

their skills at operating and maintaining public transit vehicles. His efforts at this endeavor also spawned the equally competitive International Rail Roadeo.

Albert Engelken was the originator of "Transit Appreciation Day," which later became "Try Transit Week," an annual fixture that encourages people to ride public transit, and salutes those who make the systems work. His creativity also extended to judging and selecting those systems that demonstrated excellence in transit advertising, a program now known as "AdWheel," an important event held at the Association's annual meeting.

Albert Engelken's education programs developed transit information modules for thousands of grade school teachers throughout the United States. And, until his retirement in 1997, Albert Engelken produced the American Public Transit Association's Grant Awards Ceremony, an event that honors transit systems, individuals, and achievements in the public transit industry.

That ceremony continues today, and while lacking the unique skills Albert brought to directing the national and local arrangements that publicized the winners, the ceremony this year will honor him by electing him to the prestigious APTA Hall of Fame.

He was also the long-time editor of the Association's "Passenger Transport" weekly newspaper, and directed the industry's successful communications strategy in the important formative years of the federal transit program. Over his entire career with APTA, Albert's behind-the-scenes work—from speechwriting to the orchestration of presentations and the stage management of events—were critical to the success of APTA's member programs and the smooth functioning of APTA's many conferences.

Albert is known by his family, colleagues, and peers as a person who would always go the extra mile to help them out. No task was too small or too complicated to be turned away. He is a gentleman, trusted friend, and caring confidant. Yet he has never sought the spotlight not taken a bow over his work in public transit and APTA.

Those are just some of the reasons to honor Albert Engelken, Mr. President. At work and in the community he has touched thousands of lives, and made life safer and easier for hundreds of thousands of transit users and providers across our nation.

He is a also great family man. His wife Betsy, children Jane, Elizabeth and Richard and their spouses, and his five grandchildren can certainly attest to that.

Mr. President, I join them and his colleagues in congratulating Albert Engelken for a job well done, and in applauding his induction into the American Public Transit Hall of Fame.●

#### IN RECOGNITION OF JOAN FLATLEY

● Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize an outstanding woman in the State of New Jersey. Joan Flatley is being honored with the prestigious Spirit of Asbury Award for her activism and commitment to the Asbury Park community. Joan is recently retired as the Executive Director of the Asbury Park Chamber of Commerce, and her legacy in the community will be felt for years to come.

For over twelve years, Joan used her depth of knowledge and breadth of experience to contribute to the successful functioning of the Chamber. It is through her effort that the Chamber became a dynamic force in the Asbury Park business community, and the State of New Jersey as a whole. Joan has been the main force behind the Chamber's development and growth. She has consistently been receptive to the community's need, and has responded to them under the auspices of the Chamber. The Chamber is now a respected source of information, both in Asbury Park and across the country, for business and community events. Without Joan's unyielding commitment, the Chamber's development would not have been as pronounced.

Joan's continued and unwavering service to the people of Asbury Park is indicative of her love of the community in which she lives. Whether she was giving out travel information, sending out newsletters or organizing a business meeting, Joan met every task with an unbridled enthusiasm and pleasantness that made the community around her a better place to live. Indeed it is a testament to her service that New Jerseyans from every walk of life from across the state have come to celebrate the end of her distinguished career.

Joan's dedication to community service has always been clear, and the people of Asbury Park have benefitted from her involvement. I can think of few individuals more worthy of this distinguished award than Joan Flatley, and I am pleased to extend my congratulations to her.●

#### IN HONOR OF EVA B. ISRAELSEN

● Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I was sad to learn of the death of Mrs. Eva Israelson of North Logan, Utah this past week. As one of Cache Valley's oldest living residents, she was a remarkable woman.

Eva May Butler Israelson was born October 5, 1894, in Butlerville, Utah. She attended Butlerville School as a young girl. A diligent student throughout her life, she was Valedictorian of the first graduating class of Jordan High School in 1915. I find it remarkable that just nine years ago, she and the other surviving class member, Thomas J. Parmley celebrated their 75th class reunion. In 1991 she was invited to be the featured speaker at Jordan High School's graduation.

She attended the Utah Agricultural College (now Utah State University) where she met her husband Victor Eugene Israelson. They were married in the Salt Lake LDS Temple in 1917. After college, she and her husband farmed, eventually establishing the North Logan Buttercup Dairy where she lived for 63 years. That dairy became a landmark in Cache Valley.

