

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

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

Mr. THOMAS. I ask unanimous consent, Mr. President, that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 40) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 40

Whereas James L. Blum has served as the Deputy Director of the Congressional Budget Office since December of 1991;

Whereas he has served in that office since its creation in 1975: from 1975 to 1991 as the Assistant Director for Budget Analysis and in the post of Acting Director from December 1987 to March of 1989;

Whereas prior to his tenure at the Congressional Budget Office, he has held numerous positions within the Executive Branch of the Federal Government including the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Labor;

Whereas he is internationally recognized for his expertise in budget and finance;

Whereas he has instilled professionalism and integrity in generations of staff at the Congressional Budget Office by his personal conduct and leadership and has encouraged high standards of scholarship and clarity of presentation from them;

Whereas he was the 1990 recipient of the Roger W. Jones Award for Executive Leadership;

Whereas he has performed his various duties within the Congressional Budget Office with intelligence while displaying calm leadership;

Whereas he possesses irreplaceable institutional knowledge which has been indispensable to the effective functioning of the Congressional Budget Office extending over a period of almost 25 years; and

Whereas he has earned the respect and esteem of the United States Senate: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate of the United States commends James L. Blum for his many years of dedicated, faithful, and outstanding service to his country and to the Senate.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR THE SERVICE OF FRANCIS L. BURK, JR.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 41 submitted by Senator THURMOND, and others.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 41) expressing the gratitude of the United States Senate for the service of Francis L. Burk, Jr., Legislative Counsel of the United States Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

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

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise to commend Mr. Frank Burk, the

Legislative Counsel of the Senate, who retired on December 31, 1998, after serving in the Senate for more than 28 years, including 8 years as Legislative Counsel.

Mr. President, as President pro tempore of the Senate, it was my pleasure to oversee the work of the Office of the Legislative Counsel during the last four years of Frank Burk's tenure. I appreciated the great dedication and professionalism he displayed in his role as Legislative Counsel.

The Legislative Counsel and his staff play a very important role in the legislative process. We all rely upon the Legislative Counsel and the attorneys in his Office to provide legislative drafts to effectively carry out our legislative policy. Mr. Burk has seen to it that we are all served well by a professional, career, and nonpartisan staff.

In addition to his service as Legislative Counsel, Frank Burk served for more than 25 years as the principal drafter in the Senate on virtually all matters relating to banking, housing, securities, mass transit, and small business. As Legislative Counsel, he prepared legislation on matters relating to the operations and rules of the Senate.

Mr. President, I am proud to sponsor this resolution and I am proud to have known and worked with Frank Burk. He has served his Nation well for over 30 years, including two years with the United States Army. I wish Frank and his wife Virginia the very best for the future, especially time spent with their four daughters, Elizabeth, Alison, Abigail, and Emily, their two sons-in-law, Lange Johnson and Hunt Shipman, and their granddaughter, Anna Shipman.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I am proud to cosponsor with Senator THURMOND a resolution commending Mr. Frank Burk who retired as Legislative Counsel of the Senate on December 31, 1998. While serving as President pro tempore of the Senate, I had the pleasure of appointing Frank Burk to the position of Legislative Counsel of the Senate on January 1, 1991.

I wish to join with Senator THURMOND, and with all Senators, in expressing our deepest gratitude to Frank Burk for his long years of service to the United States Senate. He has been part of the Office of Legislative Counsel for more than 28 years, including the last 8 as Legislative Counsel; and during that time he has provided valuable assistance to me and to my staff.

Mr. President, while overseeing the Office of Legislative Counsel during the first 4 years of Frank Burk's tenure as Legislative Counsel, I appreciated the great dedication and professionalism he displayed in carrying out his duties and responsibilities. I know that his departure will leave a void that is difficult to fill. In passing this resolution, the Senate recognizes his years of commitment to the Senate.

Mr. President, I wish Frank Burk and his family well in his retirement.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Francis Burk for his nearly three decades of service to the United States Senate and to wish him well as he begins the next chapter of his life.

Frank Burk began his career with the Senate Office of Legislative Counsel in June 1970. For more than 25 years, Frank was the primary drafter in the Senate of legislation relating to banking, securities, housing, mass transportation, and small business. Senator BYRD, as President pro tempore of the Senate, appointed Frank as Legislative Counsel of the Senate on January 1, 1991. He continued to serve in that position until his retirement on December 31, 1998.

Mr. President, Frank Burk is one of the dedicated public servants who serve the Senate for years and who become sources of knowledge and expertise for all Senators and staff. They are our institutional memory: those who allow us to proceed from Congress to Congress with a sense of history and continuity. Our jobs would be even more difficult without people like Frank.

I know I speak for other Senators and for staff when I say we will miss Frank Burk.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to join the Senator from South Carolina, Mr. THURMOND, in cosponsoring his resolution expressing the gratitude of the Senate for the service of the Senate Legislative Counsel, Frank Burk.

Many people outside the Senate do not know the office of the Legislative Counsel even exists. However, the legislative business of the Senate could not be accomplished without the able assistance of the office of the Legislative Counsel.

A graduate of Dartmouth College and George Washington University Law School, Mr. Burk served as an Army officer in Korea. Mr. Burk has worked in the Legislative Counsel's office for more than 28 years, beginning as a law assistant in 1970 and rising to hold the office's top position, Legislative Counsel in 1991.

As many know, attorneys in the legislative counsel's office have specific areas of expertise and responsibility. For more than 25 years, Mr. Burk's responsibilities included banking, securities, transportation, housing and small business. After becoming Legislative Counsel, he assumed the duty of drafting legislation relating to the operations and rules of the Senate.

