging with Union Planters last year. Aubrey Lippert, head of Union Planters' Paducah operation, was executive vice president when Mr. Crouse was a Peoples board member.

"He was probably one of the best thinkers I've seen in being able to put together business plans and concepts and then methodically talk through how you would execute them," Lippert said. "He was always very quiet, but as we used to say around our board table, when Mr. Crouse speaks, you need to listen because he always has his thoughts in order."

Lippert said Mr. Crouse's generosity began when he came to Paducah in 1948 and continued throughout his life.

"He was a fine family man, had a great family and I have great admiration for Eleanor," Lippert said. "He was the kind of citizen that you would love to have as many of as you could possibly have in the community. We'll sure miss George Crouse."

A native of Minneapolis, Mr. Crouse worked for TVA and later Arrow Transportation, a river towing company in Sheffield, Ala. After serving in the U.S. Navy in World War II, he joined Iget Towing in late 1945 and moved to Paducah. All along, he had a desire to form his own company.

That happened three years later when Mr. Crouse put down \$40,000 in cash and borrowed \$60,000, which he said gave him \$88,000 to build his first towboat and \$12,000 for working capital. He rented a towboat to get started.

In 1949, Mr. Crouse finished construction. The Alice, named after his aunt, and immediately starting towing chemical barges on the Ohio River. Steady growth of the company led to purchasing barges in 1951 and finishing a second towboat. The Louise, in 1952. By then, coal was the main cargo.

John Cathey remembers working on the Alice and becoming pilot of The Louise, named after Mr. Crouse's mother. As the firm added towboats, Mr. Crouse ran out of family names and began naming vessels after the wives of employees like Cathey's wife, Hazel.

"That was a real honor at that time," Cathey said. "He was a really smart man, and he had a good relationship with all the employees. There were times when people

came in off the boats and were troubled, and he'd talk to them."

Cathey saw the firm grow gradually, expanding to the Green River in 1956 and buying Clifton Towing Co. in 1959. Renamed Southern Barge Line Corp., the Clifton operation remained a subsidiary until 1980.

In June 1965, Crouse Corp., moved from a converted residence into its current headquarters at 2626 Broadway. In 1969, Mr. Crouse completed another major expansion by opening a branch in Maysville in eastern Kentucky to serve the upper Ohio River.

Cathey remained with Crouse Corp. for nearly 30 years, retiring as senior vice president. Aside from his initial loan to build The Alice, Mr. Crouse ran the firm in the black, Cathey said.

"One of the things I always admired him for was, we never went into debt," he said. "We paid as we went."

Mr. Crouse is survived by his wife Eleanor Buchanan Crouse; his son, Avery Crouse of Paducah; his sister, Barbara Kleet of Naples, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, George P. Crouse Jr.; and his daughter, Virginia Cramp. His parents were Avery Fitch Crouse and Louise Ray Crouse.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the Paducah Cooperative Ministry, 1359 S. 6th St., Paducah, KY 42001; Paducah Junior College Board, P.O. Box 7380, Paducah, KY 42002; or First Presbyterian Church, 200 N. 7th St., Paducah, KY 42001.●

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE SAMUEL J. ERVIN III

● Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. President, I rise to honor the life of a remarkable North Carolinian. Judge Sam Ervin III died last Saturday, September 18, 1999 at the age of 73. His passing has left a void—his family and friends have lost a wonderful, caring man, North Carolina has lost one of its finest citizens, and our nation has lost an honorable and respected jurist.

Judge Ervin devoted his life to public service. Born March 2, 1926 in Morganton, North Carolina to the late Senator Sam Ervin, Jr. and Margaret Bruce Ervin, Judge Ervin studied at Davidson College. He interrupted his undergraduate education for two years to serve in the U.S. Army during World War II. After attending Harvard Law School, he returned to the Army, attaining the rank of colonel while serving in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. In 1952, Judge Ervin returned to practice law in Morganton, where he would remain for the better part of the rest of his life. Judge Ervin served in the North Carolina General Assembly between 1965 and 1967, when Governor Dan Moore appointed Judge Ervin to the North Carolina Superior Court bench.

Judge Ervin was considered among the ablest Superior Court Judges of his time. Lawyers trusted that Judge Ervin would afford all litigants a full and impartial hearing and would ground his decision in the law. He was often selected by the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court to preside over controversial trials from which local judges recused themselves.

After thirteen years as a trial judge, Judge Ervin was sworn in on May 25, 1980 as a judge on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals of the United States. When he was elevated to the chief judgeship of the Fourth Circuit in 1989, he became only the second North Carolinian to occupy this important position. Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell, Jr. once described Judge Ervin as "the very model of what a judge, especially the presiding judge of a great court, should be."

Judge Ervin left his mark in hundreds of decisions. He always was fair and principled. He approached cases with a deep understanding of the law, but never forgetting the common sense he developed growing up in Morganton. Just last year, he participated in two important decisions affecting elections in North Carolina. In the middle of the election year, the district court issued an opinion striking down North Carolina's campaign finance statute. Judge Ervin issued a stay on the decision until the election season ended to prevent the election from devolving into confusion. Similarly, he participated in a decision to keep the primary election on May 5, 1998 for all offices except for the U.S. House, which was subject to a redistricting lawsuit, to minimize disruption for the other candidates and the electorate.