Eva was known throughout Cache Valley simply as "Grandma Israelson." She kept numerous journals and granted countless interviews to young people in the community who sought her out for her perspective and historical knowledge. She remained active in her community and her church throughout her life. With support from her children, she attended nearly every funeral, wedding and baby blessing in the community. She was active in the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and blessed the lives of her neighbors through her charitable example and her Christian life.

Grandma Israelson had a remarkable memory, often recalling details about not only her own family members and grandchildren but of the families of her neighbors and acquaintances. It was common for her to ask her neighbors about their children by name, even though she may not have seen them for years. The residents of North Logan will miss that, just as they miss waiving to her on her morning walks which she used to take back when she was a young woman of just 101.

She and her husband had eleven children, eight of which are living. Her husband Victor passed away in 1967. Her progeny includes 67 grandchildren, 271 great-grandchildren and 40 great-great grandchildren. Including the 97 spouses, she is survived by 483 family members.

Grandma Israelson would have been 105 years old today. So on her birthday, I want to pay tribute to her life and express my condolences to her family on her passing. She was a remarkable woman who led a remarkable life. Sophocles once said "One must wait until the evening to see how splendid the day has been." In her passing, I am sure that the community agrees that it was indeed splendid to spend the day with Eva Israelson.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JAMES ARTHUR GAY III

● Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to James Arthur Gay III, a pioneer black civic leader from Las Vegas. Through his tireless efforts, he was instrumental in the fight to desegregate Las Vegas. Jimmy Gay was one of the first black hotel executives in Las Vegas in the 1950s at a time when his longtime friends Sammy Davis Jr., Nat "King" Cole and others were not allowed to stay overnight in strip hotels.

Mr. Gay was one of the best known and respected local black leaders of his generation. Among his accomplishments are many "firsts". He was the

first black to obtain a mortician's license in the state of Nevada, the first black to be appointed to the Nevada Athletic Commission, and the first black in the United States to be certified as a water safety instructor by the Red Cross. He also was a national record holder in the 100-yard dash and an alternate on the 1936 U.S. Olympic track team.

Born in Fordyce, Arkansas in 1916, Jim was the youngest of three children. When he was just 3 years old, Jim was orphaned. Beginning his experience with work at age 7 as a house boy, Jim developed a strong commitment to work at an early age. He moved to Las Vegas in 1946 as a college-educated man having earned his degree from the University of Arkansas. Although he was educated and ambitious, getting a job in Las Vegas was virtually impossible at the time. He started out as a cook at Sills Drive-In, a popular restaurant in the area of Charleston and Las Vegas Boulevard working hard to prove himself. In the late 1940s, people became aware of Jimmy's many talents. Jim's first break in Las Vegas came when the city opened the Jefferson Recreation Center in West Las Vegas. He was hired as the Director and among other things also coached football, swimming and basketball. His break in business came when he was hired as the Sands hotel-casino Director of Communications which was one of the highest posts held by a black at that time. During this period, the Sands was one of the Las Vegas Strips finest.

In 1941, Jimmy married Hazel Gloster and together they raised a family of five children, 10 grand-children and 17 great-grandchildren. Always finding time for his community, he was an active member of the executive board of the NAACP. He also was active in local politics serving as a member of the Clark County Democratic Central Committee and on the executive board of Culinary Local 226.

Jimmy discovered the world of the hotel industry and opened opportunities for many. Over the years, Jimmy served as an executive at the Sands, Union Plaza, Fremont, Aladdin and Silverbird hotels. He earned the respect of many for his tireless efforts and his love for the city of Las Vegas.

Deservingly, the state of Nevada has honored Jimmy Gay by naming him a Distinguished Nevadan in 1988 and a few years before, the city of Las Vegas named a park after him. In 1985, the city of Las Vegas and the state of Nevada honored him with "Jimmy Gay Day." For his civic efforts, Jimmy was named Las Vegas Jaycees Man of the Year in 1952 and received a City of Hope commendation in 1959. On numerous occasions he was named NAACP Man of the year. His contributions have not only left a lasting impression on many, but also served as an inspiration to generations of young people growing up in Nevada. Over the years, Jimmy helped many deserving black students receive scholarships to his alma mater.

