

Vic Atiyeh's leadership in transforming Oregon's economy was critical as his swearing-in came just as Oregon entered an economic nosedive the likes of which unseen since the Great Depression.

How bad was the situation? His first year in office, Governor Atiyeh called a special legislative session to deal with a \$242 million budgetary shortfall. Just as he and the legislature agreed on a package of budget cuts, they were presented with new estimates increasing the shortfall by nearly \$100 million. Several months later, the deficit jumped again by another \$100 million.

Tough and unpleasant decisions had to be made. Vic Atiyeh rolled up his sleeves and made them. One of Oregon's most respected journalists, Brent Walth, wrote:

Quietly, diligently, without whining or badgering or a single "I told you so," Atiyeh demonstrated how to manage a state through a crisis.

As a tribute to Vic's leadership, and the wisdom of Oregonians, in the darkest days of the recession he was re-elected Governor by one of the largest margins in our State's history.

I can't help but think that at the naming of the international concourse, Vic Atiyeh will be thinking of his parents. Both Vic's father and mother were immigrants from the Middle East. They made their way first to Ellis Island, and then on to Oregon where in 1900 they started a family-owned carpet business—a business that continues to thrive today. I also know that Vic will be thinking about his wonderful wife Delores, who from the beginning has helped Vic to remember his priorities as a public servant, dedicated father, and husband.

A few years ago I invited a small contingent of Oregon leaders to join me for a breakfast to discuss issues important to our State. Vic called to say he would like to attend, but had a prior engagement: attending his granddaughter's soccer game. I assured Vic that I agreed, he was making exactly the right decision.

Mr. President, I am proud to call Vic Atiyeh my friend, and I am delighted the International Concourse at Portland International Airport will soon bear his name. While I will be here in Washington at the Senate on July 18, my thoughts and best wishes will be with one of Oregon's truly great gentlemen—Governor Vic Atiyeh.●

ANNIVERSARY OF HURRICANE AUDREY

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, June 27, 2007, marks the 50th anniversary of Hurricane Audrey, which ravaged Cameron Parish in southwest Louisiana. It was the deadliest storm our Nation had ever experienced until Hurricane Katrina came ashore in 2005.

Hurricane Audrey was a hurricane like no one had ever seen before in south Louisiana. Some residents rode out the fierce category 4 storm in the

Cameron Parish Courthouse, where a memorial service was held today. More than 400 lives were lost—men, women and children.

Don Kingery describes the wrath of Hurricane Audrey in today's Lake Charles American Press:

Cameron Parish residents swam, clung, gasped and prayed. Those who reached cheniers—ridges slightly higher than the surrounding marshes found fear-crazed water moccasins and wild marsh animals snapping and striking at each other and at humans.

But the people of Cameron Parish and southwest Louisiana are resilient. We rebuilt our homes, our schools, our churches, our communities.

In September 2005, Hurricane Rita, the third worst hurricane our nation has ever seen, struck this same coast. Once again, the people of Cameron have shown unbelievable resilience—again, returning to their homes and rebuilding, literally, from the ground up. The Cameron Courthouse again managed to survive a devastating hurricane and truly became a symbol of strength and hope for the Parish. Every Cameron resident who suffered through Rita is linked by family and community to Audrey's survivors and victims.

Today is an opportunity to look back and remember Audrey and the lives lost, but also to look forward to a better, more vibrant community in the years ahead. At the Cameron Courthouse today, survivors shared with the younger generation their many vivid stories. We will take these stories and lessons from Audrey, learn from them and grow from them.

Today, I want the Senate to recognize the National Guard, Civil Air Patrol and American Red Cross, all of which worked so bravely 50 years ago in the wake of Hurricane Audrey, helping to bring Cameron Parish back to its feet.

I would also like to recognize BG Robert LeBlanc, who spoke at the memorial service in Cameron today. He formed the first Louisiana National Guard unit in Abbeville. In the aftermath of Audrey, he helped command the evacuation. He is now the Vermillion Parish director of homeland security and emergency preparedness and was recently inducted into the Louisiana National Guard Hall of Fame.

For the record, I want to honor Cameron Parish President Darryl Farque and Sheriff Theos Duhon as well as their 1957 counterparts: Parish President Eraste Hebert and Sheriff O.B. Carter.

Nola Mae Ross and Cathy Post also deserve recognition today, as their books on Hurricane Audrey will ensure future generations will never forget that fateful June day in 1957.●

HONORING FRANCIS CREE

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I want to pay tribute to a friend and distinguished North Dakotan, Francis Cree, who passed away on June 15 at the age of 86.

Francis Cree was a highly respected Ojibwe elder of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa of North Dakota. He was the official pipe carrier for the tribe, a position of honor and leadership. He led the tribe as chairman in the 1960s and served several terms on tribal council. Francis spent countless hours teaching young people about Ojibwe culture and traditions. He was also a singer, a crafter and artist, a spiritual leader, a carver of pipes, and a keeper of the ceremonial drum for the Duseith community. On November 8, 2001, we had the honor here in the Senate of being led in opening prayer by Francis. It was indeed a proud day for Francis and his family.

Francis was married to Rose Cree, herself a well-known artist who made beautiful willow baskets, several of which were featured at the Smithsonian's Festival of American Folk Life on The Mall here in our Nation's Capital. The Crees collaborated on these baskets. Both collected the materials, while Francis made the frames from ash, and Rose wove the willows. In 2002, Francis and Rose received the National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellowship, which recognizes the significant contributions of American folk artists.

Francis was a kind, humble, and generous man. He gave selflessly and never expected or wanted anything in return. Francis and Rose raised 14 children and opened their hearts and home to many more. They were also proud grandparents to more than 100 grandchildren and great-grandchildren and many, many great-great grandchildren. Each and every one of them is a reflection of Francis's caring and endearing spirit.

