

institution except with unachievable ideals? If your ideals are so low you can achieve them, you ought to adjust them," he said.

When my husband became mentally ill with manic depression, Russ had to withstand Phil's destructive impulses. When Phil died, Russ held the staff together and encouraged my coming to work. Then he had to teach me how to understand editorial and news policy, which didn't happen overnight. Russ was very patient.

One of the first major issues we confronted was the Vietnam war. Russ was a thoughtful and sensitive hawk; he believed the country's reputation was at stake if we abandoned our allies. At one point, President Johnson said one of Russ's editorials was worth two divisions. Russ was never personally hostile about issues. This enabled us to get through this difficult period.

At all times, Russ was a voracious and learned reader. He often would thrust books at all of us, tell us we had to read them, and check in a day or two to see if we had finished. Just a few years ago, Russ informed me in a letter that he had just completed Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin's autobiography, was up to Volume 4 of Edward Gibbon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" and also had read the 35,000-word Unabomber manifesto. It was repetitious, Russ commented.

Russ set a deadline for himself to retire at 65. A few months before, President Johnson nominated him as ambassador to the United Nations. Russ insisted on leaving without much ceremony.

Then Russ did the most admirable thing of all: He went to Ellsworth, Maine, where he had vacationed, bought the paper there and built it up into one of the most distinguished small papers in the country. He wrote a poem for it every week. And he never lost his creative editorial spirit. To point out the deficiencies of the post office, for instance, he mailed a letter to Ellsworth from a neighboring town and had two oxen pull a cart that beat the letter.

Even after he'd left The Post, Russ remained one of our most interested readers and staunchest supporters. Shortly after the Janet Cooke story erupted, Russ came to a meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, where we were being drubbed right and left. With his usual wry humor, Russ said, "I feel great about the state of the American press. Every editor I saw assured me this couldn't have happened at his paper."

Russ lived his entire life according to the highest intellectual and moral standards, with great humor and compassion for others, and with panache. He was thoughtful—I would even say brilliant. The words he evokes are "excellence" and "integrity." He had fun and he gave it to others. He was a teacher and a friend to the very end.

[From the Washington Post, Nov. 20, 2000]

JAMES RUSSELL WIGGINS

Almost the minute he took over as managing editor of this newspaper in 1947, James Russell Wiggins jolted the city room staff with his passion for rectitude and integrity. No more freebies, he decreed, not even movie passes for copy aides. No more fixing of tickets at police headquarters. These were not the crotchety preachings of a fuddy-duddy; Russ Wiggins, who died yesterday at the age of 96, was a vigorous and engaged editor who cared deeply about ethical standards, old-fashioned honesty and the importance of a free and independent press. During his 21-year stewardship here, his enthusiasm for the competitive pursuit of information was girded by an insistence on fairness.

Today the news and editorial departments at The Post are independently managed. In

Mr. Wiggins' day, though, both fell under his exacting command; he took care to maintain a sharp delineation. "The ideal newspaperman," he told the staff, "is a man who never forgets that he is a reporter . . . not a mover and shaker. . . . Nothing could be more alarming or dismaying to me . . . than to encounter repeatedly the suggestion that the reader knows from the news columns what the views of the newspaper are." The reporter ought to have the commitment "of the honest witness, the fair narrator," he said.

A largely self-educated, extraordinarily well-read man who never went to college, Mr. Wiggins kept reporters and editorial writers alike on their toes—quizzing them on findings, recommending books and suggesting further questions or research. Cartoonist Herblock remembers showing sketches to Mr. Wiggins, who might argue about the views and then say, "God knows, I tried to reason with you"—and let them go.

Mr. Wiggins' own editorial views, often churned out in bunches on a given day, were no fence-sitters. He railed against the evils of gambling, the dangers of a large national debt, restrictions on the press and the slowness of mail service.

Mr. Wiggins left the Post more than three decades ago. But that's not to say he retired. As publisher of the Ellsworth American in Maine, Mr. Wiggins worked and wrote and read on; and he kept up correspondence with this newspaper, exchanging ideas, complimenting an occasional piece and reprimanding us for certain stands taken.

We paid attention, too. To the end, Russ Wiggins was extraordinarily important to this newspaper. ♦

#### TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL H. DETTMER

♦ Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to a fine public servant, Michael H. Dettmer, on his retirement.

Since January of 1994, Mike has served diligently as the United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan. During his seven-year tenure, his office obtained more than 2700 convictions and helped lead numerous crime fighting initiatives in the District involving Federal law enforcement's support, leadership and participation.

Among his impressive accomplishments are the task forces and partnerships he helped create and foster to combat drugs and violent crime. A few of those specialized partnerships are the Methcathinone Task Force, the Benton Harbor Violent Crime Task Force, the Health Care Fraud Task Force, the Western Michigan Environmental Task Force and Project Exile.

