

Finkel was "among the select few that have earned this prestigious recognition." I join them today in their salute to Dr. Martin Finkel.●

(At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

JAMES L. "JAY" JENKINS 1919-2003

● Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. President, I wish the honor to life of a remarkable North Carolinian.

Jay Jenkins was one of North Carolina's finest. He was a member of a large and distinguished family descended from 18th century Scottish missionaries, and he left his own mark on our State and the South. With his passing, we have lost a great humanitarian.

Jay's long career spanned his early years as a political reporter and later as a leader at the University of North Carolina.

Many in North Carolina believe he was the best political reporter the State has ever known. He was always the one with the scoop. He had the best contacts and knew how to work them. He was a mentor to many, including Charles Kuralt, whose own distinguished career took him to CBS News, David Cooper, retired editorial page editor of the Akron, OH, Beacon-Journal, James Batten, the late president of the Knight-Ridder Publishing Co., Joe Doster, retired publisher of the Winston-Salem Journal and Eugene Roberts, retired managing editor of The New York Times. His competitors admired him at the same time they were wondering how he always managed to get the story.

The qualities that made him such a good reporter were his straightforwardness and his integrity. He was concerned about writing what was really happening. He looked for pretension in politicians and avoided those personalities. His emphasis was the common man. He cared about North Carolina providing programs that truly met the needs of children.

Jay counted among his close friends former Senator Jesse Helms, whom he met when both were students in the late 1930s at what was then Wake Forest College. He also was a close friend to former Governor and Senator Terry Sanford.

His reporting also led to several journalism awards, including the National Sidney Hillman Award for investigative articles in the News & Observer exposing activities of the Klu Klux Klan in North Carolina. In 1991, Jay Jenkins was inducted into the North Carolina Journalism Hall of Fame.

Jay later joined UNC system President Bill Friday as a senior assistant. During his tenure with the university system, he expanded the concept of public relations to be more than just reporting about the students. Most importantly, he originated and founded the television news show, North Carolina People, hosted by President Fri-

day. This show is still running and remains popular in North Carolina. He was also was highly respected in the legislature, where he represented the university with distinction.

"I remember him as the best of his generation," President Friday said of Jay. "He was a man of real integrity, honesty and plain raw courage. His motivation was always what was best for North Carolina."

Jay was an accomplished outdoorsman and athlete who played semiprofessional baseball. He was a devoted follower of the Atlanta Braves and his beloved Wake Forest Demon Deacons.

A veteran of World War II, Jay served our country with distinction in the Army Air Corps in the Pacific Theater for 30 months.

Jay was a true North Carolina treasure. We will miss him dearly.●

TRIBUTE TO CRAIG WILLIAMS

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to Craig Williams, director of the Chemical Weapons Working Group, which is based in Berea, KY. On Thursday, December 11, Craig will receive the Public Interest Research Group's annual John O'Connor Citizen Achievement Award.

The O'Connor Award is presented annually to a dedicated advocate for a cleaner, better America. Craig Williams has dedicated his life to grassroots organizations safeguarding the environment and protecting Americans working and living near chemical weapons storage facilities. He rightly deserves this tremendous honor.

I have personally worked with Craig for years on protecting the local citizens and environment surrounding the Bluegrass Army Depot in central Kentucky. As the director of the Chemical Weapons Working Group, Craig was instrumental in ensuring the safest possible disposal of chemical weapons in Kentucky. Craig has been a tireless advocate against the incineration of these deadly weapons and has done a remarkable job educating and mobilizing the local communities surrounding these disposal sites across the country.

I congratulate Craig for receiving this honor, and I thank him for his tireless advocacy on behalf of a cleaner environment and protection of all those living and working near chemical weapons storage facilities. I look forward to working with Craig on future projects. I thank the Senate for allowing me to pay tribute to this dedicated Kentuckian.●

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, two treaties, and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2002—PM 58

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 on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

To the Congress of the United States:

I transmit herewith the Annual Report of the Railroad Retirement Board presented for forwarding to you for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, consistent with the provisions of section 7(b)(6) of the Railroad Retirement Act and section 12(1) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, December 8, 2003.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING RECESS

The Secretary of the Senate, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

S. 459. An act to ensure that a public safety officer who suffers a fatal heart attack or stroke while on duty shall be presumed to have died in the line of duty for purposes of public safety officer survivor benefits.

H.J. Res. 80. Joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress.

H.R. 1. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program, to modernize the Medicare Program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to individuals for amounts contributed to health savings security accounts and health saving accounts, to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1437. An act to improve the United States Code.

H.R. 1813. An act to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign centers and programs for the treatment of victims of torture, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2297. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2622. An act to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer records, make improvements in the use of, and consumer access to, credit information, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3287. An act to award congressional gold medals posthumously on behalf of Reverend Joseph A. DeLaine, Harry and Eliza Briggs, and Levi Pearson in recognition of their contributions to the Nation as pioneers in the effort to desegregate public schools that led directly to the landmark desegregation case of *Brown et al. v. the Board of Education of Topeka et al.*

H.R. 3348. An act to reauthorize the ban on undetectable firearms.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of November 25, 2003, on December 2, 2003, the enrolled bills and joint resolution were signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. FRIST).

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:05 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (S. 877) to regulate interstate commerce by imposing limitations and penalties on the transmission of unsolicited commercial electronic mail via the Internet.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1680) to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 100) to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 622) to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1006) to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 further the conservation of certain wildlife species.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1012) to establish the Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2673) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 7(b)(1) of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-79), the Minority Leader appoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives to the National Prison Rape Reduction Commission: Ms. Brenda V.

Smith of the District of Columbia and Ms. Jamie Fellner, Esq., of New York.

At 11:04 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 811. An act to support certain housing proposals in the fiscal year 2003 budget for the Federal Government, including the downpayment assistance initiative under the HOME Investment Partnership Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1683. An act to provide for a report on the parity of pay and benefits among Federal law enforcement officers and to establish an exchange program between Federal law enforcement employees and State and local law enforcement employees.

S. 1929. An act to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to extend the mental health benefits parity provisions for an additional year.

S. 1947. An act to prohibit the offer of credit by a financial institution to a financial institution examiner, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3652. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the taxation of imported archery products.

H.J. Res. 82. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H. Con. Res. 345. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing as a House document of the transcripts of the proceedings of "The Changing Nature of the House Speakership: The Cannon Centenary Conference," sponsored by the Congressional Research Service on November 12, 2003.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 7. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for charitable contributions by individuals and business, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 153. An act to restore the second amendment rights of all Americans; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 253. An act to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reduce losses to properties for which repetitive flood insurance claim payments have been made; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 408. An act to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1964. To assist the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania in conserving priority lands and natural resources in the Highlands region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2218. To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of all contact lenses as medical

devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 2584. To provide for the conveyance to the Utrok Atoll local government of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2898. An act to improve homeland security, public safety, and citizen activated emergency response capabilities through the use of enhanced 911 wireless services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2907. An act to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3108. An act to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily replace the 30-year Treasury rate with a rate based on long-term corporate bonds for certain pension plan funding requirements and other provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 3181. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the predisaster mitigation program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3214. An act to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3521. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 3652. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the taxation of imported archery products; to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 206. Concurrent resolution supporting the National Marrow Donor Program and other bone marrow donor programs and encouraging Americans to learn about the importance of bone marrow donation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on December 3, 2003, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 459. An act to ensure that a public safety officer who suffers a fatal heart attack or stroke while on duty shall be presumed to have died in the line of duty for purposes of public safety officer survivor benefits.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs: