

TRIBUTE TO J.W. "BUD" FORRESTER

• Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, "To live fully," said Oliver Wendell Homes, "is to be engaged in the passions of one's time."

Those words came to mind with the recent passing of the remarkable Oregon journalist, J.W. "Bud" Forrester. Mr. Forrester's family and friends can take solace in the fact that here was a man who truly lived a full life, for here was a man who dedicated himself to the passions of our time.

As a journalist, Bud Forrester earned a reputation as one of the best newspaper editors in my state. Whether at the helm of the Daily Astorian, or my home town newspaper, the East Oregonian, Bud Forrester called them like he saw them, and could always be counted on to stand up for what he believed was right for his community and his state.

That same commitment and common sense were also provided to countless boards and commissions, on which Bud Forrester served throughout his life. President of the Columbia River Maritime Museum, member of the State Board of Higher Education, member of the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission, unofficial advisor to Senators and Governors, community fund raiser and philanthropist extraordinaire—the list of Bud Forrester's contributions go on and on.

I consider myself very privileged to have known Bud Forrester, and know that his legacy of being engaged on the passions of our time will continue in the hands of his son, Steve, who serves as Editor and Publisher of the Daily Astorian.

The bottom line is that Oregon is a better place because of Bud Forrester. I join with countless others in my state in extending my sympathies to the Forrester family, and in paying tribute to a true original who indeed lived life fully.●

SILEX ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH DEDICATION

• Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate and honor Silex Assembly of God in Silex, Missouri. On March 26th, they will be dedicating their new church building. This dedication and celebration is a tribute to God's faithfulness to the congregation, which began gathering together in 1942. It is also a tribute to their labor of love and personal generosity, led by Pastor and Mrs. John Pool.

Pastor Pool, who retired in 1985, agreed to step up to the pulpit again when the Silex church called upon him to lead them. Now, at age 81, he and the congregation have built their new church themselves, with volunteer labor and sacrificial contributions of time and money. Mrs. Pool has helped feed the volunteer groups day after day. Their devotion to Christ brings honor to the name of the Lord.

I join those gathered for this wonderful occasion, including the Pool's five

children and most of their grandchildren, in bringing best wishes for a memorable celebration as Silex Assembly of God renews its commitment to the redemptive mission of Christ. May God bless this ministry with many more years of celebration.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-8012. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals Regulations and Rules of Practice—Case Docketing" (RIN2900-AJ72), received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-8013. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Information; Communications with State and Foreign Government Officials" (Docket No. 98N-0518), received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8014. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Paper and Paperboard Components" (Docket No. 95F-0065), received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8015. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of violations of the Anti-Deficiency Act by Air Force personnel; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-8016. A communication from the Legislative Liaison, U.S. Trade and Development Agency transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a prospective funding obligation; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-8017. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pennsylvania Regulatory Program" (PA-127-FOR), received March 20, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8018. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subscription Power Sales to Customers and Customer's Sales of Firm Resources", received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8019. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federalism; Intergovernmental Consultation", received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8020. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Order on Rehearing (Order No. 2000-A); This Order on Rehearing Provides Clarification to the Final Rule on Regional Transmission Organizations (Order No. 2000)" (RIN1902-AB77), re-

ceived March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8021. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Filing Copies of Reports and Statements with State Officers", received March 17, 2000; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-8022. A communication from the Director, Corporate Audits and Standards, General Accounting Office transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the financial statements of the Capitol Preservation Fund for fiscal years 1998 and 1999; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-8023. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of proposed legislation; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-8024. A communication from the Executive Assistant to the Secretary, Smithsonian Institution transmitting the report of the draft minutes of the January 24, 2000 meeting of the Board of Regents; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-8025. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Anthrax vaccine and adverse-event reporting; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8026. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the TRICARE Prime Remote program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8027. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the ongoing evaluation of the effectiveness of TRICARE; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8028. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the provision of dental care to dependents 18 years and younger, of members of the Uniformed Services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8029. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs: Breast Cancer Research Program; Prostate Cancer Research Program; and Defense Health Research Program"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8030. A communication from the Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Collection from Third Party Payers of Reasonable Costs of Healthcare Services" (RIN0790-AG51), received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8031. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8032. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting the FY 2001 Annual Performance Plan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8033. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting the FY 1999 Annual Performance Report; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8034. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of proposed Technical Assistance Agreements and Manufacturing License Agreements with Russia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8035. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8036. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2000, the report of all Federal agency climate change programs and activities; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8037. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: TN-32 Addition" (RIN3150-AG18), received March 17, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8038. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Threatened Status for the Contiguous U.S. District Population Segment of the Canada Lynx, and Related Rule" (RIN1018-AF03), received March 20, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8039. A communication from the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 90-Day Findings for a Petition to List North American Populations of Smalltooth Sawfish as Endangered under the Endangered Species Act" (RIN0648-XA49), received March 20, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8040. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organobromine Production Wastes; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Wastes; Land Disposal Restrictions; Listing of CERCLA Hazardous Substances, Portable Quantities; Final Rule" (FRL #6560-4), received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8041. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Effluent Limitations Guidelines, Pretreatment Standards and New Source Performance Standards for the Builders' Paper and Board Mills Point Source Category; Technical Amendment; Removal" (FRL #6562-3), received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8042. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision; Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, San Joaquin Unified Air Pollution Control District, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, South Coast Air Quality Management District, CA 224-0213a & 224-0213b" (FRL #6549-7), received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8043. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and

Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Oregon" (FRL # 6544-2), received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-437. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois relative to the national agricultural policy; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

POM-438. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington relative formula grants for gifted and talented education programs; to the Committee on Health, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8019

Whereas, every child is unique and deserves a stimulating and challenging education regardless of ability; and

Whereas, true equity involves providing an appropriate education to every learner; and

Whereas, our nation's diverse student population includes academically gifted boys and girls from every region and from all ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds; and

Whereas, gifted children are unusually swift and efficient learners in their areas of strength and therefore require in those domains a different pace, depth, and level of education than is ordinarily provided at their age; and

Whereas, being gifted doesn't automatically make these children better students, however, gifted students learn faster and in different ways than typical students, causing special educational needs; and

Whereas, only in conjunction with appropriate school challenges can gifted children realize their enormous potential contribution to our society and its citizens; and

Whereas, a nation seeking to provide for world class education cannot afford to exclude its most capable students from appropriate and equitable opportunities for educational growth in the classroom; and

Whereas, Congress has sent a message about the importance of gifted student success by funding the Javits Program of research and demonstration services with an emphasis on underserved groups;

Now, therefore, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully entreat that Congress continue to help meet the unique special needs of gifted students by including formula grants to states for gifted and talented education programs (HR 637 and S 505) in its consideration of the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Be it Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8019

POM-439. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana relative to reauthorization of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act (CARE); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas, in Indiana, as of January 1, 2000, more than 10,000 cases of the expanding epi-

demic known as AIDS—Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome—have been reported;

Whereas, the State of Indiana created a Division of HIV/STD within the Department of Health, to proactively address issues relating to HIV/AIDS, and which office now directly administers the expenditure of Federal and State funds to combat the disease;

Whereas, due to advancements in pharmaceutical therapies and an increasing focus on early intervention and treatment, the number of individuals living with HIV disease has grown significantly; the progression from HIV to an AIDS diagnosis for many has slowed considerably as a result of these therapies;

Whereas, it is estimated that more than 6,000 residents of Indiana are currently living with HIV disease;

Whereas, it is estimated that an additional 1,300 or 21 percent, of Hoosiers with HIV disease are unaware of their diagnosis, and hundreds of individuals know that they are HIV-positive but are not receiving care regularly;

Whereas, it is estimated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that there are 40,000 new HIV infections in the United States each year;

Whereas, HIV/AIDS in Indiana disproportionately impacts communities of color, gay and bisexual men and women, as well as economically-depressed and other underserved communities;

Whereas, in 1999 the rate of HIV disease among Whites was 7 per 100,000, while the rate among Hispanics was 19.3 per 100,000, and the rate among African Americans was 44 per 100,000;

Whereas, in 1999 the rate of HIV disease among White males was 13 per 100,000, while the rate among Hispanic males was 29.9 per 100,000, and the rate among African American males was 59.8 per 100,000;

Whereas, in 1999 the rate of HIV disease among White females was 1.3 per 100,000, while the rate among Hispanic females was 8.4 per 100,000, and the rate among African American females was 29.8 per 100,000;

Whereas, the rate of HIV disease among African American females more than doubled compared to the rate among White females from 1998 to 1999;

Whereas, as many as 16 percent of new HIV infections occur in people under age 25, and one in eight are in young people under age 22;

Whereas, young adults ages 20-29 represent 20% of reported AIDS cases, but represent 38% of newer cases of HIV infection;

Whereas, increasingly, some individuals with HIV disease have also been diagnosed with substance abuse and/or mental illness (dual diagnosis);

Whereas, substance abuse is a factor in well over 50% of HIV infections in some United States cities;

Whereas, Indiana looks to the Federal Government to assist the State in meeting the expanding health care and social services needs of the people living with HIV disease;

Whereas, the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resource Emergency (CARE) Act was first adopted by Congress in 1990;

Whereas, the Ryan White CARE Act expires on September 30, 2000;

Whereas, since its inception, the Ryan White CARE Act has ensured the delivery of vital medical care and treatment and essential support services to thousands of Hoosiers, including medical examinations, laboratory procedures and evaluations, pharmaceuticals, dental care, case management, transportation, housing, legal assistance, benefits education and assistance, treatment education and adherence, and mental health counseling;

Whereas, in more recent years the State has developed the Health Insurance Assistance Program, (HIAP), using a portion of