I am very pleased to join my colleagues today in expressing our gratitude and in extending our best wishes to Frank Burk.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 41) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 41

Whereas Francis L. "Frank" Burk, Jr., the Legislative Counsel of the United States Senate, became an employee of the Senate on June 8, 1970, and since that date has ably and faithfully upheld the high standards and traditions of the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the United States Senate for more than 28 years;

Whereas Frank Burk, from January 1, 1991, to December 31, 1998, served as the Legislative Counsel of the Senate and demonstrated great dedication, professionalism, and integrity in faithfully discharging the duties and responsibilities of his position;

Whereas Frank Burk for more than 25 years was the primary drafter in the Senate of virtually all legislation relating to banking, securities, housing, mass transit, and small business, and as Legislative Counsel participated in the drafting of legislation relating to the operations and rules of the Senate;

Whereas Frank Burk retired on December 31, 1998, after more than 30 years of Government service, including 2 years with the United States Army; and

Whereas Frank Burk has met the legislative drafting needs of the United States Senate with unfailing professionalism, skill, dedication, and good humor during his entire career: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the United States Senate commends Francis L. Burk, Jr. for his more than 30 years of faithful and exemplary service to the United States Senate and the Nation, including 8 years as the Legislative Counsel of the Senate, and expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude for his long, faithful, and outstanding service.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Francis L. Burk, Jr.

ORDER FOR STAR PRINT

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a star print of S. 6 be made with the changes that are at the desk.

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

RETIREMENT OF DAVID G. MARCOS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, there are two resolutions at the desk relating to the retirement of two long-serving Senate employees. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of the resolutions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the first resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 42) relating to the retirement of David G. Marcos.

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, as many of our colleges may be aware, Mr. David G. Marcos, who has served as the Senate's Executive Clerk for the last four years, has recently retired. Under David's supervision, the Office of Executive Clerk processed all of the executive business of the Senate. This in-

cludes the preparation of the Executive Calendar and processing hundreds of nominations and treaties to which the Senate gives its advice and consent each year. This effort requires a great deal of attention to detail. The Senate requires the staff of this office to work long and hard into the night after the Senate closes its floor proceedings. Dave Marcos was one of the uncomplaining individuals who put this Senate first and worked hard to make sure the Senate's "advice and consent" responsibility was accurately documented and recorded.

Before becoming the Executive Clerk of the United States Senate, Dave worked as the Assistant Executive Clerk, the Keeper of Stationery and in other responsible posts. His career in the Senate spanned 39 years.

Mr. President, I extend my best wishes to Mr. David G. Marcos in his well deserved retirement and wish him many years of health and happiness.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I also wish to extend my best wishes to Mr. David G. Marcos on the occasion of his retirement.

Mr. Marcos has had a long career of distinguished service to the Senate, under both Republican and Democratic majorities. He worked hard to discharge whatever responsibilities were assigned him, whether as Executive Clerk, Assistant Executive Clerk, Keeper of Stationery, or in other responsible positions. For 39 years, David provided dedicated service to the Senate, and I know that I speak for my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, when I commend him for his long and dedicated service. Undoubtedly, Dave has seen many changes and improvements in the administrative operations of the Senate over his long career. He can be rightfully proud of the contributions he has made to the improvements in the Office of the Executive Clerk and the Senate Stationery Room. Again, I offer my best congratulations to Dave. May he enjoy many years of health and happiness in his retirement.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution 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.

The resolution (S. Res. 42) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 42

Whereas, David G. Marcos became an employee of the United States Senate on August 16, 1960, and since that date has ably and faithfully upheld the highest standards and traditions of the staff of the United States Senate;

Whereas, David G. Marcos has faithfully served the United States Senate as Executive Clerk during the past 4 years;

Whereas, prior to that David G. Marcos rendered exemplary service as the Assistant Executive Clerk, Keeper of the Stationery,

Assistant Keeper of the Stationery and other positions of responsibility in offices of the United States Senate for 35 years;

Whereas, during this 39 year period, David G. Marcos has at all times discharged the duties and responsibilities of his office with extraordinary efficiency, aplomb, and devotion; and,

Whereas, David G. Marcos' service to the United States Senate has been marked by his personal commitment to the highest standards of excellence and highest regard for the institution of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the United States Senate commends David G. Marcos for his honorable service to his country and to the United States Senate, and wishes to express its deep appreciation and gratitude for his long, faithful, and outstanding service.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to David G. Marcos.

RETIREMENT OF THOMAS G. PELLIKAAN

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the next resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 43) relating to the retirement of Thomas G. Pellikaan.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, Thursday, January 21 marked the end of Thomas Pellikaan's Senate career.

Over the past 35 years, Tom Pellikaan served the Senate with distinction in various capacities—first as Senate press liaison and then at the Office of the Daily Digest, where he spent the majority of his Capitol Hill career. He advanced from a staff assistant in the Daily Digest office to serve as Editor of the Daily Digest since 1989.

Tom's attention to detail is well known around the halls of the Senate. His office has the responsibility of ensuring that the information contained in the Daily Digest section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD reflects the actions taken on any given day in the Senate. The Daily Digest is an important and useful tool for the Senate family. Tom and his staff are to be complimented for the excellent job they have done and will continue to do.

While Tom has left the Senate, I am sure his interest in the Senate will continue. On behalf of my Democratic colleagues, we wish him well as he enjoys the "country life" on his farm in Culpeper, VA.

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 43) was agreed to.

The preamble were agreed to.

The resolutions, with its preamble, read as:

S. RES. 43

Whereas, Thomas G. Pellikaan has faithfully served the United States as Editor of