It was once written that "Some people walk through our life and leave after a few seconds. Others come in and stay there for a very long time leaving marks that will never be forgotten." Jimmy Gay is one of those whose legacy will remain for the countless Nevadans whose journey will be easier because of his pioneering efforts. Las Vegas is a better place because Jimmy Gay went above and beyond to advance the cause of social justice. The best one can hope for life is to make a difference with their time on earth. There is no doubt that Jimmy Gay made a tremendous difference.

On September 10, 1999 at the age of 83 Jimmy Gay died of complications of a stroke. He will be missed but will remain one of the most admired and respected local Las Vegas leaders to have graced the city. This U.S. Senator is a better person because of the friendship he enjoyed with Jimmy Gay and Nevada is a better state because of his lifelong effort to ensure equality for all.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CORNELIUS HOGAN

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, it gives me great pleasure to stand before my esteemed colleagues and speak of my good friend, Cornelius Hogan, who is retiring as Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Human Services. His work in leading state government to improve the well-being of Vermonters stands as a example for us all.

The Vermont Agency of Human Services includes the departments of Social Welfare, Corrections, Social and Rehabilitation Services, Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Aging and Disabilities. Secretary Hogan has not only administered these vital services through extraordinary changes, but has provided outstanding leadership, recognized throughout the Nation. This agency, with the State's largest budget, must have a human face in its efforts to improve the lives of Vermonters. Con Hogan is that face.

Secretary Hogan has served as Vermont's Secretary of Human Services since 1991 when then-Governor Richard Snelling enticed him back into public service from his successes in the private sector. Previously, Hogan served as Commissioner of Corrections.

Throughout his eight year tenure, Con has been remarkably effective and always gracious in his approach to each challenge. When Vermonters in need have a problem, Con has been the person that folks turned to when all else had failed. As Chris Graff, a Vermont journalist, noted:

Hogan is a legend. And for the past eight years, when people knew that Con Hogan was coming, they had hope. And confidence. Confidence that whatever the trouble, whatever the problem, whatever the need, someone who cared deeply would do what ever it took to help.

As a result of Con's work, Vermont families and communities have improved educational opportunities, a

better health care system, increased employment for the disabled and an expanded network of family support services. By demanding that government define, seek, and evaluate its efforts, Con has set a new example for public service in Vermont and the country.

More Vermont children have health care coverage, and have had it for longer, than almost any state in the country. The state is offering more home and community based care options for the elderly and disabled. Disabled Vermonters are working and, thereby, supporting themselves and their families. Con Hogan's ultimate legacy will be the thousands of lives that have been directly touched by the work of the Agency of Humans Services under his stewardship.

He, of course, will describe his work as collaborative and the consequence of others' good will and efforts. He is right, as he has led efforts to open government to the ideas, hopes, and information from citizens, industry and business. He has fostered a real public debate about the well-being of Vermonters and the responsibilities of government and its citizens to participate, evaluate, and dream for better things.

Secretary Hogan's vision is alive and full of vibrant change. Con has changed our ways of thinking. He is the mastermind of dozens of partnerships in which human services providers now collaborate with others in state and local governments, and communities to deliver locally-based services. Con recognizes and encourages citizen participation as essential to this process. He has convinced service providers that they should listen to real people - that the child, the elder or the youth needs to be the center of their concerns.

Over the last several weeks, many Vermonters have written to their local papers, touting Con Hogan's work as Secretary. Con has significantly changed thousands of Vermonters lives, both through policy and through his own untiring advocacy. The results have impressed his colleagues and friends alike.

I was moved when I read a commentary in the Burlington Free Press by my good friend, David S. Wolk, Superintendent of Schools in Rutland City. David pointed out that it was Con Hogan's success in the private and public sectors, as well as his impeccable reputation as both a manager and a leader, that led then-Governor Snelling to appoint him as the state's premier advocate for Vermonters in need.

David aptly notes that Con's relentless advocacy has been coupled with his unique capacity to reach out to the wider community. His strong and effective leadership has presented important dualities:

Con Hogan could have remained in the private sector to seek his fortune and fame. Instead, he offered a selfless contribution to public service, an emphasis on accountability with measurable outcomes and an impressive brand of leadership, combining pressure and support, characterized by candor