

His nonpartisan approach to state government was commendable. "I sincerely believe that during a campaign you ought to be partisan as you can be," he told The State newspaper recently, "and talk about the differences of the two parties. There's plenty there to talk about. . . . But when elected, all this partisan stuff should stop. You ought to work together with whomever the people elected to work with you in government." Democrats far outnumbered Republicans in the South Carolina legislature when Jim was governor, yet representatives from both parties have compliments to bestow upon him to this day. He left the Governor's Mansion with an approval rating of nearly 80 percent.

A year after Dr. Edwards returned to his dental practice, President Reagan asked him to serve as the nation's energy secretary. True to his commitment to public service, Jim answered the call, moving to Washington to tackle an important national issue. During his tenure, the DOE decontrolled oil, stepped up the pace for filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, obtained federal aid for three synthetic fuel projects and shepherded a nuclear waste measure through Congress. In 1982, he moved back to South Carolina and assumed the presidency at MUSC.

Dr. Jim Edwards' retirement marks an end to the career of one of South Carolina's finest. His impact will be felt for many years to come. My wife, Peatsy, joins me in wishing Jim and his wonderful wife, Ann, a happy retirement.●

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

● Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business Friday, October 29, 1999, the Federal debt stood at \$5,679,726,662,904.06 (Five trillion, six hundred seventy-nine billion, seven hundred twenty-six million, six hundred sixty-two thousand, nine hundred four dollars and six cents).

One year ago, October 29, 1998, the Federal debt stood at \$5,559,428,000,000 (Five trillion, five hundred fifty-nine billion, four hundred twenty-eight million).

Fifteen years ago, October 29, 1984, the Federal debt stood at \$1,599,006,000,000 (One trillion, five hundred ninety-nine billion, six million).

Twenty-five years ago, October 29, 1974, the Federal debt stood at \$480,331,000,000 (Four hundred eighty billion, three hundred thirty-one million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion—\$5,199,395,662,904.06 (Five trillion, one hundred ninety-nine billion, three hundred ninety-five million, six hundred sixty-two thousand, nine hundred four dollars and six cents) during the past 25 years.●

IN RECOGNITION OF UNITED AUTOMOBILE WORKERS LOCAL 599

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 60th anniversary

of the chartering of United Automobile Workers Local 599, which is located in Flint, Michigan.

UAW Local 599 received its charter on January 10, 1939. During the 60 years since its founding, Local 599 members have been powerful advocates for the rights of working men and women and their families. Local 599 has helped to improve the living standards of its members by successfully fighting for fair wages; sick, accident and life insurance; workers compensation; unemployment compensation; and education and training opportunities. In addition to the success Local 599 has achieved for its members and their families, the men and women of the Local have been deeply involved in the life of the Flint community by supporting countless civic and charitable activities.

UAW Local 599 has truly played an important role in the history of the labor movement. I know my colleagues join me in extending sincere congratulations to the past and present members of Local 599, as they celebrate the 60th anniversary of its founding.●

RECOGNITION OF MAJOR TIM COY

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, today, I would like to recognize an individual that has been a tremendous asset to my office—Maj. Tim Coy. For the past year, Major Coy has been an Air Force Legislative Fellow in my office. He has proven to be a professional officer, who handles any task he is given with enthusiasm and tenacity.

A year ago I requested a sharp military officer be assigned to my staff because of my new position on the Senate Armed Services Committee. Once we interviewed Tim, we knew that his extensive space and missile expertise would benefit my committee assignments, and his knowledge of Colorado would also be invaluable.

From Tim's first day in the office, he blended in with my talented staff and went to work. He assisted in all areas of the office. He played a major role with our defense team on committee work, floor speeches, and became a point person for missile defense issues. Just as important, he became more than a one year staffer, but a friend to us all.

