

the family they raised from my very first experiences with them.

For more than 40 years, the Dopfs worked together to publish a small weekly newspaper known as the Upper Country News-Reporter. It was printed on newsprint, but I have no doubt in my mind that this paper represented and still does the very fabric of that community. The paper plays that role because the Dopfs wanted it that way, and made sure it happened.

I believe my first experience with Stu Dopf was almost 50 years ago at the Washington County Fair in Cambridge. I was in 4-H and had entered fat calves to be judged at the fair. Now, to some reporters or newspaper editors, livestock judging at a county fair may not seem like much of an assignment. But Stu understood the community in which he lived, and the farm and ranch families that made it a closely-knit community. People were interested in the activities and accomplishments of their neighbors, and no achievement was too small to report.

After that, any time I had some news or any stories about my 4-H or FFA activities, or public speaking contests, I knew I could stop by the News-Reporter office, where the Dopfs would be certain to listen. More often than not, those stories would show up somewhere on the pages of the next issue. Later, when I made my decision to run for office for the first time, for a seat in the Idaho State Senate, I went to the Dopfs to ask if they would print the pocket brochure for my campaign. Their sons, Alan and Don, had just started a printing business the year before, so it was an easy choice for me to go there.

Throughout my life, whether in the activities of my younger days, my endeavors in the legislature, or my time in the U.S. House and Senate, Stu Dopf always provided a fair, unbiased account in the News-Reporter. He always gave me a fair opportunity to make my point. Continuing Stu's example, the editors generously include each weekly column I write in the paper, and I am truly grateful.

Even after they retired, the influence of Mr. and Mrs. Dopf remained at the News-Reporter. Their children have carried on the same brand of community reporting, and this is why I continue to subscribe to the paper and read and enjoy it every week.

The Dopfs took pride in Cambridge and Washington County, and they loved it down to the smallest details. They took a special interest in the youth of the area, including articles and pictures of local high school sporting events, essay contest winners, invitations to baby showers, and as I mentioned, 4-H and FFA news.

They were great community people, and they were great people in their community. The Dopfs were a big reason I had such a positive experience growing up in rural Washington County. It is people like them who make Cambridge, Midvale, Weiser, and other small towns across Idaho great places

to live. I'm sure they are resting peacefully in Heaven.

TRIBUTE TO WALLACE RUSTAD

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a member of my staff who will be retiring from his position in the U.S. Senate. Wally Rustad is a man who is recognized by his colleagues and myself as an extremely dedicated, hard-working, and joyful public servant.

Mr. Rustad has had a remarkable career in public service, spanning close to half a century. He joined the Army in 1955, where he served in Germany until 1958 and in the Reserves until 1961. Following that, he taught high school history and literature in Williston, ND. In 1965, he pursued his interest in politics with a move to Washington, D.C. to become a legislative assistant for the Honorable Rolland Redlin in the U.S. House of Representatives. After 2 years, he returned to North Dakota to work for Basin Electric Cooperative. But in 1970, he was drawn back to Washington, D.C. to work for Congressman Arthur Link in the U.S. House of Representatives as chief of staff and senior spokesperson.

With experience gained from his time on Capitol Hill, Mr. Rustad went on to a position with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, where he soon became the director of Government Relations. His work at the NRECA was recognized and praised by many. Under his direction, the NRECA saw the strength of its political influence grow substantially, prompting the Wall Street Journal to call the co-op lobby the second most powerful in Washington. He spent his years on the political front lines defending against attacks on the rural electric program. On February 17, 2004, Wally was presented with the prestigious Clyde T. Ellis Award, which honors an individual for contributions clearly above the routine call of duty in furthering the principles and progress of rural electrification and the development and utilization of national resources.

For the past 5½ years, I have been honored to have Wally serve on my staff. He brought with him his extensive experience in the energy industry and rural economic development and a tremendous dedication to our home State of North Dakota. During his tenure in my office, he has worked on economic development issues for North Dakota and in outreach to numerous individuals and groups throughout the State. As my State liaison, he has built strong rapport and stayed in close contact with constituents, responding to needs and monitoring priority issues to make sure that the views of North Dakotans are represented in Washington.

A native of Grenora, ND, population 261, Wally is a tremendous advocate for our home State. He and his family still own a farm near Grenora. Last summer, Wally and his wife, Marlys, organized a trip for a group of 38 of their

friends to tour the State. They visited the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center and trails along the Missouri River, toured the Theodore Roosevelt National Park, attended the musical and pitch fork fondue in Medora, and did a lot of golfing. His tour group was awed by the history and beauty of the State and, of course, its golf courses. As Wally put it, it was "one small thing" he could do to help promote economic development and tourism in North Dakota.

Wally and his wife of 43 years, Marlys Rustad nee Jacobson, live in Leesburg, VA. Their daughter Kimberly and her husband, Clark Kelly, and their children, Avery, Kate and William, live in Mobile, AL. Their daughter Jill and her husband Jonathan Adler, and their children, Julia, Jami and Jessica, live in Leesburg, VA. Jon, their son, lives in Los Angeles, CA.

Wally is a man with great dedication to public service. He arrives at work each day shortly after 6 a.m., after commuting for 2 hours, and brews the first pot of coffee. He greets his colleagues with a smile on his face and the news of the day as they arrive into work. As the late North Dakota Senator Quentin Burdick once said, "Wally Rustad is a small-town North Dakotan who has made it big in Washington. He has a genuine commitment to serving the people of rural America."

