

TRIBUTE TO SAMUEL T. DANIELS

• Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, With the death on January 6th, 2005, at the age of 82 of Samuel Thornton Daniels, Sr., my city of Baltimore and the State of Maryland lost a distinguished citizen, a courageous and far-sighted leader, a source of inspiration and, especially, a beloved friend.

Sam Daniels, the Grand Master, was known to his fellow members of the Prince Hall Masons simply as "The Grand," and grand he was. A Baltimorean through and through, he was born in the city and educated at Douglass High School and Coppin State College. He married his beloved wife Gladys, a fellow student at Coppin, and together for more than 60 years they went on to raise a new generation of Baltimoreans. Sam made our community a better place for all its people.

Service to others came naturally to Sam Daniels. He interrupted his college studies to serve in the Army in World War II, returning to Coppin State to receive his degree in 1948. When the Korean War conflict broke out 2 years later, Sam returned to military service, and reached the rank of captain before receiving his honorable discharge. Soon thereafter he joined Gladys as a teacher in the Baltimore public school system.

In the mid-1950s, Sam Daniels set out on the path that was to shape his life's work. It was not just that he joined the civil rights movement; rather, in innumerable ways he shaped it and he led it. His professional commitments tell part of the story: Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations; Baltimore Community Relations Commission; Baltimore Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and then, starting in 1967 and continuing for more than two decades, the Baltimore Council for Equal Business Opportunity, or CEBO. During the 1960s, in addition to his other commitments, Sam also worked for the AFSCME local unions representing Baltimore's municipal workers. In 1968 he was named to the city's school board by then-Mayor D'Alessandro, where his intelligence, his principles, his clear vision, and his wise and generous temperament all combined to make him, as the mayor was to observe, "a calming influence on the board during an unsettling time." Sam balanced his professional commitments with his role in The Prince Hall Masons, whose Grand Master he was to become and who knew and loved him as "The Grand." Under his leadership The Prince Hall Masons grew to have 5,000 members and to play a major role in the historic movement toward civil rights. When Dr. King came to Baltimore in October 1964, Sam Daniels stood among the leaders who welcomed him to the Prince Hall Masons Lodge. In everything he did he challenged us to make our Nation live up to its ideals.

Of all his many accomplishments, Sam Daniels considered CEBO the most important. It began modestly enough

with a grant from the Ford Foundation, but over more than two decades under Sam Daniels' leadership CEBO became one of the first business development organizations in the country, helping to create opportunities for entrepreneurship and business where precious few existed for Baltimore's African-American community and along with those opportunities, new hopes, new plans, and new dreams. Sam Daniels has been described as a "giant" and an "icon," and surely these words reflect the critical role he played in expanding the opportunities for African American entrepreneurship and wealth-building, which has meant so much to the city that he served in so many different ways.

Sam Daniels was a giant and an icon in other ways as well in character and temperament. Mayor D'Alessandro, who nearly 40 years ago appointed him to the school board, remembers him as "an absolutely decent human being," and his pastor, the Reverend Marion C. Bascom, calls him "the most giving human being this city has ever known." In the words of George L. Russell, the former city solicitor and judge, "he was a temperate person who conveyed a great deal of wisdom." He was a great man and a great citizen, and he has left us all a magnificent legacy. We will miss him, and our thoughts are with his wife Gladys, his children, and his grandchildren.

The Baltimore Sun paid tribute to Sam Daniels in an obituary published on January 8, 2005. I ask that it be printed in the RECORD.

The material follows.

[From the Baltimore Sun, Jan. 8, 2005]
SAMUEL T. DANIELS, 82, LEADER IN LOCAL
CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE

(By Jacques Kelly)

Samuel T. Daniels, a local leader in the civil rights movement who championed African-American business enterprise and led the Prince Hall Masons for nearly four decades, died Thursday at Levindale Hebrew Geriatric Center of complications from a fall and a brain illness. The Northwest Baltimore resident was 82.

Mr. Daniels had retired in 1989 after more than 20 years as executive director of the Baltimore Council for Equal Business Opportunity, a private organization that encouraged black participation in business. He was also a past grand master of the 5,000-member Prince Hall Lodge, an African-American Masonic organization.

"He was an absolutely decent human being and an integral part of the Baltimore civil rights movement in the 1960s," said former Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro III, who named Mr. Daniels to the city school board in December 1968. "He was tough, decent, orderly and competent. He was an articulate spokesman for the black community."

