

William F. Hildenbrand: It was with great sadness that I learned of the passing of my predecessor, the Honorable J. Stanley Kimmitt. Stan was one of the shining lights in the Senate's illustrious history. He was the twenty-second Secretary of the Senate in its history. We did not know at the time of our meeting that we both had served in the 78th Infantry Division in World War II, and both had crossed the Rhine at Remagen. On the anniversary of that crossing we were honored by the then-mayor of Remagen and invited to attend the ceremonies. Our Senate duties precluded our attendance but Stan managed to have a flag flown over the Capitol and he had it presented to the mayor on behalf of both of us to be flown on the day of the ceremony.

Stan was truly a Senate man and the Senate will not see his like again. Vaya con dios, Mr. Secretary.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR ERNEST "FRITZ" HOLLINGS

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, with the retirement of Senator FRITZ HOLLINGS, the Senate is losing its fourth most senior member, an extraordinary and important repository of institutional history. The people of South Carolina are losing an outspoken and respected spokesperson for their needs and concerns. All of us who have served with him are losing an effective colleague, a wise counselor, and a good friend.

FRITZ HOLLINGS has spent well over half a century in public service, beginning with nearly 3 years of military service during World War II in the North African and European theaters. He returned to civilian life, received his law degree at the University of South Carolina, and in 1948 was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives, where he served three terms, two of them as the House speaker pro tempore. In 1954 he was elected lieutenant governor, and 4 years later he was elected Governor. He was then 36 years old—the youngest governor of South Carolina in the 20th century.

Over many years and on many issues, FRITZ HOLLINGS has shown himself to be a public servant with solid common sense. He is also a visionary. Very early he foresaw the need for technical education, and as Governor nearly 50 years ago, he established South Carolina's system of technical colleges. In the late 1950s, when other Governors in the South were setting out plans to preserve legal segregation notwithstanding the Supreme Court's decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, the young Governor of South Carolina rallied the people of South Carolina to comply with the law. "He managed the peaceful integration of Clemson University back when other Southern Governors were fighting to keep their universities all-white," Mike Wallace has observed.

The people of South Carolina, the Members of this body, and people in every corner and region of the United States have seen FRITZ HOLLINGS' forceful combination of common sense and vision at work on issues like hun-

ger, the environment, jobs, and fiscal policy. Soon after coming to the Senate, he helped focus the Nation's attention on hunger; WIC, the Women, Infants and Children's Special Supplemental Food Program, was modeled on a pilot program in South Carolina. For more than three decades he has played a major part in the vital movement first to establish, then to maintain and strengthen the legislative framework for protection of the natural environment. It was FRITZ HOLLINGS who wrote this Nation's first land-use law to protect coastal wetlands. Admiral James Watkins, USN (Ret.), who chairs the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, recently recognized his efforts saying: "Senator HOLLINGS' tireless work on behalf of this Nation's ocean and coasts will help preserve and protect our precious marine and coastal resources for generations to come. . . . (including) his work to establish the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) over 30 years ago. . . ."

It was his concern for jobs in South Carolina that led him to establish the State's technical colleges while Governor, and in recent years has made him a forceful critic of policies that facilitate outsourcing. "In South Carolina," according to the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court, Jean Toal, "we have heard him talk about the debt and outsourcing jobs for 30 years, and all of that is now what the American public is so focused on. He was always ahead of his time."

FRITZ HOLLINGS believes in the good that government can accomplish. In a recent interview on "Sixty Minutes," he said: "We believe in feeding the hungry, and housing the homeless, and educating the uninformed and everything else like that. . . . in 'We the people' in order to form a more perfect Union." In his many years of service to the people of South Carolina and of this Nation, FRITZ HOLLINGS has faithfully honored that principle. His common sense, his vision, and his great humor will be missed, but surely not forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR JOHN BREAUX

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, with the adjournment of the 108th Congress, Senator JOHN BREAUX is retiring. With his departure Louisiana loses a vigorous and effective advocate, the Nation loses a dedicated and skillful legislator, and the Members of this body, on both sides of the aisle, lose a trusted and respected colleague and a dear friend.

