

S. 1900

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1900, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit to holders of qualified bonds issued by Amtrak, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 60

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. COVERDELL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 60, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of the U.S.S. Wisconsin and all those who served aboard her.

SENATE RESOLUTION 87

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. FRIST] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 87, a resolution commemorating the 60th anniversary of the International Visitors Program

SENATE RESOLUTION 106

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 106, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding English plus other languages.

SENATE RESOLUTION 108

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND], and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. NICKLES] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 108, a resolution designating the month of March each year as "National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month."

SENATE RESOLUTION 128

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CLELAND], the Senator from New York [Mr. MOYNIHAN], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS], and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 128, a resolution designating March 2000, as "Arts Education Month."

SENATE RESOLUTION 134

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 134, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Joseph Jefferson "Shoeless Joe" Jackson should be appropriately honored for his outstanding baseball accomplishments.

SENATE RESOLUTION 196

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. JEFFORDS], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN], and the

Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 196, a resolution commanding the submarine force of the United States Navy on the 100th anniversary of the force.

SENATE RESOLUTION 200

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. ROBB] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 200, a resolution designating the week of February 14-20 as "National Biotechnology Week."

SENATE RESOLUTION 212

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 212, a resolution to designate August 1, 2000, as "National Relatives as Parents Day."

SENATE RESOLUTION 225

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. ROBB], and the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 225, a resolution to designate November 23, 2000, Thanksgiving Day, as a day to "Give Thanks, Give Life" and to discuss organ and tissue donation with other family members.

SENATE RESOLUTION 227

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 227, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in appreciation of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 16, 1999, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen, to conduct a hearing.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

THE CAREER OF MICHAEL J. PETRINA

• Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, occasionally in Washington, an individual crosses our paths whose talents go beyond legal and government relations skills or polished representation of political and policy issues, and extend to an elusive higher level. At this level, we think of him not as a creature of the policies he advocates but as a person—a man of integrity and decency. Mike Petrina is such a man. Generous and unfailingly courteous, Mike has represented the Cosmetic, Toiletry,

and Fragrance Association with intelligence, savvy, and charm. In doing his job well, he also has achieved what is often very difficult in this town—an excellent reputation as a genuinely nice guy.

Before he joined CTFA, Mike worked as legislative counsel to the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association, as an attorney both in private practice and in community legal services, and as a legislative assistant to the late Representative Silvio Conte. In each of these capacities, his watchword was integrity and his purpose was to achieve the goal without compromising either his own principles or the credibility of his employer.

It is clear that among the defining moments of Mike's life—those moments that signaled how successful he would be here in wonk universe, were his quiz show triumphs. If winning on Jeopardy doesn't tell us anything else about a person, it tells us that he will always be able to produce an obscure fact and that he can react instantaneously to a totally unexpected question or comment. Surely those two skills suited Mike superbly for his fruitful Washington career.

Mike has chosen to retire early in the year 2000, when he is young enough to enjoy his retirement and to have a long time to do it. I wish him well, and want him to know that many of us here will miss him. With Mike and CTFA president Ed Kavanaugh, the industry made a lasting mark on the Utah Children's Charities through contributions of products to our golf tournament each August. I have been grateful for the contribution and, more importantly, for the spirit of good will that always characterized my interactions with CTFA and with Mike.

Mike illustrated, through effective use of his talents, the sense of humor that always tided him over the tough moments, and his gentle approach to people, what the poet and artist J. Stone once said: "the most visible creators I know of are those artists whose medium is life itself . . . They neither paint nor sculpt—their medium is being. Whatever their presence touches has increased life."

I am sure I speak for all those who worked with Mike in thanking him for all he did here to make our work together so pleasant and productive. I wish Mike Petrina a long and enjoyable retirement, and urge him to remember always the words of Robert Browning: "The best is yet to be, the last of life for which the first was made."•

90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS OF SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT

• Mr. DODD. Mr. President, it is with great enthusiasm that I rise today to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the American Red Cross of Southeastern Connecticut. Since 1909, victims of war, strife and natural disaster have been given the gift of hope and the means of

survival by the selfless men and women who make up the Red Cross' Southeastern Connecticut Chapter. Indeed, for nine decades, the Southeastern Connecticut Chapter has provided assistance to those in need in Connecticut, across the United States and around the world—truly exemplifying the ideals of the American Red Cross—offering aid and support during periods of acute emergency and prolonged rebuilding alike.

The Red Cross itself has a long and distinguished history in the United States. In 1881, the American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton and dedicated to the basic principles of service to humanity, independence, voluntary service, unity and universality. President Taft described the American Red Cross as "the only volunteer society now authorized by this government to render aid to its land and naval forces in times of war," for that was its original intent, to aid the casualties of war. As we all know, the organization's peace-time role grew rapidly, however, and at the turn of the century, new leadership brought new goals and expanded the services of the American Red Cross.

The growth of the American Red Cross was made possible by the success of regional chapters and the dedication of countless volunteers. The Red Cross was entirely staffed by volunteers until 1941, and today, volunteers still make up ninety-eight percent of all Red Cross personnel. When membership drives were initiated by the Southeastern Connecticut Chapter, residents of that area answered the call. Citizens from all walks of life—businesses, mills, farms, schools, churches and hospitals—donated their time, skill and money to the organization. Over the years, the Southeastern Chapter has been able to generate the ever-increasing support required to meet developing demands because of the sacrifice of their volunteers and the generosity of their neighbors.