"He was the most giving human being this city has ever known," said the Rev. Marion C. Bascom, Mr. Daniels' pastor and friend. "Samuel outstretched his hand to just about everyone I've ever known."

Born in Baltimore and raised on Druid Hill Avenue, he was a 1940 graduate of Frederick Douglass High School and earned a bachelor's degree in education from what is now Coppin State University. He served in the Army in World War II and the Korean War, attaining the rank of captain.

For eight years, he taught in city public schools, including the old Henry H. Garnet School at Division and Lanvale streets.

In 1958, he was named executive secretary of the Baltimore Community Relations Commission and simultaneously worked for Baltimore Municipal Employees Local 44 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. In 1961, he attended the Harvard Business School's trade union program.

Mr. Daniels was a school board member from 1969 to 1971. "He was a calming influence on the board during an unsettling time," said Mr. D'Alessandro.

Mr. Daniels became head of the Prince Hall Masons in the early 1960s and was among the leaders who welcomed the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. to Baltimore on Oct. 31, 1964. Dr. King's visit, including an appearance at the lodge's temple on Eutaw Place, was on behalf of President Lyndon B. Johnson's election campaign.

In a 1999 article in The Sun, Mr. Daniels recalled that day and how Baltimore was becoming aggressive in its pursuit of civil rights. The rally filled the temple.

"They became friends after that visit," said Mr. Daniels' wife of more than 60 years, the former Gladys Eva Wise.

Friends said that Mr. Daniels paid travel expenses so that young civil rights advocates could attend the 1965 marches in Selma, Ala.

"He had been central to the advancement of black people in Baltimore," said George L. Russell Jr., a lawyer and former city solicitor and judge. "He was a man who carried a great deal of dignity. He was a temperate person who conveyed a great deal of wisdom."

In 1967, Mr. Daniels became director of CEBO, an organization initially supported by the Ford Foundation. A decade later, Mr. Daniels told The Sun that his most important accomplishment had been helping African-American business owners establish relationships with large commercial banks.

He also pointed to many black-owned businesses, including the Super Pride grocery chain, as proof that his council was working.

In 1982, Mr. Daniels called for voter mobilization in black communities.

"Legislation, more than anything else, influences our lives daily, monthly, weekly and eternally," he said at a meeting reported in The Evening Sun. "If we are not a voting people, those in office are not going to care about us."

Mr. Daniels was the recipient of many community honors and testimonials. A room has been named after him at Coppin, and Morgan State University awarded him an honorary degree in 2000.

Mr. Daniels was a longtime member of Douglas Memorial Church.

Mr. Daniels will lie in state from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Willard W. Allen Masonic Temple, 1301 Eutaw Place.

Kappa fraternal services will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and be followed by Masonic services at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Daniels will rest in a sanctuary named in his honor.

A family hour wake will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday. The funeral service begins at noon and will be followed by interment at Arbutus Cemetery.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Daniels is survived by two sons, Samuel T. Daniels Jr., chief inspector for the city liquor board, and Van B. Daniels, a manager for the Maryland Lottery; a brother, Edward Daniels; and three grandchildren. All are of Baltimore.●

HONORING CLIFF MANLEY

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, the Vermillion High School class of 1965, of

which I am a member, will be celebrating its 40th reunion this summer in Vermillion, SD and will be paying tribute to former VHS Principal Cliff Manley with the unveiling of a handsome plaque in his honor.

Ms. Michelle Rydell, the editor of the Vermillion High School newspaper, "The Vermillionaire," recently wrote an excellent column in that newspaper about the class of 1965 and the extraordinary career of Cliff Manley. I ask that this article be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

[From the Vermillionaire]
CLASS OF 1965 PAYS TRIBUTE
(By Michelle Rydell)

"When we were young and green, you tried to bend us in the right direction. Now that we are old and bent, we look at the path you lit and say, 'Thank you, Mr. Manley, for helping us set our course. You made a difference.'"

It is with fond remembrance that the class of 1965 dedicates these words to former Vermillion High School principal, Clifford Manley. Manley was not simply an authoritative figure—he was a friend to all students. VHS alumni remember him as someone with a firm hand yet a soft heart. According to former students, he had a sense of humor that shone through even when he had to be firm with one of his students. He was very personable with both his peers and those under him. According to one class member, "Mr. Manley loved all of his students. Of course, there was still a degree of fear when we had to go to the principal's office. But he loved kids—he was a great man."

