

Sadly Strom Thurmond has left this Earth and we will always miss him. I hope his family takes comfort in knowing, though, that he leaves an example of dedicated public service that will stand as an inspiration for generations to come.

Mr. COCHRAN. Madam President, we are deeply saddened by the death of our former colleague, Strom Thurmond. He was a beloved friend, always gracious, and affectionate.

His service in the Senate was distinctive not only because he served so many years but because of his love for his job and his dedication to serving the interests of the people of South Carolina.

He was determined to make his influence felt in the committees and on the floor. He took an active part in the debates even on the most controversial issues.

His 24 hour speech on the Civil Rights Act was a record-setting event. He also was a fervent and effective supporter of our military forces and the veterans who had risked their lives in military service to our Nation.

I will always count it as one of my richest blessings that I got to know Strom Thurmond and the members of his family. My hope is that Nancy and their children will be comforted by the warmth and sincerity of the esteem and affection in which the Thurmond family will always be held by their many close friends in the Senate family.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to my colleague and dear friend, Senator Strom Thurmond, who passed away last night at the age of 100.

A few months ago, as he was about to retire from the United States Senate, I said on this floor that I could not even begin to imagine the Senate without Senator Thurmond. And since he left this Chamber, I can't tell you how many times, during a vote, when the clerk would reach the lower half of the alphabet, I've looked up from wherever I was on the floor—expecting to see the man who was, for so long, South Carolina's senior Senator.

He was truly an institution within this Chamber—a ranking Member, a committee chairman, a President pro tempore, and the first ever President pro tempore emeritus. He cast over 15,000 votes. His service spanned the terms of 10 U.S. Presidents. And he was directly involved in the confirmation hearings of all nine current Supreme Court Justices.

Strom Thurmond's life was one devoted to public service. He was a teacher, a school superintendent, a State Senator, a judge, a war hero, Governor, and, of course, a Senator for nearly 50 years.

At each step in his life, Strom Thurmond was searching for ways to serve his country. As a circuit judge in South Carolina, he took a leave of absence to volunteer to parachute behind enemy lines during the D-Day invasion

at Normandy. For his valor in World War II, he received the Purple Heart, five Battle Stars for Bravery and numerous other decorations. And shortly after the war ended, he was elected Governor of South Carolina, an office he held for 4 years.

But there is no doubt that when his constituents remember Strom Thurmond, their thoughts will immediately turn to his years as their Senator. He served them in this body for over one-fifth of our Nation's history. For many South Carolinians, when he retired earlier this year, he was the only senior Senator they had ever known.

Strom Thurmond did not merely serve in the Senate; he did so, even during his final years, with unparalleled vigor. His commitment to the people of South Carolina was legendary—whether it was helping an elderly constituent get a Social Security check, or ensuring that the widow of a law enforcement officer could keep her husband's badge, Strom Thurmond never forgot the people who sent him to Washington.

And the dozens of schools, buildings, parks, and streets in South Carolina that bear his name today show that they never forgot him either.

I served with Strom Thurmond for 22 years in the Senate, and my father served with him for 12—that's 34 years in which a Dodd served in this body with Senator Thurmond. Both of us certainly had our share of disagreements with him. But those disagreements always came in the spirit of respect, thoughtfulness, and collegiality that are hallmarks of the Senate. And Strom Thurmond truly embodied those qualities.

To the Dodd family, though, Strom Thurmond was more than just a colleague—he was a true and loyal friend. We will never forget the loyalty and friendship he showed us even during some trying and difficult times.

It is impossible to look back at the years of Strom Thurmond's life without being amazed. He lived through the invention of the Model T Ford and the creation of the Internet. As a child, he read newspaper accounts of battles that were fought with bayonets in the trenches of Europe. And in his later years, he watched satellite television reports of conflicts won with smart bombs and laser technology. He experienced the Great Depression of the 1930s and the technology bubble of the 1990s.

And as America matured and changed during his lifetime, Strom Thurmond grew, as well.

Senator Thurmond didn't just live through a century of history. He was intimately involved in it. In each step that America took, Strom Thurmond was there. In that respect, and in so many others, Strom Thurmond was a truly unique and rare individual.

I offer my condolences to the entire family of Strom Thurmond. We will miss him very much.

Mr. CRAIG. Madam President, a constant of the universe has changed.

Strom Thurmond is no longer with us. We mourn because this world is poorer for his passing, but we also know he smiles down upon us from a better, happier place.

True to the creed taught him by his father, Strom always gave of himself, to his family, his beloved state of South Carolina, and to his country. He understood that the essence of leading is serving.

Strom changed his times and changed with his times. Born during the administration of Theodore Roosevelt, he retired a thoroughly modern Senator.

He wanted to be history's first 100-year-old Senator. Through faith and force of will, he made it. Even more happily, he wanted to see the birth of his first grandchild, and he did, just recently.

Like many great persons, Strom combined changeless values with an amazing ability to adapt in a changing world. In turns, he was a liberal and a conservative; a Democrat, Independent, and Republican; a famous bachelor, widower, husband, father, and now grandfather. He came to the Senate from what they call the "Old South," but when I came to Congress, I saw in Strom a Senator committed to equal opportunity and inclusiveness. He was young at heart, had a sense of fun and adventure, and was always open to new ideas. This is the way Strom should be remembered, as an example of how the human spirit can grow and mature gracefully.

Yet, for all the changes, Strom's constituents were reassured by a sense of his being changeless. What never changed was a foundation of timeless values. He was devoted to faith, family, patriotism, integrity, public service, hard work, and compassion for everyday people.

Only in recent years, did Strom and I discover from a genealogy website that we were distant cousins. After that, we enjoyed greeting each other with, "Hi, Cousin!"

Today, I say, "Farewell for now, Cousin. Your life has honored and inspired your family, friends, and Nation."

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise to reflect on the proud history of San Pedro High School, which is celebrating its centennial this year. The school has grown considerably since 1904, when the San Pedro community honored its first graduating class at a ceremony at the town hall building. Maude Wayne was the only member of that class, and also served as student body president for the school's other 22 students.

When San Pedro High School first opened, students were taught in a single room on the second floor of 16th

Street Elementary School. Today's campus has existed since 1937, educating athletes Garry Maddox and Alan Ashby, and astronaut Anna Fisher.

San Pedro High School is a fixture in the community, filled with many fond memories. Many alumni have lived in the San Pedro community all their lives, and take pride in the school that educated them, their children and their children's children. San Pedro Pirates young and old have attended many anniversary celebrations and have enjoyed exchanging stories about their high school years. San Pedro High truly plays a significant role in the community.

I would like to extend my congratulations to principal Stephen Walters and all the past principals, as well as current and past teachers, administrators, and students. They have all been a part of the school's success over the years. This is a proud moment for them and for the entire community, and I thank them all for making San Pedro High the best it could be.●

TRIBUTE TO DOCTOR A. MICHAEL ANDREWS II

● Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute today to an outstanding American for his significant, lasting contributions to the soldiers of the United States Army.

On June 23, 2003, Dr. A. Michael Andrews II, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Technology/Chief Scientist, returned to the private sector after over six and a half years of selfless service to the Army and the Nation. Mike hails from the great state of Oklahoma, and received his B.S. and M.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Oklahoma. In 1971, he received his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois.

Following a stellar 25-year career as a senior engineer and senior executive at Rockwell International Corporation, Mike came to the Pentagon in January 1997 as the Director for Technology in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development and Acquisition.

His exemplary performance as Director of Technology led to Mike's appointment as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Technology/Chief Scientist, DAS, R&T, in November 1998. As DAS, R&T, Mike was responsible for the Army's entire Research and Technology program, spanning 21 Laboratories and Research, Development and Engineering Centers, with approximately 10,000 scientists and engineers and a budget that, under his leadership, grew over 30 percent to reach \$1.8 billion in Fiscal Year 2004.

In October 1999, the Army Secretary and the Chief of Staff of the Army announced their Vision for transforming the Army to an Objective Force—a force that is rapidly deployable and can operate in both large-scale wars and

urban peacekeeping operations. It was clear that the Army's Science and Technology, S&T, program was the cornerstone to achieving their vision of a full spectrum force within this decade. Mike took bold steps to shift the focus of the Army's technology by judiciously refocusing and redirecting the Army's \$10 billion plus S&T investments over 2000–2007 towards developing and demonstrating Objective Force technologies.

Understanding the importance of Congressional support for the Army S&T program, Mike consistently worked to develop better communications with Members of Congress and Congressional Staff. These efforts resulted in Congress providing over 98 percent of the requested Army S&T program funding over the last five Fiscal Years and 100 percent, thus far, for Fiscal Year 2004.

In addition to his pursuit of achieving a lighter, more lethal Army, Mike also initiated a unique partnership with the private sector to link the Army and the entertainment industry to establish unique training environments for our soldiers. By leveraging significant entertainment industry investments and capabilities in modeling and simulations, e.g., electronic games, theme parks and digital movies, and existing Army efforts, Mike established a university-based center called the Institute for Creative Technologies. The Institute provides an environment for shared investment and joint projects to enhance Army training. The Institute has expanded beyond Hollywood to the Army's Field Artillery Center and School at Fort Sill, OK, where its significant simulation and modeling capabilities can be brought directly to soldiers undergoing basic and advanced Field Artillery training.

Finally, Mike was also the driving force in launching the Cybermission program, a personal initiative of Chief of Staff of the Army CSA, General Eric K. Shinseki. This program raised the visibility of the Army's commitment in the education of America's youth in science, math and technology among 7th–8th grade students across America. ECybermission introduces young Americans and potentially future soldiers to the Army and the theme of Service to Our Nation while supporting the President's commitment to education.

Mike was honored with the Presidential Rank Award in 2001, elected as a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering in 2001, and presented the National Defense Industry Association Firepower Award in 2000.

In this short space, it is difficult to fully document the many significant, positive ways that Mike has shaped the future of the Army. Through his tireless attention to detail and personal involvement, Mike has shepherded the FCS program through the past five years and has brought attention and

credit to the Army's S&T community for the outstanding achievements that they have made. Mike Andrews' effective work with senior Army and DoD staff principals, scientists and engineers, and industry significantly enhanced the Army's efforts toward the development of the Future Combat Systems, Objective Force, and Transformation. He demonstrated visionary leadership, planning and organizational skills throughout his tenure. As we honor him, we note that this institution and our country is better off for the major contributions he has made. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:18 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2417. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 231. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1596. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2318 Woodson Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Timothy Michael Gaffney Post Office Building".

S. 858. An act to extend the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2030. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Baldwin Avenue in Paia, Maui, Hawaii, as the "Patsy Takemoto Mink Post Office Building".

H.R. 1740. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1502 East Kiest Boulevard in Dallas, Texas, as the "Dr. Caesar A.W. Clark, Sr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 925. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1859 South Ashland Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Caesar Chavez Post Office".

H.R. 917. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1830 South Lake Drive in Lexington, South Carolina, as the "Floyd Spence Post Office Building".

H.R. 825. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7401 West 100th Place in Bridgeview, Illinois, as the "Michael J. Healy Post Office Building".

H.R. 1609. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Boston Street in Brookfield, Missouri, as the "Admiral Donald Davis Post Office Building".