

Throughout his time in business, Earl was active in the community and politically astute. A lifelong Democrat, he became a prominent member of the Alabama State Senate, worked for Governor George Wallace, worked to elect Governor Don Siegelman, and served as a National Democratic Committeeman.

Senator Goodwin is an example of the American success story. Born into poverty, Earl took adversity and challenged it in every way possible. He was a war hero, a successful businessman, a husband of 61 years, and a father and grandfather.

Earl Goodwin will be missed by all those who knew him, and I hope this tribute exemplifies, in a small way, the kind of man that he was.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### JOSEPH W. MCCrackEN

• Mr. SMITH. Madame President, I rise today to acknowledge the passing of Joseph W. McCracken on October 26, 2003.

For over four decades Mr. McCracken represented the forest products industry in Oregon and other western States, as the executive vice President of The Western Forest Industries Association. Mr. McCracken represented a sector of the industry that I hold in particularly high esteem—a sector comprised of small, family owned sawmills and plywood plants.

These are the mills that traditionally depended on our Federal forest lands for their supply of timber. These are the mills that are located in small rural communities where they provide the backbone of the local economy.

During his years of service to his industry, Joe McCracken was a fixture in his town and served as an advisor and mentor to many of our predecessors in this body. Warren Magnusen, Scoop Jackson, Mark Hatfield, Bob Packwood, Frank Church, Jim McClure, Jim Melcher, and other stalwarts of our western Senate delegation looked to Joe for counsel and advice on public land issues affecting his constituents.

He represented them with a passion and commitment that was exemplary. Joe McCracken was a visionary and was responsible for creating and influencing countless pieces of legislation and regulations that benefitted his industry, the people that work in it and the communities that depend on it.

The Small Business Set Aside Program, as just one example, assured small, family-owned mills a fair share of the Federal timber sold from our national forests and lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

Joe McCracken was a pioneer in crafting the policies and regulations affecting the Oregon and California Railroad lands in western Oregon, today known as the "O&C" lands. He did this both as a professional staff person for the Department of the Interior

and as an advocate for his trade association.

Under Joe McCracken's representation, the small, family owned mills throughout the west prospered. Many of them are under second and even third generation management. Unfortunately, many of them no longer exist.

After Joe's retirement in the early 90's, a sea change in Federal policies regulating the management of public forests unfolded to the point that very little timber is being provided from these forest lands and many of the mills have closed.

Unfortunately, these were the mills Mr. McCracken fought so hard to preserve. Those that have survived owe their existence largely to Joe McCracken.

Joe was born in Dillon, MT in 1924. He served his country as a Lieutenant in the United States Marines. He attended Princeton University where he earned a masters degree in political science.

He had a distinguished career with the Department of Interior and, specifically, the Bureau of Land Management prior to taking the leadership position with the Western Forest Industries Association.

Joe McCracken was a unique individual who left a profound imprint on the growth and evolution of public forest policy and the industry that is so closely dependent on public forest lands. His contributions to this body in assisting us in the thoughtful debate and deliberation of these important matters are worthy of our formal recognition.

I extend my heartfelt sympathy to Joe McCracken's wife Janet and his two children.●

#### WORKPLACE LEARNING CONNECTION

• Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, in the middle of the last decade, a group of business and education leaders in Cedar Rapids, IA convened a stakeholder group to discuss community concerns. This group identified the need for a highly skilled and well-educated workforce as a top priority.

The fact that this group identified the need to improve workforce development is not news. Nor is the problem they identified unique or isolated to eastern Iowa. What is news and what is unique is the response.

In 1998, area employers, educational institutions and community organizations partnered with Kirkwood Community College and Grant Wood Area Education Agency to create the Workplace Learning Connection to facilitate work-based learning for area students. This project is a winner for everyone involved. Teachers and students get more information about local career opportunities and the skills needed for those careers. Students get experience in relevant, work-based learning activities. Employers get workers with

the skills that match the jobs they have.

The Workplace Learning Connection has been recognized as one of the 11 best Tech Prep programs in the Nation, is one of the top 25 school-to-work programs in the country and has been cited in national publications as an exemplary program. Over the past 5 years, TWLC has worked with over 700 employers to organize over 8,000 job shadow experiences and 750 internships; provided professional development activities for teachers impacting thousands of students in 35 area school districts in 7 counties; and facilitated hundreds of business tours and classroom speakers.

The Workplace Learning Connection has been an unqualified success and the community is celebrating the fifth anniversary of this project on October 30, 2003. In commemoration of this event, I wanted to bring this organization to the attention of the Senate and the Nation.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MARY ALICE ZETTEL

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I pay tribute to Mary Alice Zettel of Bardstown, KY, on being recognized as one of the Nation's top principals in the 2003 National Distinguished Principal Program by the U.S. Department of Education.

The annual National Distinguished Principals Program was established in 1984 to honor elementary and middle school principals who set high standards for the pace, character, and quality of the education their students receive.

Ms. Zettel, a principal at Holy Trinity Parish School in Louisville, KY, has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education for her tireless work in exhibiting excellence at Holy Trinity Parish School and has made outstanding contributions to the Louisville community. It has been said when entering Holy Trinity Parish School you will hear Ms. Zettel's laughter and happiness throughout its hallways. Ms. Zettel sets an example of excellence for the rest of the faculty, and the faculty follows that example, and she inspires her students to achieve academically and contribute to the community.