Mike is also to be credited for reinvigorating the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee/Victim-Witness unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office. Since 1994, this unit has adopted an elementary school in the Grand Rapids public school system, participated in the D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) and D.E.F.Y (Drug Education For Youth) programs, and sponsored more than 80 training programs covering all aspects of law enforcement. In addition, under Mike's leadership, four additional sites to the Weed and Seed Program have been created,

making the Western District of Michigan's program one of the largest initiatives among any Federal District in the United States.

In recognition of his efforts, in 1998, Mike was honored by the Department of Justice Programs Director and Assistant Attorney General Laurie Robinson for his work in the area of crime prevention and reduction. In addition, in the year 2000, Mike was honored by the national Executive Office of Weed and Seed with it's "Creating Healthy Communities" Award and by the City of Benton Harbor with the presentation of its "Key to the City" Award.

Of course, his many achievements could not have been attained without the love and support of his wife of more than 30 years, Teckla, and their children, Janna and Bryn. Mr. President, I know that the members of the Senate will join me in congratulating Mike on a job well-done and thanking him for his service to the people of Michigan. ♦

#### A TRIBUTE TO PERCY HILL

♦ Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Percy Hill, an accomplished school teacher from Andover, NH. Percy was recently honored at the Disney American Teacher Awards, as one of the 33 honorees selected from a group of 70,000 who were chosen for their creativity in the classroom as well as their teaching accomplishments.

Growing up in New England, Percy developed his love for athletics as well as children, spending the past 10 years coaching the Unicycle Team. Working around the clock, he has coached these champions to new levels. They have performed in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the Fiesta Bowl Parade, the Strawberry Festival of Virginia and even have gone international, performing in Canada.

Not only has Percy given his time and energy to coaching, but he has spent countless hours raising the funds for the team's traveling expenses. Percy has managed to fund one hundred percent of all of the trips through massive fund raising efforts, allowing all children to go regardless of their situations outside of practice. He has proven time and time again to be a valuable asset not only to the team, but the community of Andover as well.

Aside from Percy's work with the unicycle team he also finds time to volunteer referee both basketball and soccer, proving once again, that Percy Hill puts his dedication to the youth of America at the top of his priority list. He is to be commended on his commitment to Andover Elementary and Middle School, and those students which attend it.

The Disney American Teacher Awards were developed as, "A way of honoring members of the teaching profession, whose talent, commitment, and creativity have a profound and lasting impact on our children as well as our society as a whole," according

to Michael D. Eisner, CEO of Disney. All of Percy Hill's actions speak volumes of his commitment and impact on the children of Andover, NH. It is an honor to represent him in the Senate.●

#### HONORING MARILYN HERZ AS SOUTH DAKOTA'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR 2001

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, it gives me great pleasure to honor Marilyn Herz, a sixth grade language arts teacher from Rapid City, who has recently been named South Dakota's Teacher of the Year for 2001.

Marilyn currently teaches at West Middle School in Rapid City and has taught various grade levels in the Rapid City Area School District since 1983. She has devoted an impressive 22 years of her life to teaching elementary school.

Marilyn's greatest service to our community lies in her devotion as an educator to her students. She deserves the greatest praise both from the families of these young individuals, and from all those whose lives she will touch. Her efforts are an invaluable investment in South Dakota's future and we are all truly blessed to have her in the classroom.

In a true testimony of Marilyn's devotion and love for teaching, she commented that her greatest contribution to education is simply that she has given, and will continue to give, all the caring, commitment, and compassion that she has within her to guide students to succeed academically, emotionally, and socially.

Marilyn also makes extra efforts to see that her classes are learning to their potential and preparing themselves for the demands of the 21st century. A true veteran in the field of education, Marilyn's efforts to increase the credibility of teaching as a profession is designed to entice and encourage a new generation of students into following her in this most honorable profession.

Marilyn will now proceed to the national competition for Teacher of the Year. I express my appreciation for the Rapid City Public School Foundation for sponsoring the Teacher of the Year program in the Rapid City School District. As well, I congratulate all of the South Dakota teachers nominated this year.

I commend Marilyn for her outstanding service to the youth of our community. Congratulations and thank you, Marilyn, for your commitment to excellence and dedicated service to your students, your community, and to South Dakota.●

#### AMBASSADOR DAVID HERMELIN

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, today I rise to pay tribute to the memory of an outstanding leader, a philanthropist who knew no limits, and a distinguished public servant whose integrity and decency made him a role-model to

all who knew him. A few weeks ago, we in the State of Michigan mourned the passing of Ambassador David Hermelin. I suppose it is a little presumptuous to suggest that only the State of Michigan beams with pride in our association with Ambassador Hermelin, for the organizations that he led, the political leaders he counseled, and the communities to which he dedicated his life, literally span the globe.