Over the last 90 years, this generosity and self-sacrifice has produced a remarkable track record. Historically speaking, the Red Cross organization in Southeastern Connecticut was active even before its formal charter was granted on November 1, 1909. The founding members began organizing at the Park Congressional Church in Norwich, Connecticut in October, 1905. They played a role in the relief efforts following the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and in 1906 helped survivors of the San Francisco earthquake and fire. Back home in Connecticut, the chapter also moved rapidly to combat a growing tuberculosis epidemic in its early days.

As the world braced for war in August, 1914, the Chapter prepared for its own humanitarian campaign. The Chapter's members opened their hearts and homes to the work at hand. Preparations were carried out in homes, offices, social clubs, church societies and any other available space. The spirit of

the Red Cross in Southeastern Connecticut was truly embraced by the community as a whole. The Honor Roll Committee, the Home Service Section, the Motor Corps and the Junior Red Cross were all formed in the endeavor to relieve those affected by war.

During the latter decades of the century, the Chapter, and the Red Cross in general, made great strides in the field of blood donation. Connecticut Chapters contributed to the Blood Services of the war in Vietnam by sponsoring "Operation Helpmate" in which each Chapter supplied a mobile blood unit in Mekong, Vietnam. Relentless in their selfless devotion to humanitarianism worldwide, Southeastern Connecticut Red Cross has provided a safety net for the 20th Century.

While most of us think of the Red Cross as an international force for good, the presence of the American Red Cross in Connecticut has been important, as well. When the deadliest hurricane to ever hit New England slammed into Eastern Connecticut on September 21, 1938, the Disaster and Civil Preparedness Committee of the Southeastern Chapter responded to the emergency situation immediately, helping countless lives. And the Chapter led the effort to rebuild once the storm had passed. Had it not been for the preparedness of the Chapter in disaster situations, the damage and loss of life sustained would have been far greater.

More recently, the state's organization has created what is now hailed as a model program for preventing the spread of HIV throughout the state. This program has become highly successful, and is partly the reason why cases of new infections have dropped significantly.

Just this year, the destruction brought by hurricane Floyd was mitigated by the Southeastern Red Cross. While parts of Connecticut were so badly soaked by floods that they were declared federal disaster areas, the Southeastern Connecticut American Red Cross was assisting local hospitals and rescuing those in need.

At the turn of the millennium, the American Red Cross faces new challenges. Cultural and national conflicts, natural disasters and acts of nature have caused unimaginable human suffering in recent memory. After each calamity, however, the Red Cross and its volunteers have been there to pick up the pieces. Volunteers from Connecticut have played an active role both around the world and at home over the last 90 years and I rest easier knowing they will continue to play a vital role well into the next century.

So, it is with great pride and gratitude, Mr. President, that I stand on the floor of the Senate today to recognize the accomplishments of the Southeastern Connecticut American Red Cross over these past 90 years. I know I speak for many Connecticut residents in expressing congratulations for achieving this milestone, and best wishes in coming years for continued service to those in need.●

IMAM VEHBI ISMAIL PROCLAMATION

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and honor Imam Vehbi Ismail for his fifty years of dedicated service to the Islamic community.

The Imam has been an instrumental force in the Albanian American and Islamic communities in Michigan. Originally, from Albania he emigrated to the United States in 1949 after studying theology in Egypt. Through his spiritual leadership the Imam set himself on a path to improve the Albanian American community. One of his greatest accomplishments was the establishment of the Albanian Islamic Center where he served as the Senior Cleric.

What is truly remarkable about this extraordinary individual is his work in the areas of democratic and human rights. The Imam has been the driving force in the Michigan community, raising awareness for human rights for Albanians world wide.

The Imam has proudly served as one of the longest active Clerics in the country. His family and the Albanian American community look to him as the elder statesman and guiding spirit for their community.

Mr. President it is with sincere joy and appreciation that I honor the Imam Vehbi Ismail. He is truly an example of unselfish charity and an inspiration to many.●

JERRY DAVIS, JR., TRIBUTE

• Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, I come before my colleagues today to pay tribute to a dear friend, Jerry Davis, Jr. Jerry and I first met in the Army when we were stationed in New Jersey together before we headed to Vietnam. Jerry is a man with an extraordinary story and I am proud to be among his circle of friends.

Jerry was born on January 2, 1925 in Terry, Louisiana—a humble beginning for a sharecropper's son destined for the cover of FORTUNE Magazine (October, 1975). Jerry was a man committed to a life of service and his family, his church, his community and his country. A generous, loving and forgiving spirit, a respect for order and tradition and a legendary helping hand were the hallmarks of his life.

After graduating first in his class from the Magnolia Training School, he cut his formal education short, despite receiving a scholarship from Southern University, by enlisting in the U.S. Army. Joining the all African-American 94th Engineer Construction Battalion at the end of World War II, he began his military career as an enlisted man in Paris. Seven years later he completed Officer Training School in Fort Benning, Georgia and as a new 2nd Lieutenant was company commander in the Korean War. In 1967, he returned to combat as one of two African-American battalion commanders in Vietnam. After 26 years of distinguished