Judge Ervin had the courage to stand up for his beliefs, which he always did in his typical gracious manner. In February 1997, as a witness in a congressional hearing about proposed legislation to reduce the number of judgeships on the Fourth Circuit, he politely took issue with the Chairman of the hearing. He believed that the court's ability to render swift and certain justice would be enhanced by the filling of two long vacant positions, not by eliminating them. He stated that the degree of delegation by circuit court judges was greater than ideal and that he would like to be able to devote greater personal attention to the matters that came before him.

Because he was such a remarkable person and a dedicated jurist, he earned the lifelong admiration of dozens of young people who clerked for him over the years. He also earned the respect of his peers in the legal profession, as well as many honors over the years. Just this year, the North Carolina Bar Association accorded him its Liberty Bell Award for "strengthening the American system of freedom under law" and the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers presented him its Outstanding Appellate Judge Award.

The Judge cherished his family, which is nothing they do not already know. What he knew about the important, everlasting things in life, he said that he learned from his parents, his wife Elisabeth, his two sons, Jim and Robert, and his two daughters, Betsy and Margaret. I send my heartfelt condolences to Elisabeth and their children. Please know that you are in my prayers.

In his commencement speech at Campbell University this past spring, he told the graduates, "[I]f you seek truth, if you keep faith, and have courage, life will release you from the little things and give you peace of mind and heart." Judge Ervin left this world released of the little things with peace of mind and peace of heart because throughout his life, he never stopped searching for truth, he kept faith in God, and he repeatedly demonstrated courage.●

TRIBUTE TO AMY ISAACS

● Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I rise in recognition of the 30th anniversary of Amy Isaacs' association with Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), the nation's oldest independent liberal advocacy organization dedicated to individual liberty and building economic and social justice at home and abroad.

Ms. Isaacs has been a driving force within the organization, shaping its agenda for three decades, working on a broad range of issues affecting domestic, foreign, economic, social and environmental policy. She began her career at ADA as an intern in 1969 and has moved up through the ranks serving as Director of Organization, Executive Assistant to the Director, Deputy National Director and currently, as ADA National Director. On the domestic front, she has focused the organization's attention on such pressing issues as preserving social security, fighting for full civil rights and quality health care for all, and working to pass campaign finance reform legislation.

Throughout her life Ms. Isaacs has worked tirelessly at home and abroad to raise awareness of the injustice of all forms of discrimination. She is a graduate of the American University in Washington, DC, attended classes at the University of Cologne in Germany and was a delegate to the Young Leaders Conference for the American Council on Germany. She also served as a member to a bipartisan observer delegation to the Liberal International Party Congress in Stockholm, Sweden.

Ms. Isaacs has been a true champion for social and economic justice. Pursuing these ideals comes as naturally to Amy as breathing. She is a gifted and wonderfully compassionate and committed human being and I am pleased to congratulate her on her thirty years of service to the ADA.●

THE MARRIAGE OF PATRICK JOHN MCGONIGLE AND JENNIFER BRAVO

● Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I rise to note briefly the union of two talented and beloved people, Mr. Patrick John McGonigle and Miss Jennifer Bravo. On this Saturday past, following a nine-year courtship begun at their alma mater, Saint Louis University, the couple were wed in resplendent fashion among friends and family in New Orleans.

Mr. President, over my twenty-three years in the United States Senate, it has become increasingly acceptable to decry the loss of virtue in our young—to suggest that television, popular culture, et al., have conspired and, indeed, triumphed over American values. Anyone who knows Patrick and Jennifer and their loving families or fortunate enough to attend their beautiful ceremony would surely dispute such a view.

Mr. President, I extend my sincerest congratulations to the newlyweds and wish them the greatest luck as they embark this most cherished journey.●

TRIBUTE TO JACK WARNER

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Jack Warner, the former Chairman and CEO of Gulf States Paper Corporation. I recognize him for the contributions that he and his wife, Elizabeth, have made to Tuscaloosa and the surrounding community.

A man of strong character and a wealth of old-fashioned common sense, Jack Warner has persevered and triumphed no matter what the challenge; through wars, labor strikes, and tough financial and personal circumstances. Through it all, he has remained steadfast in his beliefs and a pioneer from which others might draw inspiration. He has made tough business decisions over the years, and through it all has kept Gulf States Paper privately owned, a challenging endeavor when so many other companies have felt the pressure to go public. His gritty determination has led to financial success, which has helped him to pursue his many philanthropic interests and also allowed him to give back to the Tuscaloosa community.

It was through many obstacles and achievements that Jack Warner developed the strong character and firm convictions that are with him today. A graduate of Culver Military Academy in Culver, Indiana in 1936, he moved on to college at Washington & Lee University to pursue a degree in business administration. Following graduation, he promptly enlisted in the U.S. Army to perform what he saw as his duty to serve the country. As a commissioned officer with the Mars Task Force in the Burma theater of operations, he served the United States in exemplary fashion. Assigned in the Army's last horse-mounted unit, his calvary outfit was sent to India to pack supplies along the Burma trail. Once there, Jack Warner's unit was confronted with difficulties and obstacles which would have taken the spirit out of most men. Jack persevered, however, and his regiment ended up making a significant contribution to the War effort. This short episode in the life of Mr. Warner encapsulates his great spirit and will. He has always demonstrated persistence through adversity, and a commitment to get the job done right.

Perhaps it is this quality which has led to the astonishing success of Jack