In closing, Tim is an exceptionally capable and professional military officer. He is the very first fellow I have hired, and one of the reasons I look forward to bringing in another fellow for next year. He has a bright future in the Air Force and I know I will be hearing great things about him in the future. Not only was I proud to have Maj. Tim Coy as a "member" of my staff, but he also did the Air Force proud.●

TRIBUTE TO LEO MARSHALL

● Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, under the daily 24-hour assault of our highly competitive news media, constantly in search of the latest event and the most readily available personality, it would

be easy to confuse leadership with celebrity. However, there are in every community, men and women whose names are rarely found in the headlines and whose faces rarely appear on the television screen, but who nevertheless contribute real leadership day in and day out.

In my state of Delaware, one of those invaluable if rarely recognized leaders is Wilmington City Clerk, and Democratic City Chairman, Leo Marshall. A Wilmington native and a lifelong Wilmington resident, Leo Marshall does not often make the morning headlines or the evening broadcast news, but he is easily familiar to many Wilmingtonians because he never joined the migration to the suburbs that drained the energies and economies of many of our older cities—he has lived and served among them for four eventful decades.

Leo Marshall is, in many ways, the "Mr. Wilmington" of an older and increasingly diverse city he has helped to guide through the social and economic challenges that have marked our urban landscape from the confrontations of the Sixties to, in Wilmington's case, the dawning rebirth of the Nineties. He would be the last to claim major credit for the city's successes; he will tell you that the city has survived and got to its feet again at the hands of a succession of progressive city administrations—but knowledgeable Wilmingtonians will tell you Leo Marshall has built and maintained the strong political structure that has made progress possible in the relatively small city that is nevertheless Delaware's largest and most thoroughly urban community.

Like another Democrat prominently in the news today, Leo Marshall first came to public notice with a basketball in his hands, but as a proud product of Wilmington's still highly coherent Polish-American community, he was not willing to stop there. He turned his attention to city government, and the same intelligence and fiercely competitive spirit that had been so evident on the basketball court soon marked him as a leader in the rough-and-tumble of city politics.

He was and is a frankly partisan Democrat, and he has made Wilmington a Democratic stronghold in most of our elections; but he has always reserved his most intense partisanship for his city itself. He never loses sight of the city's interests, and he will vigorously defend them against all comers, regardless of party. Those of us who encounter him as Democrats learn quickly, if we expect to enjoy the relationship, that Leo Marshall will almost invariably be found among the most progressive of Democrats when it comes to issues or candidates, local, state or national—but only when he is assured that the city's interests have been taken into constructive consideration. In those cases, he is capable of being a statesman who can help pull a party, a city or a state together; but if

he feels the city is being attacked or neglected, he takes off the frock coat and rolls up his sleeves—and his opponents rarely enjoy the contest that ensues.

If it sounds like I am characterizing Leo Marshall as an old-fashioned "city boss," there is some truth to that notion; he came to party leadership out of the tradition of bare-knuckle ward politics that was the hallmark of most American cities of the day. But he has survived and successfully carried his leadership into a far different day because he has proved to be a boss with a difference—in a city significantly and persistently marked by rapid and challenging social and economic changes, he has been able to adapt his outlook, his leadership and his party to one major transition after another to the benefit of both his party and his community.

Such adaptable behind-the-scenes party leadership invites a consideration of the current state of our political parties. Much is said these days of how "entrepreneurial politics" has reduced our parties to mere shadows of their former selves, and those of us who must regularly place our records and our hopes for the future before the judgment of our constituents are well aware that that analysis comes uncomfortably close to the truth. Replacing party conventions with primary elections, struggling to meet the staggering costs of campaigning and coping with a swollen press corps that dogs our tracks at all seasons has inevitably thrown onto the shoulders of individual candidates much of the burden that historically was borne by the political parties.

But we should not let that fact blind us to the continuing contribution our political parties make to our national life. They remain the institutions that embody the political values we place before the voters when we campaign for office. They still provide the structure upon which our whole political system is based. They may not wield the overwhelming political influence they once possessed—and most of us would agree that they should not—but they are not without identity, they are not without purpose, and they are not without continuing value. They deserve our continuing attention, and leaders who maintain them to serve our nation's political life—leaders like Leo Marshall who have adapted those parties to the realities of our day—deserve our thanks and our admiration.

