

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO DIED

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, a tragedy occurred in my home state of Kentucky on the morning of April 22nd. A UH-60L Black Hawk helicopter crashed at Ft. Campbell during a training mission. Seven of the United States Army's 101st Airborne Division's finest soldiers died in that crash.

I would ask us all to remember Sergeant Anthony Wade Brown, Specialist Earl Conday Eoff, Sergeant Robert Gerald Millward, Sergeant James Robert Murphy, Jr., Chief Warrant Officer Two Aaron King Power, Specialist Fury John Rice, and Sergeant Julius Raymond Wilkes, Jr. We must also keep their fellow soldiers, friends, and especially their families in our prayers during this difficult time of mourning.

These seven soldiers took an oath when they joined the military to defend this great nation. We must not take for granted their service and their commitment to us. We should take an oath now that they will remain in our hearts forever and that we will never forget them.

God bless these men.●

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF GPCC YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the Greater Pontiac Community Coalition for its ten year anniversary of their Youth In Government and Business program.

The Greater Pontiac Community Coalition was founded by Reverend Douglas P. Jones, Pastor of the Welcome Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac, Michigan, who serves as President of the Greater Pontiac Community Coalition.

The program has promoted educational excellence among middle and high school students, with over 3,500 youth participating in this fine program.

This year students were taught about government, law enforcement, education and business through hands-on visits with state and local officials representing each of those segments of the community. Valuable experiences are garnered through the Youth in Government and Business, inspiring many to carry the torch of community leadership into the future.

Building on his past successes, Reverend Jones now plans to engage the program at the elementary school level, and his program is also being duplicated in other communities in Metropolitan Detroit. This is a testament to the success faith-based and community-based efforts can have in making a difference for our youth.

I want to express my congratulations to Pastor Jones and wish him and all graduates continued success. Most importantly, I would like to thank him

for his commitment to the youth in our communities.●

PRIVATE BRYAN J. WHITE GRADUATION

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Private Bryan J. White of the 1st Battalion, C Company, Platoon 1038, on the occasion of his graduation from United States Marine Corps basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina, on April 30, 1999.

Private White is fulfilling his boyhood dream of serving his country as a soldier in the Marine Corps. To that end, throughout high school he maintained himself in peak physical condition and excelled on the swim and wrestling teams to meet the rigorous requirements of the Marine Corps.

His commitment to fight and sacrifice to protect the United States and the freedoms Americans cherish is to be commended. He deserves both respect and admiration for his dedication to country.

I want to express my congratulations to Private White and wish him the best of luck. Most importantly, I would like to thank him for his commitment to the United States of America.●

90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ITALIAN TRIBUNE

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Ed and Marlene Baker as they celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Italian Tribune.

The Italian Tribune was founded as a weekly newspaper by Vincent and Mary O. Giuliano in 1909 and has chronicled Italian-Americans for most of the 20th Century.

The Italian Tribune has sustained the link between American life and Italian culture which is vital in exemplifying how we are a nation of immigrants and how America has provided opportunities for those who have come to her shores.

The Tribune is one of the oldest weekly, and now bi-weekly, Italian-American newspapers in the United States and has kept Italian-American residents in Michigan informed for nine decades, bringing them news in the accurate manner and serving as an important community forum.

The paper continually promotes loyalty to the United States, pride of Italian heritage and fraternal spirit to a community of over 350,000 first, second and third generation Americans of Italian descent in Michigan.

Since the original issue was printed, the Tribune has gone through many changes, and is now published by Edward and Marlene Baker, descendants of the founding Giulianos.

I want to express my congratulations to Ed and Marlene Baker as they celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Italian Tribune, making it a part of life for hundreds of thousands of people. The longevity of the paper is a testament to their diligence and the sac-

rifices made by Vincent and Mary O. Giuliano.●

TRIBUTE TO GIL CLARK

• Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my dear friend Gil Clark. I have admired and respected Gil as a friend and coach for many, many years. My thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family today, as Gil continues a brave fight against liver cancer.

Gil and I go way back. I met Gil in the 1950's, when he was my little league baseball coach in Louisville. Gil began coaching with the Beechmont Youth Program at its inception in 1955, and served faithfully as president of the program for more than 35 years.

Gil always taught our little league team that the most important thing about sports was that you practice hard and play your best, not necessarily that you win. He loved baseball without qualification, and all of us on the team could tell. His enthusiasm for the game was infectious, and his desire to teach us lessons about life through sports was inspiring. Gil wanted our team of aspiring players to understand that in life, you're not always going to win—but you should always perform to the very best of your ability. Gil certainly made a lasting impression on my life, and I'm sure that in his many years as a coach he has positively influenced the lives of numerous other young people as well.

Gil committed himself to teaching and coaching young people at Beechmont, and worked on the administration of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Parks service for many years. Gil practiced what he preached to those around him, and showed runners year after year that perseverance and spirit could get the job done.

In 1974, Gil was asked by Louisville's mayor to take on the challenge of directing the "Kentucky Derby Festival miniMarathon." Gil organized many races during his tenure with Metro Parks, but he especially enjoyed putting on the miniMarathon each year. Gil took the mayor's challenge seriously, built the race to its present glory, and is now known in Kentucky as the "father of the miniMarathon."

Gil, thank you for working with me and coaching me as a young little leaguer at Beechmont, and thank you for your dedication to so many other young people throughout the years. I am certain that your service to the Louisville/Jefferson County community is appreciated by all, and I am amazed at your continued commitment to others even in your time of illness. May God continue to bless you, and give you strength in your valiant fight.

Mr. President, please include a copy of a Louisville Courier-Journal article from Sunday, April 25, 1999 recognizing Gil Clark's accomplishments.

[From the Courier-Journal, Apr. 25, 1999]

THERE'S ALWAYS BEEN GIL CLARK

(By Jim Adams)

Gil Clark stood on a slope beside Iroquois Park at 7:59:50 a.m. yesterday (runners never round off their minutes) and beheld what he had built: A wide river of 6,500 runners was standing in place, looking up at him.

"Ten," he said into the microphone.

"Nine," he said, firm of voice.

"Eight," he said. He waived a starting pistol above the pith helmet he was wearing, the trademark headpiece some might think is stitched to his scalp.

This moment could last no more than 10 seconds, of course, but it was a sight that caused the hearts of some of Louisville's serious road runners to soar yesterday at the start of the 26th Kentucky Derby Festival miniMarathon.

That's because the 78-year-old Clark—director of the 13.1-mile race since its inauguration on a Monday morning in 1974—was diagnosed with liver cancer last fall. Just a month ago, he lay unconscious in a hospital for five days; at death's door.

A stream of runners appeared at his bedside last month to say their personal farewells to the man who almost everyone acknowledges has done more than anyone else for road racing in Louisville.

He didn't invent the pre-Derby race—a politician did that—but Clark took it, built it, shaped it and nurtured it, and so a lot of people call him the father of the miniMarathon. The way the runners talk about him, he actually seems more like its favorite uncle.

"He's the one that made running in Louisville," said Jack La Plante, who has run in more than 20 miniMarathons and who stopped to grin for a picture with Clark yesterday morning. "He put the city on the map, as far as runners go," La Plante said right before running the race gain.

"He's it," said Stan Clark, long one of the leading runners in the miniMarathon, who is not related to Gil Clark. At last month's City Run, Gil Clark's absence was a huge hole, Stan Clark said. "He's always present; he's always there. There's always been Gil Clark."

Mary Anne Lyons, the leading female runner in the miniMarathon in recent years, tells this story: An acquaintance told her that years ago, she had set the miniMarathon as a personal goal and had trained long for it, but then ran into an unyielding schedule conflict on race day—a sister's wedding, Lyons thought it was.

Grasping at straws, the woman—unsure why—called Clark to explain her dilemma. Ever sympathetic, Clark listened, then told the woman to go out and run the route on her own and record her time, Lyons said—and that woman told her that her name appeared on a listing of race finishers that year.

The story captures the essence of what runners clearly feel about Clark. "He's for the middle and the back of the pack," said Kathy Priddy, Clark's assistant for 18 years when he was Metro Parks' manager for recreation services. He's been an advocate of what's fair and decent.

His view is at the very core of the miniMarathon itself, a race open to everyone, where neighbors run against neighbors, co-workers against co-workers.

The miniMarathon has always known it could be flashier and draw a different type of runner if it wanted to, but Clark has never thought much of those impulses. "I don't want to be director of a race that gives away money," he said in a telephone interview Friday. "If we can't do it for the fun of it, for the fitness of it, and for the camaraderie, then I would want it to die."