They also remember him as someone who was always present for extra-curricular activities and who loved watching sports. A former coach himself, Manley made it an objective to support not only the school but his students as well. It is perhaps for his dedication that he is most well-known. As principal, Manley did everything from teaching to coaching, and most importantly, serving as a mentor and role model for his students.

Manley's service and dedication is the reason the class of 1965 (which, incidentally, was the last class to graduate from the old Vermillion High School) has dedicated a plaque in remembrance of its gracious spirit. The plaque, featuring a picture of Manley set against a picture of the old high school and decorated with red birds to signify the class' ever-present Tanager pride, will be hung in the high school in the coming month.

The plaque had recently been hanging in the Sioux Valley Dakota Gardens, where Manley's wife Helen now lives. The plaque was displayed at the Dakota Gardens in order that Helen's children and friends might get the opportunity to see it during Christmas, but now that the holidays are over Helen is giving the plaque to the high school to display. The plaque will stay in the school as a lasting tribute to the man who not only taught his students as a biology teacher and principal, but a man who inspired them on a personal level as well.

VHS students will be some of the first people to see the plaque. The plaque is designated to be revealed at the class of 1965's 40th reunion, which will be occurring this coming summer. The reunion, therefore, will be not only be a time of fellowship for former students to rediscover their classmates, but it will also be a time for students to remember the principal who had such an impact on so many students' lives and take a moment to reflect on their appreciation for his service.

It is hard to find those special people in life who make such an impression that after forty years they are still considered memorable and special. Yet many agree that Manley was such a person. His dedication to Vermillion High School has been remembered and appreciated throughout the decades, and despite the fact that he has since passed away, he is not forgotten. His works live on through the school and through the lives of the many he has touched. It's not always easy to be a disciplinarian and friend, yet Manley managed to do both. As a result, he is remembered not only as a loving husband, father and grandfather, but also as a beloved principal, mentor and friend.●

PROFESSOR RON SHAFFER

● Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, it is with great sadness that I note the recent passing of Professor Ron Shaffer, a man who dedicated his career to helping communities discuss and plan their economic development.

Ron joined the faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1972, the same year he received a doctorate in agricultural economics, and he soon became a pillar of that great institution. For three decades, until his retirement from UW in 2001, Ron was one of the State's—if not the country's—leading experts on community economics and he wrote extensively on the subject. But, throughout his many years in academia, Ron always remained focused on the real world applications of his teaching. Economic development was not an abstract concept for him—it was a way to help people live better, happier, more productive lives. Particularly in the decade he spent as director of the University of Wisconsin Center for Community Economic Development, Ron devoted himself to bolstering the many and varied rural communities that are the backbone of Wisconsin.

Ron won many honors and accolades throughout his career. His work attracted international attention, and he was called upon by governments from Australia to Norway to advise on local economic development policies. In a particularly fitting move, the year he retired from UW, the National Rural Development Partnership established the Ron Shaffer Award, to be given annually for outstanding collaboration in rural America.

But I suspect that none of the honors he won mattered as much to Ron as the love and companionship of his family and friends. They loved his decency, his compassion, and his willingness to lead a patient ear. They admired him for the courage with which he handled his diagnosis of ALS, or Lou Gehrig's Disease. It was typical of Ron that he used his illness as an opportunity to advocate for others afflicted with this terrible disease—after all, he spent his life helping others. He will be sorely missed as a husband, a father, a friend, and a deeply good and giving man.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to

the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:55 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. 841. An Act to require States to hold special elections to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives not later than 49 days after the vacancy is announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in extraordinary circumstances, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee, in addition to Mr. SAXTON of New Jersey, appointed January 20, 2005: Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. PAUL of Texas, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. MCCOTTER of Michigan, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. HINCHEY of New York, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, and Mr. CUMMINGS of Maryland.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 539. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide the protections of habeas corpus for certain incapacitated individuals whose life is in jeopardy, and for other purposes.

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-1202. A communication from the Inspector General, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Audit Report Register for the period ending September 30, 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1203. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's 2004 Annual Program Performance Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1204. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, the Department of Veterans Affairs'