Against that backdrop, I will submit for the RECORD excerpts of eulogies—as they were reported in the Detroit Jewish News—by Rabbi Irwin Groner of Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Michigan, Brian Hermelin, Jon Gundersen, deputy chief of the American Embassy in Norway, and U.S. Agriculture Secretary Daniel Glickman.

But before I submit these eulogies, I would just like to take a moment to reflect on the first time I really had a chance to get to know Ambassador Hermelin and the impact he had on me. It was shortly after President Clinton had nominated him to serve as our nation's top diplomatic representative in Norway. As protocol dictates, David contacted his U.S. Senators to seek our support. And while David Hermelin and I did not always see eye-to-eye on the domestic political issues of the day, we agreed to meet to discuss his confirmation process.

While I had heard many things about David before that meeting—about all the charitable causes he had led, about his close relationships with top government leaders in the United States and Israel, about his successful business career—I never could have expected to be drawn to the orbit of David's warmth, energy, kindness and wisdom, in the way that I was.

From the moment we met that afternoon in my office, we forged a friendship, that developed further during our interactions through his Senate confirmation process, when I was proud to testify on his behalf and urge my Republican colleagues on the Foreign Relations Committee to waste no time in ushering this fine man's nomination through the Senate.

And our friendship even deepened further over time. For even though he and I came from opposite sides of the political aisle, I found myself seeking his advice and counsel from time to time.

Sometimes it was his thought provoking perspective on developments in this Middle East, or the insights he had gained the being an active participant in U.S. foreign policy as Ambassador to Norway. Other times it was his advocacy for both the Detroit and American Jewish communities, or his tireless philanthropic efforts in Michigan. Whatever the topic, no matter when we met, it was impossible to not benefit in some way from David Hermelin's wisdom, or his contagious energy and passion for life.

I feel blessed that I knew David Hermelin for the short time that I did. I cannot begin to even imagine the scope and depth of impact he had on

the people closest to him. So my heartfelt sympathies and condolences go out to his dedicated and compassionate wife, Doreen, and his devoted, caring, and decent children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews, many of whom I have had the pleasure of getting to know as well.

In closing, Mr. President, I would like to refer to the description of James Madison, another great American, by one of his biographers, in which Madison was summed up this way: "When you called on him, he was always home."

Well, I think that's how David Hermelin could be described as well by everyone he touched. No matter who it was that called on his help and on his leadership—the Jewish community, numerous charitable causes, the State of Michigan, the United States Government, the people of Norway, the State of Israel and most importantly, his family—whenever you called on David Hermelin, he always took your call, and he was always ready to lend a hand.

I am better for having known David Hermelin. He was not only an outstanding leader and generous giver in every way possible, but he was also the kind of individual everyone would want as a neighbor. He will be deeply missed.

I ask that the above mentioned excerpts be printed in the RECORD.

The material follows:

Excerpts from the Detroit Jewish News

DAVID B. HERMELIN, SAYING GOODBYE  
A BELOVED LEADER GETS AN EMOTIONAL  
FAREWELL AT SHAAREY ZEDEK

David Hermelin was remembered by more than 2,500 people whose lives he touched at his Nov. 24 funeral. It was held in Southfield at Congregation Shaarey Zedek—the synagogue he had served as president. Afterwards, some 150 cars formed a procession for the interment at Clover Hill Park Cemetery in Birmingham.

Mr. Hermelin, of Bingham Farms, died of brain cancer Nov. 22, 2000 at age 63.

Delivering the eulogy was his friend of 41 years, Shaarey Zedek Rabbi Irwin Groner. Also speaking were Jon Gundersen, deputy chief of the American Embassy in Oslo, Norway, where Mr. Hermelin served as ambassador; U.S. Agriculture Secretary Daniel Glickman; and Mr. Hermelin's son, Brian.

Speaking first, Gundersen said he has just conveyed to Mr. Hermelin's wife, Doreen, messages from the royal family of Norway, from the U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, from the Norwegian ambassador and consul general, from the prime minister of Norway and from the foreign minister.

"I've just arrived from Norway, and it seems the entire nation sends to David and Doreen their greatest condolences," Gundersen said.

"David and Doreen represented the very best of America and what we stand for. Faith, honesty, openness, tolerance, love. David, your embassy family and indeed an entire nation will miss you. You will be in our hearts forever."

Glickman, like President Bill Clinton, has known the Hermelins for many years. He shared a letter the president sent to Mrs. Hermelin, which read, in part:

"David loved life. And he made sure that everyone around him shared that love. I will always cherish his friendship and support