

His entrepreneurial spirit has led to many tremendous accomplishments, and helped him adapt to a rapidly changing workplace.

However, it is Russell's tremendous contributions to the community, civic leadership, and volunteer work that set him apart from other outstanding senior workers. He helped organize the Oral Volunteer Fire Department and Southern Hill's Real Estate Board, promote the Miss South Dakota Pageant, and bring a Pamida Store and Civic Center to Hot Springs. Hot Springs residents have come to count on his hard work and dependability.

This prestigious honor is a reflection of his extraordinary service and commitment to the Hot Springs community. Through his outstanding community involvement and dedication to service, the lives of countless South Dakotans have been enormously enhanced. His wonderful example serves as a model for other hard working and dedicated individuals throughout South Dakota to emulate.

Russell Wyatt is an extraordinary person who richly deserves this distinguished recognition. I strongly commend his years of hard work and dedication, and I am very pleased that his substantial efforts are being publicly honored and celebrated. It is with great honor that I share his impressive accomplishments with my colleagues.●

IRA YELLIN: IN MEMORIAM

● Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to Ira Yellin, who passed away on September 10. He was only 62 years old.

My heart goes out to his wife, Adele, to his daughter Jessica and his son Seth, to his mother Dorothy and his two brothers, Marc and Albert.

Ira was a true visionary, a man who championed the restoration of downtown Los Angeles long before it was popular.

His own restoration of the Grand Central Market, an enduring emblem of the ethnic diversity that is Los Angeles, is perhaps the greatest of his many accomplishments as a real estate developer.

Yet Ira was involved in so much more than real estate. He was a civic and community leader, and served as a past president of the American Jewish Committee and a member of the board of the Skirball Cultural Center and the J. Paul Getty Trust.

The son of a Talmudic scholar, an ex-Marine, an urban pioneer, a political and social activist, Ira was an optimistic man of boundless energy. Not even the lung cancer that he battled so bravely over the last year could slow him down.

Up until the very end of his life he maintained his commitment to his work, to his community and, above all, to his loving family, in a way which has earned my highest admiration and my deepest affection.

Ira Yellin was a wonderful man who will be sorely missed, yet both his no-

table achievements and his engaging personality have made a lasting impact on all of us. He will not be soon forgotten.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-9007. A communication from the Deputy Congressional Liaison, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Regulation H (Membership of State Banking Institutions in the Federal Reserve System)—Reporting and Disclosure Requirement for State Member Banks with Securities Registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934" (Doc. No. R-1129) received on September 10, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1865: A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds in the State of California as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-279).

S. 2222: A bill to resolve certain conveyances and provide for alternative land selections under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act related to Cape Fox Corporation and Sealaska Corporation, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-280).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 2934. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to clarify the requirements for eligibility in the American Legion; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2935. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants for the operation of mosquito control programs to prevent and control mosquito-borne diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALLEN:

S. 2936. A bill to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that certain Federal annuity computations are adjusted by 1 percent relating to periods of receiving disability payments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. EDWARDS:

S. 2937. A bill to establish the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area in the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Res. 327. A resolution honoring Ernie Harwell; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 987

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 987, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide medicaid coverage for low-income individuals infected with HIV.

S. 1103

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1103, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance competition among and between rail carriers in order to ensure efficient rail service and reasonable rail rates in any case in which there is an absence of effective competition, and for other purposes.

S. 1678

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1678, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a member of the uniformed services or the Foreign Service shall be treated as using a principal residence while away from home on qualified official extended duty in determining the exclusion of gain from the sale of such residence.

S. 1785

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1785, a bill to urge the President to establish the White House Commission on National Military Appreciation Month, and for other purposes.

S. 1990

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1990, a bill to establish a public education awareness program relating to emergency contraception.

S. 2026

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2026, a bill to authorize the use of Cooperative Threat Reduction funds for projects and activities to address proliferation threats outside the states of the former Soviet Union, and for other purposes.

S. 2122

At the request of Mrs. CARNAHAN, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) were

added as cosponsors of S. 2122, a bill to provide for an increase in funding for research on uterine fibroids through the National Institutes of Health, and to provide for a program to provide information and education to the public on such fibroids.

S. 2184

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2184, a bill to provide for the reissuance of a rule relating to ergonomics.

S. 2633

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 2633, a bill to prohibit an individual from knowingly opening, maintaining, managing, controlling, renting, leasing, making available for use, or profiting from any place for the purpose of manufacturing, distributing, or using any controlled substance, and for other purpose.

S. 2734

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2734, a bill to provide emergency assistance to non-farm small business concerns that have suffered economic harm from the devastating effects of drought.

S. 2816

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 2816, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve tax equity for military personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 2869

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2869, a bill to facilitate the ability of certain spectrum auction winners to pursue alternative measures required in the public interest to meet the needs of wireless telecommunications consumers.

S. 2869

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2869, *supra*.

S.J. RES. 35

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 35, A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims.

S. RES. 326

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 326, A resolution designating October 18, 2002, as "National Mammography Day".

S. CON. RES. 11

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 11, A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress to fully use the powers of the Federal Government to enhance the science base required to more fully develop the field of health promotion and disease prevention, and to explore how strategies can be developed to integrate lifestyle improvement programs into national policy, our health care system, schools, workplaces, families and communities.

S. CON. RES. 107

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 107, A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Federal land management agencies should fully support the Western Governors Association "Collaborative 10-year Strategy for Reducing Wildland Fire Risks to Communities and the Environment", as signed August 2001, to reduce the overabundance of forest fuels that place national resources at high risk of catastrophic wildfire, and prepare a National prescribed Fire Strategy that minimizes risks of escape.

S. CON. RES. 129

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 129, A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the establishment of the month of November each year as "Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month".

S. CON. RES. 136

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 136, A concurrent resolution requesting the President to issue a proclamation in observance of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

AMENDMENT NO. 4510

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4510 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5005, a bill to establish the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4518

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4518 proposed to H.R. 5093, a bill making ap-

propriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 2934. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to clarify the requirements for eligibility in the American Legion; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the American Legion Amendment Act to make technical changes to the membership qualifications in the Federal charter of the American Legion.

Under the American Legion's current charter, a veteran who leaves the Armed Services may become a member of the American Legion if he or she served since "August 2, 1990 through the date of cessation of hostilities, as decided by the United States Government" and "was honorably discharged or separated from that service or continues to serve honorably after that period." At this point, the United States Government has not issued a cessation of hostilities decision for U.S. military operations during this period. For those military men and women who are no longer serving, they have discharge papers stating they served honorably during that period which makes them qualified for American Legion membership. Yet, servicemembers who served since August 2, 1990, and are still on active duty, have no discharge papers for the period, and are not officially serving after the cessation of hostilities. Therefore, they are not eligible for membership in the American Legion despite their dedicated service in our nation's Armed Forces.

The bill that I am introducing today would change the standard for a veteran to qualify for membership in the American Legion to "continues to serve during or after that period." This change would make it clear that membership is open to the thousands of active duty personnel who served during operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, in addition to the operations that followed in Iraq, Bosnia, Kosovo, and Afghanistan.

As my colleagues in the Senate know, the American Legion continues to be one of our Nation's most effective advocates on behalf of America's veterans, as well as a pre-eminent service organization. The American Legion has grown to nearly 3 million members whose efforts are truly making a difference in communities throughout our country. As the father of a son who served in Bosnia, Kosovo, and Afghanistan, I am pleased to offer the American Legion Amendment Act that will offer him and his military colleagues the opportunity and the honor to join the American Legion.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.