Mr. President, the great American humorist Will Rogers was as wise as he was amusing, and never more so than when he said, "God will look you over, not for medals, diplomas or degrees—but for scars!" Wilmington's Leo Marshall need fear no such examination; he bears the honorable scars of many a political battle, all of them acquired in the service of his city and his party, but also on behalf of his state and nation. He does not often make the headlines, but he has made his mark on the

history of his community, and that is the truest legacy of leadership.●

COMMENDATION OF DR. SWEET

● Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I rise to commend the services of David Sweet, who is ending his term of the Northeast-Midwest Institute's Board of Directors. David is a distinguished Ohioan, who has helped to enhance the economic vitality and environmental quality of my State and the Northeast-Midwest region.

Dr. Sweet has been dean of the Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University since 1978. He has expanded that institution and developed it into a well-respected research center that focuses on public service. Before joining Cleveland State, David served in several high-ranking positions within Ohio's State government. He was a member of the Public Utilities Commission, director of the Department of Economic and Community Development, chairman of the Ohio Energy Emergency Commission, and secretary of the Ohio Developmental Financing Commission.

David actually served four 3-year terms on the Northeast-Midwest Institute's Board of Directors, and he was elected chairman from 1995 to 1998. He has provided stable leadership, offered a wealth of ideas, and advanced the Institute's credibility. The Northeast-Midwest Institute provides policy research for the bipartisan Northeast-Midwest Senate Coalition and its Great Lakes Task Force, which I co-chair with Senator CARL LEVIN of Michigan.

Mr. President, I again want to commend David Sweet for his service on the board of the Northeast-Midwest Institute. He has provided valued counsel and helped increase that organization's reputation and effectiveness.●

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL LINDA J. STIERLE

● Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to honor Brigadier General Linda J. Stierle as she retires after twenty-nine years of active duty service in the United States Air Force. General Stierle culminates her distinguished career as the Director of Medical Readiness and Nursing Services in the Office of the Air Force Surgeon General. She is the first Nurse Corps officer to be appointed as the Director of Medical Readiness for the Air Force Medical Service. Under her direction, the medical readiness doctrine has been reengineered to be faster, lighter, and more responsive to the needs of the fighting force. Thanks to her extraordinary leadership, the Air Force Medical Service is positioned to fully support the Air Force's new Expeditionary Air Force structure in meeting current and future contingencies.

General Stierle's distinguished career began in 1970 when she received a direct commission in the Air Force Nurse Corps as a second lieutenant.

Highlights of her diverse and challenging career include serving as Director of the Department of Nursing at two of the Air Force's largest medical centers—David Grant USAF Medical Center, Travis Air Force Base, California, and Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Prior to her current position, she served as the Command Nurse, Office of the Command Surgeon, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, where she provided leadership and oversight of nursing services for 12 medical treatment facilities and the worldwide Aeromedical Evacuation System.

Mr. President, more than fifty years ago, as I was recovering in a military hospital, I began a unique relationship with military nurses. General Stierle embodies what I know military nurses to be—strong, professional leaders who are committed to serve their fellow comrades in arms and their country. General Stierle's many meritorious awards and decorations demonstrate her contributions in a tangible way, but it is the legacy she leaves behind for the Air Force Nurse Corps for which we are most appreciative. It is with pride that I congratulate General Stierle on her outstanding career of exemplary service.●

AUTHORIZING OF SENATE REPRESENTATION

Mr. FITZGERALD. Mr. President, I ask consent the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 213, submitted earlier by Senators LOTT and DASCHLE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 213) to authorize testimony, document production, and representation of employees in the Senate in *Bonnie Mendelson v. Delaware River and Bay Authority*.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this resolution concerns a request for testimony in a civil action pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware. The plaintiff in this case is a former sign-language interpreter for the Congressional Special Services Office. The case concerns injuries sustained by the plaintiff while a private passenger aboard a ferryboat.

This resolution would permit former coworkers of the plaintiff's on the Congressional Special Services staff to testify about the effect of the plaintiff's injuries on her ability to perform her work at the Senate.

Mr. FITZGERALD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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