I now ask my fellow colleagues to join me in thanking Mary Alice Zettel for her dedication and commitment to the education of America's future. In order for our society to continue to advance in the right direction, we must have principals like Mary Alice Zettel in our schools and communities.●

#### TRIBUTE TO RONALD W. BARTON

• Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I would like to note before the Senate a great professional honor bestowed recently on my constituent, Ronald W. Barton of Arlington: the Chairman's Medal of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

The Safety Board, the Senators will recall, was established by statute in 1988 for the purpose of providing the highest quality of technical oversight of the safe operations of the Nation's nuclear weapons complex—dozens of plants with very high risk radioactive material. To accomplish this very difficult task, the Safety Board has to attract and train the very best technical talent in the nuclear area. Chairman Conway's citation accompanying the award to Mr. Barton says in part:

Mr. Barton joined the Board in 1994, bringing with him more than 25 years of project management and engineering experience in the design, construction, and operation of nuclear reactors for commercial facilities. He became an indispensable leader for the Board's technical staff, and was key to the development of more than half a dozen technical reports, which continue to have an impact on operations in the defense nuclear complex today.

I have examined Mr. Barton's career, and I certainly agree with Chairman Conway. Mr. Barton not only brought his own expertise to the board, but he trained and developed a generation of young engineers to contribute to the admirable technical performance of the safety board, where a technical staff of about 60 oversees the safe operation of a complex of over 100,000 workers with a budget of over \$16 billion. This technical staff is superb, and Ron Barton helped build it, and then led it by example.

Now Ron must retire, much too early, because of his leukemia. We wish he were able to continue to serve, but we are grateful for the contributions he made to safety in the nuclear complex. For instance, Ron was the expert lead on at least six very complex and thorough technical studies, on such diverse areas as: DOE emergency management capabilities, confinement ventilation systems, fire protection, criticality safety, and documented safety analysis. This is an extraordinary list of achievements; these reports still guide the Department of Energy operations of these complex, hazardous facilities. We should be grateful to Ron for these contributions.

Ron Barton is the best of the best, and the Nation will miss his contributions. We wish him good health and a happy retirement.●

#### NETDAY STUDENT VOICES' SPEAK UP DAY ON OCTOBER 29

● Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I rise today to "speak up" and support "Speak Up Day," a national event where students of all ages and grades, from communities and schools across the country, will go online from their classrooms and share their opinions, ideas and thoughts about how technology should be used in schools. NetDay, a national non-profit organization dedicated to connecting every child to a brighter future through the use of technology, is hosting this inaugural event of student participation in the governmental process.

"Speak Up Day" is being held as the U.S. Department of Education works on the development the Nation's third National Education Technology Plan as mandated by the No Child Left Behind Act. The Plan will establish a national strategy supporting the effective use of technology to improve student academic achievement and to prepare students for the 21st century.

Today's "Speak Up Day" activities will allow the student voice to be heard and involved in crafting this new Technology Plan. NetDay will summarize the student "Speak Up Day" comments into a written report that will be submitted for the National Education Technology Plan and will be available online for public discussion. This report will also be a call to action for national, State, and local education leaders to recognize the importance of student input in discussions about how schools and instruction impact their educational experiences.

I think we can all agree that using technology in schools has become a necessity. With the expansion and prevalence of the Internet in our society, it is critical that we teach our children how to use computers, the Internet, and the various other forms of interactive technology that exist today. Yet beyond the necessity of 'learning' technology, it is important that educators and communities understand that so many of our youth today are already 'one' with technology. The challenge lies in understanding how to connect this technological know-how with classroom instruction so that all our children have the best educational experience possible to prepare them for the future. "Speak Up Day" is a real life lesson on the impact of technology in the classroom, a forum for students to be civically engaged, and an outlet for our Nation's youth to express their empowerment when technology is paired with education.

Since October 1, over 1,000 schools from all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and over 25 Department of Defense schools have preregistered for NetDay's "Speak Up Day" initiative, with over 170,000 students planning to participate. I am pleased that schools across the State of Michigan have registered to take part in this event. Over 5,000 students from small rural schools in Middleville, MI, to suburban schools in West Bloomfield and high schools in Detroit will have the opportunity to express their thoughts on technology in schools. I highly commend NetDay for sponsoring this progressive event, and I look forward to hearing the outcome of the discussion.●

#### TRIBUTE TO GARRY NEIL DRUMMOND, SR.

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I pay tribute to a dear friend, Garry Drummond, of Birmingham, AL. Garry Drummond was recently named to the Alabama Business Hall of Fame.

Garry is the chairman and chief executive officer of Drummond Company,

Inc., one of Alabama's largest coal producers and a major national producer of foundry coke. The company was founded in 1935 by Mr. Heman Drummond, father of five brothers who are still associated with the company today. The company's executive and administrative offices are in Birmingham, with operational headquarters in Jasper, AL.

Garry was born in Sipsey, AL, on June 8, 1938. He earned his Associate degree from Walker College in 1959. He received his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Alabama in 1961. He also holds an honorary doctorate of science from the University of Alabama, awarded in May 1983, and served on the University's board of trustees from 1983 to 2001.

Garry has been active in the coal industry and its State, national, and international organizations. He is the longest running board member of the National Mining Association and is a former member of the board of directors of the American Coal Foundation. He is a founder of the Mining and Reclamation Council of America, MARC, a national trade organization representing primarily surface miners that later merged with the National Coal Association in 1987. Garry served as MARC's first chairman. He is a member of the board of directors and past chairman of the Alabama Coal Association and a former member of the National Coal Council, an advisory group appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Energy. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Center for Energy and Economic Development.

I offer Garry my congratulations and best wishes as he becomes a member of the Alabama Business Hall of Fame.●

#### 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 appropriate committees.

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

#### REPORT RELATIVE TO THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 12938 WITH RESPECT TO WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION—PM 53

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee