

A TRIBUTE TO MR. RALPH PAIGE

• Mr. MILLER. Mr. President, it is a pleasure for me to recognize Ralph Paige, executive director of the Southern Federation of Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund, or LAF, as the recipient for the National Cooperative Month Economic Freedom Award.

For the past 14 years, under Mr. Paige's direction, the Federation/LAF has aided the underserved communities in the great State of Georgia, and the rural South, by creating credit unions, farmer-owned cooperatives, and new sources of affordable housing for low-income people. He has also been a leading advocate for fair treatment and land retention for African-Americans and other minority farmers. The Federation/LAF has created more than 70 cooperative member groups with a membership of more than 20,000 families across 10 Southern States, 200 units of affordable housing, and 19 credit unions with more than 10,000 members.

Under Mr. Paige's leadership, the Federation/LAF has been a frontrunner in not just developing new rural businesses and cooperatives but also provides the training and resources necessary so that they may continue to thrive. The Federation/LAF continues to also advance forestry cooperatives, providing special landowner training programs to advance their development.

Mr. Paige has given selflessly of his time to promote and enhance cooperative business. He serves on the boards of the National Cooperative Business Association, Nationwide Insurance, and the Cooperative Development Foundation. He has served as an appointee to several USDA advisory committees, including the 21st Century Production Agriculture Commission, the Agriculture Policy Advisory Committee for Trade, and the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics Advisory Board.

Mr. Paige is a past member of the boards for the Georgia Advisory Board on Small and Minority Business, Cooperative Business International, and Cooperative Works, which is a national network of cooperative development centers.

His achievements have been noted by national and international organizations. The Congressional Black Caucus recognized Mr. Paige's contributions to rural communities with the 2001 George Collins Rural Agriculture Advocacy Award. He is also an entrant into the George Washington Carver Public Service Hall of Fame, and has received the Georgia Distinguished Cooperator Award from the Georgia Cooperative Council. Under Mr. Paige's direction, the Federation/LAF received the Humanitarian Award from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-violent Social Change and an award from the United Nations for "significant contributions of adequate shelter to the poorer segments of the community."

Ralph Paige epitomizes cooperation. Since 1967, the Federation/LAF has

worked on behalf of some of the most disadvantaged citizens of our Nation to enable them to do two of the things most basic to economic freedom: own land and operate businesses. For these reasons, it is my honor to recognize Ralph for his work to advance cooperatives and serve disadvantaged communities. I congratulate you on receiving the 2002 Cooperative Month Economic Freedom Award.●

IN MEMORY OF HOLLY J. RICHARDSON

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, this week my colleague, the senior Senator from South Carolina, had a great loss on his staff with the passing of Mrs. Holly J. Richardson, after a battle with cancer. She was Senator THURMOND's executive assistant and personal secretary, having worked for him for half of his career in this body.

But Holly also was a part of the entire Senate family from South Carolina, being as kind and accommodating to my office in the many dealings that we have together as she was to Senator THURMOND. She was the most efficient, conscientious person you'll ever want to meet, always doing her job with the gracious attitude of the fine southern lady she was. We will miss her.

We extend our deepest sympathies to her husband, Phil, and to her children, Anne and Emmett.●

TRIBUTE TO ANNIE REINHARDT LORITTS

• Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to an outstanding citizen of the great State of Alabama, Mrs. Annie Loritts. Mrs. Loritts will celebrate her 100th birthday on December 15, 2002.

Over the past 100 years Mrs. Loritts has displayed a dedication to her family, her friends, her students, and her community. As a young woman in Lincolnton, North Carolina, in the 1920's, she pursued a teaching certificate from the Livingstone Normal Teachers School and taught under the supervision of her father, for a year. She then married Emory Loritts and went on to become very active in her community. Mrs. Loritts was involved with the Arts Council of Lincoln County, the Lincoln County Library, and the Seniors Center. However, Mrs. Loritts still had a desire to work with the young people of Lincoln County and returned to college to earn her Bachelor of Science and Masters of Science. She went on to teach in Lincoln County Schools for the next fifty years and was instrumental in shaping the minds and lives of thousands of American citizens.

Mrs. Loritts, who now resides in Huntsville, AL, is an example of the dedicated professionals that teach our young people every day. Her commitment to improving the lives of children and producing solid citizens should serve as an example to each of us. I ap-

plaud her tireless efforts on the behalf of others and would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all that she has contributed to her community and the impact she has made on the lives of others.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Mrs. Annie Loritts for her outstanding achievements and in wishing her a happy upcoming birthday.●

TRIBUTE TO TECHNICAL SERGEANT CAESAR KELLUM

• Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, it has come to my attention that Technical Sergeant Caesar Kellum has been recognized as one of 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year by the United States Air Force. Technical Sergeant Kellum is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the Airspace Division, Southeast Air Defense Sector, SEADS, Florida Air National Guard FLANG, Tyndall AFB, FL.

Caesar has excelled as a member of the United States Air Force. For example, he maintained a 100 percent academic average on all written evaluations; unprecedented in his unit's history. Out of 36 weapons directors, he is the only one to earn an "exceptionally qualified" rating on back-to-back evaluations. Additionally, he is a key member of an evaluation team to assess operations control center's readiness to help detect and identify 800,000 aircraft annually.

In addition to his excellent work with the U.S. Air Force, TSgt Kellum has exhibited a great deal of involvement within the local community. He orchestrated the sector's participation in the American Cancer Society's Annual Relay for Life event and served as team captain for the Millennium Cure Walkers. He raised \$5,061.56 for the American Cancer Society, exceeding the goal by 237 percent. As a result of his performance, he was awarded the highly coveted "Team Spirit" award, which is extended to the team with the best overall effort and attitude.

Caesar Kellum was raised in Athens, AL and, after graduating from West Limestone High School in Salem, AL, enlisted in the United States Air Force in August of 1990. Since arriving at Tyndall AFB, FL, Technical Sergeant Kellum has completed all the requirements and received his associate of science degree in Instructor of Technology from the Community College of the Air Force. Currently, he is in his junior year at the American Military University working on a bachelor of science degree in Management.

SGT Kellum's military decorations include the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Achievement Medal, Combat Readiness Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Organizational Excellence Award, Humanitarian Service Medal, National Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and the Air Force Professional Military Education Graduate Ribbon.

TSgt Caesar Kellum deserves the thanks and praise of the nation that he continues to faithfully serve. I know the Members of the Senate will join me in wishing him and his wife Tiffney Ann, also in the USAF, all the best in the years ahead. Well done, TSgt Kellum. You have made Alabama and America Proud.

I had the pleasure recently to visit with Caesar and Tiffney. They are the very model of a couple that have given their lives to excellence in public service. I was inspired just talking to them.●

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF DANIEL J. EDELMAN, INC.

● Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I am pleased today to congratulate Daniel J. Edelman, Inc., as it commemorates its 50th anniversary. Public relations firms look to Edelman as a company to follow, and I commend their work.

Since its founding in Chicago in 1952 by Daniel J. Edelman, the agency that bears his name has consistently been identified for its leadership in public relations. Edelman has received several awards, including the Golden World Award from the International Public Relations Association and the Sword of Excellence Award from the Institute of Public Relations in London.

Mr. Edelman is widely regarded in public relations circles as a leader and innovator in the development of public relations practices, standards and ethics in the United States and internationally. He has generously given his time to the Public Relations Society of America and to students seeking public relations careers. Mr. Edelman believes that public relations should be practiced in a professional manner with commitment to the highest standards. Edelman Public Relations has contributed significant time to local, national and international philanthropic causes and organizations.

I know my fellow Senators will join me in congratulating Edelman on its 50th Anniversary. I applaud this company for its dedication and extend my best wishes for the future.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO WKDZ RADIO

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate and honor the men and women at WKDZ FM radio in Cadiz, KY on winning the most prestigious nationwide award broadcasting has to offer. WKDZ was recently awarded a Marconi Radio Award by the National Association of Broadcasters, recognizing it as the "Small Market Station of the Year." WKDZ is the only Kentucky station to ever receive a Marconi Award as Small Market Station of the Year.

WKDZ did not win this award based solely on their ability to play good music or put interesting personalities on the air. Criteria used by the Marconi judges included ratings, commu-

nity awards and recognition, events sponsored by the station, continuing community service broadcasts, and staff involvement in the community.

Over the years, WKDZ has raised thousands upon thousands of dollars for the community. The station raised more than \$150,000 during the Relay for Life, \$82,000 on the Rotary Radio Auction, surpassing their goal of \$75,000 and helped gather 4,000 cans for the community Thanksgiving Food Bank. WKDZ has furthermore sponsored such local events as the Community Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Safety Night and the Trigg County Country Ham Festival.

WKDZ is a shining example of how a private-owned business can on one hand be a profitable contributor to the local economy and on the other be an active and influential participant in the community. I applaud WKDZ's efforts and congratulate them on this noteworthy honor.●

IN RECOGNITION OF MARYGROVE COLLEGE'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to extend my congratulations to Marygrove College in Detroit on the celebration of its 75th anniversary.

For the last three-quarters of a century, Marygrove College has offered a strong liberal arts education to students from a wide-variety of backgrounds. Marygrove was originally founded in 1846 as St. Mary Academy in Monroe, MI, by the Sister, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The school was originally designed to teach young women and girls. The gates of Marygrove College opened in September 1927 to welcome 287 students through its doors. Today, 6,000 students crisscross its metropolitan Detroit campus to take advantage of a quality and diverse education.

The college offers associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees in 54 areas of study. The courses range from arts, music, and social work to radiology and science. Taking into account the fact that the average undergraduate student is 33 years old and the average graduate student is 36, Marygrove offers a special opportunity for students to advance their education within a schedule built around their established lives. Without an educational opportunity like Marygrove's, many people might choose not to pursue their education because they believe they are too busy or too entrenched in their "normal" lives.

Marygrove's importance to Detroit is enhanced by its contributions to the arts community. The school enriches Detroit's cultural scene through its extensive art, dance, and music programs. The school regularly sponsors exhibits in its beautiful art gallery as well as frequent recitals and concerts for the public. Two years ago, Marygrove became the home of Detroit's 80-year-old Institute of Music and Dance.

Along with the celebrations for its 75-year anniversary, Marygrove will open its newly-renovated 400-seat theater in November. In addition to a more dancer-friendly surface, the theater will contain a new multipurpose room for rehearsals and dance classes. The facility will have new acoustical systems, new house and theatrical lighting, better dressing room facilities, and better lines of sight from the balcony seats. The reopening of this theater, once used by the native Michigander, Madonna, will provide a new chance for developing and pursuing performing arts opportunities in Detroit.

I am sure that my Senate colleagues join me in congratulating the staff, teachers, and students of Marygrove College on its 75 years of educational accomplishments. Best of luck to Marygrove on the next 75.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3018. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act.

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-9137. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Triticonazole; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL7200-6) received on September 25, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9138. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sucrose Octanoate Esters; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL7199-1) received on September 25, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9139. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spinosad; Pesticide Tolerance"