Clark was an unlikely road-race god on Feb. 4, 1974, when he was hired for the park job at age 53 after a career in sales. No one in his family has ever raced. Clark himself has always been a baseball man; he played in high school in Alton, Ill., and spent decades running the youth baseball league in Louisville's Beechmont neighborhood.

But within two days, he was transformed from baseball man to running man. "On the sixth day of February, the mayor (Harvey Sloane) came to see me and told me we were going to have a mini. I think he called it a half-marathon," Clark said. "I'll give them an audience," Clark said Sloane declared—and indeed the finish, then at the Riverfront Plaza and Belvedere, was generously attended by City Hall workers liberated for the occasion.

It was, Clark said, the first road race of its kind in Kentucky.

Businesses soon griped about work-day traffic tie-ups when the first miniMarathons were run on Mondays; the religious community wasn't happy when Sunday was considered as an alternative. So Saturday got the miniMarathon by default.

Today, Clark said, he believes Louisville has the only park department in the nation that oversees 20 or more races in a year—"for the good of the public," he added. "We have developed a lot of fine races in Louisville, Kentucky, and I'm proud of that," he said.

Priddy, Clark's assistant, said he actually retired and moved to Florida in 1997 with his wife Lorene, whom he always called "Mom." But she died in March of that same year, just days after the move, and Clark canceled his retirement and came back to the city where he'd lived since 1948. "Louisville was his life," Priddy said. "He would have had nothing in Florida."

Back in Louisville, he also continued to be involved with the mini, although the Derby Festival had by then taken over official management of the race.

And he also had the unending appreciation of the running community—a community that seems to doubt it would even exist were it not for him. Runner Lyons, for example, who is 30, believes that if Metro Park's running program had not been built, she might not be running today. Running in that case would have required travel, she said, and she very well might not have done it.

Clark worked with the program he loved until late last year. He said he did well after surgery for his liver cancer, but early this year, "for some reason I can't explain, it all went berserk."

One of his two sons, Marvin Clark, said yesterday that in late March, it truly appeared that his father would die. Doctors held out little hope, then no hope, and prayers were said for a peaceful exit.

Then, Gil Clark began moving—first a leg, then he opened an eye, and soon he spoke. Marvin and his father both said a doctor wrote on his chart these two words: "Divine intervention."

"God's got something else for me to do, I guess," Clark said Friday. "I might see another Vencor (the road race that precedes the miniMarathon), but if He lets me live to tomorrow night, I will be most grateful."

Aside from whatever God has in mind for Clark, the Derby Festival had some ideas, too. Yesterday, it wanted him to fire the starting pistol for the mini-Marathon.

Friends Tandy Patrick and Jim Woosley, a Louisville police officer, picked Clark up at his son's home in eastern Jefferson County in Patrick's Camaro convertible—with the top down and the heater on.

Clark wore a white-and-purple jogging suite and his multicolored pith helmet—he doesn't remember who gave the helmet to

him, and by now it's been through so many races it appears entirely held together by duct tape and paint. He was bundled in a blanket and scarf in the front seat of the Camaro. But this was the way he wanted it, so he could wave at the runners.

To travel the 25 feet from the Camaro to the starter's stage, Clark used a wheelchair, but stood strong when Mayor Dave Armstrong gave him a glass plaque, the Derby Festival's Lifetime Achievement Award.

And then the countdown to another race began.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1999

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 27.

I further ask that on Tuesday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of the proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then be in a period for morning business until 11:30 a.m., with Senators allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each with the following exceptions: Senator MURKOWSKI, for 20 minutes; Senator COVERDELL, for 30 minutes; Senator DURBIN, for 30 minutes.

Finally, I ask unanimous consent that following morning business at 11:30 a.m., the Senate immediately begin consideration of S. 96, the Y2K legislation.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will convene at 10 a.m. on Tuesday and be in a period of morning business until 11:30.

After morning business, the Senate will begin consideration of the Y2K liability bill. Amendments to the bill are expected to be offered and debated throughout Tuesday's session. So roll-call votes can be expected during the day Tuesday, and perhaps in the late afternoon, but not into the night.

Also, any other legislation or executive calendar items that are cleared for action will be moved.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:05 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, April 27, 1999, at 10 a.m.