As Wally goes forward in his life, I hope that he proudly looks back from time to time and knows what a difference he has made in the lives of so many people. He is a good friend and a wonderful American whom I am honored to have had the pleasure to work with. I commend him for his accomplishments and outstanding service and wish him well.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO RUSS DONDERO

• Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Professor Russ Dondero of Pacific University in Forest Grove, OR. Professor Dondero is retiring from a full-time teaching load in the Department of Politics and Government at the end of this school year. He is being honored this week by his current and former students and friends during events leading up to the annual Pacific University Tom McCall Forum in Portland, OR on February 17.

The Tom McCall Forum may be Professor Dondero's most visible accomplishment. Now in its 23rd year, the forum has become the premier public affairs event in the Pacific Northwest, drawing national political figures each year for a spirited debate between a liberal and a conservative of national interest. The driving force throughout the Forum's history has been Professor Dondero. He has taken the event from the small confines of a basement room on campus to an event that attracts over 1,000 people and the cameras of C-SPAN.

While the forum gives a public face to Professor Dondero's work, his ties to and influence on our State of Oregon runs much deeper. A 1960 graduate of Roseburg High School, Professor Dondero left Oregon to pursue his academic calling at Whitman College, the University of Minnesota and Dickinson College. He returned home with his wife, Ann, to raise their sons, Tony and Jason.

During his 31 years of teaching at Pacific, Professor Dondero acted as teacher, mentor and friend to students past and present. Like a successful coach, Professor Dondero has always known which lever to pull to draw the best possible performance out of those with whom he worked. He has an instinct that can't be taught—how to inspire his students to succeed by deploying the appropriate tactic at the right moment.

Outside of the classroom, Professor Dondero has been relentless in seeking out opportunities for his students so they could apply in the field the lessons they learned. I have been proud to put some of his students to work in my office.

It is fitting that many of his former students and Pacific University have established the Russell A. Dondero Fellowship. In the future, fellowship recipients at Pacific will receive a small stipend to offset the cost of living while pursuing an internship as part of their academic program—which will certainly make it possible for more students to take advantage of this important experience.

His academic work is only part of Russ Dondero's story. It would be hard to locate a more passionate, talented and effective advocate for affordable housing in the State of Oregon. I am confident he will continue to use his talents and energies for this important cause, and that he and Ann will continue to shape the lives of his students and his community.

W. B. Yeats once wrote, "Education is not the filling of a bucket, but the lighting of a fire." I am proud to join with the Pacific University community in thanking Russ Dondero for lighting fires that will continue to burn for many years to come.●

TRANSMITTING AS AMENDED, AND 12947 OF 01-23-95, AS AMENDED WITH A NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER CLARIFYING CERTAIN EXECUTIVE ORDERS BLOCKING PROPERTY AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS—PM 5

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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to, inter alia, section 203(a) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, (50 U.S.C. 1702 (a))

(IEEPA) and section 201(a) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1621 (a)) (NEA), I exercised my statutory authority to declare national emergencies in Executive Orders 13224 of September 23, 2001, as amended, and 12947 of January 23, 1995, as amended. I have issued a new Executive Order that clarifies certain measures taken to address those national emergencies. This new Executive Order relates to powers conferred to me by section 203(b)(2) of IEEPA and clarifies that the Executive Orders at issue prohibit a blocked United States person from making humanitarian donations.

The amendments made to those Executive Orders by the new Executive Order take effect as of the date of the new order, and specific licenses issued pursuant to the prior Executive Orders continue in effect, unless revoked or amended by the Secretary of the Treasury. General licenses, regulations, orders, and directives issued pursuant to the prior Executive Orders continue in effect, except to the extent inconsistent with this order or otherwise revoked or modified by the Secretary of the Treasury.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 16, 2005.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 310. An act to increase the penalties for violations by television and radio broadcasters of the prohibitions against transmission of obscene, indecent, and profane material, and for other purposes.

H.R. 324. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 321 Montgomery Road in Altamonte Springs, Florida, as the "Arthur Stacey Mastrapa Post Office Building".

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. 25. A concurrent resolution recognizing the contributions of Jibreel Khazan (Ezell Blair, Jr.), David Richmond, Joseph McNeil, and Franklin McCain, the "Greensboro Four", to the civil rights movement.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 324. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 321 Montgomery Road in Altamonte Springs, Florida, as the "Arthur Stacey Mastrapa Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

H. Con. Res. 25. Concurrent resolution recognizing the contributions of Jibreel Khazan (Ezell Blair, Jr.), David Richmond, Joseph

McNeil, and Franklin McCain, the "Greensboro Four", to the civil rights movement; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 403. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 397. A bill to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages, injunctive or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-763. A communication from The Acting Under Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's (DAR PA) biennial strategic plan, received February 8, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-764. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a General Officer Frocking Request, received February 8, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-765. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "DoD/VA Pilot Program-Separation Physicals", received February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-766. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the mobilization of reserve component personnel, received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-767. A communication from the Vice Admiral, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy, Department of Defense, providing notification of a decision to convert to performance by the private sector Public Works Center Environmental Services in San Diego, CA (initiative number NC20020796) received January 25, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-768. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Free Trade Agreements—Australia and Morocco" (DFARS Case 2004-DO13) received on February 7, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-769. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "DoD Workforce Employed to Conduct Public-Private Competitions Under the DoD Competitive Sourcing Program (D-2005-028)", received February 8, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-770. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Weatherford, Blanchard, Elmore City, and Wynnewood, Oklahoma)" (Doc. No. 03-181)