JOHN BREAUX has spent 35 years serving the people of Louisiana in one capacity or another. In 1969, as a recent law school graduate, he came to Washington for the first time to become a legislative assistant to the Representative from Louisiana's Seventh Congressional District. When the seat became open 3 years later, JOHN ran for Congress himself, and won. He was then 25

years old. From 1973 until 1977, we served together in the House of Representatives. JOHN continued serving the House for another 5 years, before being elected to the first of three terms in the Senate, in 1986.

The decision to come to Washington was a very major decision for the Breaux family, so much so that one child prayed: "Good-bye God. We are moving to Washington." For the people of Louisiana and the Nation, it has proved to be a most fortunate decision.

JOHN BREAUX's accomplishments over 18 years in the U.S. Senate are legion. He has served on the Finance Committee; the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee; and the Rules Committee. He has chaired the Special Committee on Aging. For 8 years he served his Senate Democratic colleagues as Chief Deputy Whip. He has left his mark on virtually every piece of legislation that passed through the committees on which he has served. He has been a tireless advocate for older Americans, and a proponent of universal health care.

Above and beyond any specific issue, JOHN BREAUX has sought to make government work. He has won the respect and affection of his colleagues—and, time and again, their attention—with what Charlie Cook, in "The Cook Report," described as "his moderation, personality, manner and legislative style." In commenting on JOHN's decision to retire, The Shreveport Times called him "a Louisiana natural resource" and "the bridge-builder in an era of burning bridges."

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR JOHN EDWARDS

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, in 1998, JOHN EDWARDS was elected to the U.S. Senate from his home State of North Carolina to fill the seat once held by Senator Sam Ervin. He had never before run for, or served in, public office. From the time he received his law degree in 1977 until he entered the Senate, he was an attorney in private practice. For two decades JOHN represented in court North Carolinians who had been grievously injured or disabled and had no one to speak up for them. He quickly made the transition from the courtroom to the Senate Chamber, however, because in both he has been guided by the same unwavering principle: putting to work his formidable talents and energy, along with his training, on behalf of "the people I grew up with."

JOHN EDWARDS grew up in Robbins, NC. Robbins was a mill town. JOHN's father spent nearly four decades working in textile mills; his mother worked in a number of jobs as well. As David Broder once put it, his parents and their friends and coworkers were people who "earn their bread by the sweat of their brow."

JOHN was the first person in his family to go to college. For the millions of Americans who were the first in the

family to receive a college education—and I count myself among them—this has very special meaning. He worked his way through school in 3 years, finding summer jobs in the mills. He went on to study law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, one of the Nation's ranking law schools, and there he met, and soon married, a fellow student, Elizabeth Anania. In his book, "Four Trials," which was published just this year, JOHN pays tribute to the men and women who have played some part in his life, but none is more moving than his richly deserved tribute to Elizabeth: "I have spent many years trying to live up to what she believed I could be, and I am the better for it."

In the 108th Congress, JOHN served on the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee; the Judiciary Committee; the Small Business Committee; and the Intelligence Committee—and also for a while on the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee, where we first had an opportunity to work together. These are formidable, wide-ranging jurisdictions. In every assignment he undertook, JOHN fought for policies, as he has put it, that "reward work—not just wealth, work—and (to) ensure that the American dream stays alive and available to every single American, no matter where they live or who their family is or what the color of their skin."

Together with the senior Senator from Massachusetts and the senior Senator from Arizona, JOHN EDWARDS led the successful effort in the Senate to pass landmark patients' rights legislation, only to see the bill falter in the face of implacable opposition from the White House. JOHN has been a forceful advocate for the thousands of North Carolinians, and indeed Americans, who "did everything right," but were still powerless to prevent their jobs from being swept overseas.

When the 109th Congress convenes in January, JOHN EDWARDS will no longer represent his beloved State of North Carolina in the U.S. Senate. He will be home in the State he loves—"the place that made me love America to begin with"—with the family he loves so dearly. Whether in the Nation's Capital or in North Carolina, however, we know that JOHN will continue to do what he has always done so well, fighting "for those who do not have a voice, to make sure that 'no one—no one—is lost in America, that that dream is everlasting.'" He will be sorely missed in this Chamber.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR BOB GRAHAM

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, with the adjournment of the 108th Congress, BOB GRAHAM completes about 40 uninterrupted years of dedicated service to the people of Florida as an elected public official. Floridian's first elected him to their State house of representatives in 1966, where he served two 2-

year terms. In 1970 they elected him to the State senate, where he served two 4-year terms. In 1978 Floridians across the State chose him for their Governor; no one from south Florida had ever before been elected. He served in that office with great distinction for two terms, until in 1986 Floridians sent BOB GRAHAM to the first of three terms in the U.S. Senate.

BOB GRAHAM has not only worked for the people of Florida; he has worked with them. While a State senator, he established a workday program for himself that regularly took him out of the halls of government and into literally dozens of different jobs. Since coming to the Senate, BOB has made time for 214 workdays, which means that roughly once a month, for 18 years, he has worked alongside his constituents, all the time learning from them.

BOB began his workdays while a State senator, teaching a semester of civics at a Miami high school. Over the years, though, he has not limited himself to a single form of employment: on the contrary, he has been an agricultural worker, a factory worker, a construction worker; he has worked in the public sector as a policeman and as a trash collector. Writing in the Washington Post on May 4, 2003, Michael Grunwald observed that the regular, wide-ranging workdays became "a remarkable window" for BOB GRAHAM's political education. Working as an auto mechanic, BOB GRAHAM learned firsthand that "Florida auto inspections were a joke. He learned at a nursing home that orderlies earned only \$17 a day. He learned as a parking attendant that tiny curb cuts changed the lives of disabled workers." BOB used the workday program to learn directly from his own observation and experience, and not simply from the reports of others.

Florida is an extraordinarily diverse State in its demography, its environment, and its economy. In many ways it encapsulates the broad range of challenges that we confront not just in our States, but in the Nation at large. Senator BOB GRAHAM brought to the great debates in the Congress over education, health care, the economy, environmental standards, and many other issues, domestic and foreign, his substantial experience as a State legislator and Governor. The legislation enacted in 2000 to restore the Florida Everglades was built around a program that Governor BOB GRAHAM had established in 1983. It was not only his State that benefited, it was our Nation; for the Everglades are a precious national resource. As chairman of the Intelligence Committee in the 107th Congress, BOB GRAHAM provided vigorous and clear-headed leadership in the aftermath of the attacks of September 11.

Broadly experienced in public governance as BOB is, he has had the wisdom to remain a student of government. The U.S. Senate is both a place to protect and advance the needs and

concerns of constituents, and also a place to learn; as he put it in his remarks in this Chamber on December 7: "The Senate is our country's best graduate school." He leaves the Senate with an abiding and profound concern for programs to keep our country safe, improve our children's schools, improve our health care, and strengthen employment opportunities, among many others. Above and beyond these programs, however, as he observed on December 7, is the very institution of the Senate itself, with a "unique role" to play "in balancing our Government in order to avoid excessive power falling into the hands of any one person or governmental institution."

For over 18 years BOB has worked to ensure that this body does indeed honor its unique role among our institutions of government. The Senate is stronger for having BOB GRAHAM as a Member. He will be greatly missed.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on December 15, 2004, she had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bills:

S. 1301. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit video voyeurism in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2657. An act to amend part III of title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of programs under which supplemental dental and vision benefits are made available to Federal employees, retirees, and their dependents, to expand the contracting authority of the Office of Personnel Management, and for other purposes.

S. 2781. An act to express the sense of Congress regarding the conflict in Darfur, Sudan, to provide assistance for the crisis in Darfur and for comprehensive peace in Sudan, and for other purposes.

S. 2845. An act to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

S. 2856. An act to limit the transfer of certain Commodity Credit Corporation funds between conservation programs for technical assistance for the programs.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 2003, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 9, 2004, subsequent to the sine die adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

H.R. 480. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 747 Broadway in Albany, New York, as the "United States Postal Service Henry Johnson Annex".

H.R. 2119. An act to provide for the conveyance of Federal lands, improvements, equipment, and resource materials at the Oxford