Mr. President, this is a tremendous loss for the Cree family, but it is also an incredible loss to North Dakota and the Nation. Francis's life and the legacy he leaves behind is truly an inspiration to us all.

HONORING J. CLEVELAND CADY

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the contributions of a New Yorker with North Dakota ties—J. Cleveland Cady.

A few weeks ago while reading the New York Times, I happened across an article that referenced Mr. Cady's contributions to Manhattan's architecture. Mr. Cady was a prominent architect in New York during the late 1800s. He designed the American Museum of Natural History as well as the original Metropolitan Opera House. He also designed a significant portion of a fairly notable institution we know today as Yale University.

This article caught my eye because of a special connection between Mr. Cady and the State of North Dakota.

Early in the last century, a young North Dakotan named William Langer was attending a concert during his time at Columbia University when he noticed a beautiful woman sitting below him on the orchestra level. According to the William Langer Papers

collected at the University of North Dakota, Mr. Langer was fond of recalling how he managed to have the woman's date called away on a phantom phone call. Seizing his opportunity, Mr. Langer approached the young lady and struck up a conversation. They began a long courtship shortly thereafter before marrying in 1918.

That woman was Lydia Cady, the daughter of J. Cleveland Cady.

Sadly, Mr. Cady died just 1 year after his daughter's wedding.

However, as the New York Times piece indicates, Mr. Cady's momentous architectural contributions continue to shape the landscape of New York City today.

In much the same way, his son-in-law's achievements played a key role in shaping the North Dakota of today. "Wild Bill" Langer was a larger-than-life figure in North Dakota politics for nearly half a century. Mr. Langer was elected attorney general of North Dakota in 1916. He went on to be elected Governor of North Dakota in 1932 and again in 1936. He then represented North Dakota in the U.S. Senate from 1941 to 1959, holding the seat I am now privileged to hold. In the Senate, Bill Langer was a champion for a range of issues that remain important to North Dakota today, including rural electrification, agriculture, and health care.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the New York Times article on Mr. Cady's architecture be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the New York Times, May 18, 2007]

J. CLEVELAND CADY

On a morning in March when pedestrians were sliding around on the ice in front of the American Museum of Natural History, hard hats were walking along wooden planks 120 feet overhead installing blue metal scaffolds around a tiled tower that resembled an upside-down ice cream cone with one scoop on top. A vast scrim was stretched tightly down to the ground; behind it a three-year restoration of the building's facade would take place—dentistry on a grand scale. The goal? To preserve the robust and magnificent neo-Romanesque building designed by J. Cleveland Cady of Cady, Berg & See in the 1890s.

EAGLES

Fernando Fuentes, a foreman for the restoration company, stood on the sidewalk in his green hard hat. A former accountant, he began working high up on the sides of New York buildings 30 years ago. "I didn't want to wear a tie anymore," he said. "I wanted to get outdoors. The first time I looked down from the 60th floor of a building I went 'uh-oh' but I got used to it. Now I love it. You see for miles. Sometimes eagles have flown around us while we worked. We restored the tallest and most beautiful buildings in New York—the Chrysler Building, Rockefeller Center."

CADY

Cady, who was influenced by the great H.H. Richardson, designed the original Metropolitan Opera House in 1883. He built hospitals, churches, houses and college buildings (15 at Yale alone) but today he is pretty much forgotten. Even in the natural history museum

where everything from limpet to triceratops is labeled, the name of J. Cleveland Cady is nowhere to be seen.

MEMORY

The Church of the Covenant, a modest building, stands at 310 East 42nd Street. Inside the church, a graceful Romanesque arch curves above the altar, and cast-iron columns support screens of white flowers. In a hall by the front door is a photograph of Cady, framed in dark wood. Cady, who died in 1919, taught Sunday school in the church for 58 years. Across from the portrait that is—finally—a plaque devoted to Cady, even though it is turning black with age. "In loving memory of J. Cleveland Cady," it says.

OUTSIDE THE MUSEUM—APRIL

Mr. Fuentes pokes his finger into a crack between two large blocks of pink granite: "we're going to point up all the stone." Men in yellow hard hats are loading chunks of stone into blue wheelbarrows and dumping them into an open truck the color of ketchup. "This place is beautiful," says Mr. Fuentes. "One day years from now I'll drive by and I'll say, 'I worked there.'"●

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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1710. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-107).

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2007" (Rept. No. 110-108).

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 966. A bill to enable the Department of State to respond to a critical shortage of passport processing personnel, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-109).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Reuben Jeffery III, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five

years; United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank; and United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

*James R. Kunder, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

*June Carter Perry, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Sierra Leone.

Nominee: June Carter Perry.

Post: Sierra Leone.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self, none.
2. Spouse, none.
3. Children and spouses: Chad and Martha Perry, none; André Perry, none.
4. Parents: Bishop and Louise Carter, deceased.
5. Grandparents: Andrew and Martha Carter, deceased; Grover and Sadie Pendleton, deceased.
6. Brothers and spouses, no siblings.
7. Sisters and spouses, no siblings.

*Wanda L. Nesbitt, of Pennsylvania, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cote D'Ivoire.

Nominee: Wanda L. Nesbitt.

Post: Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.

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Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self, none.
2. Spouse: Jim Stejskal, none.
3. Children and spouses, not applicable.
4. Parents, deceased since 1992.
5. Grandparents, deceased since 1964.
6. Brothers and spouses: James W. Nesbitt, Jr., none.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Cheryl Diane Nesbitt, none; Gloria Lynn Nesbitt, none; Natalie Ann Nesbitt, none.

*Frederick B. Cook of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Central African Republic.

Nominee: Frederick B. Cook.

Post: Ambassador, Central African Republic.

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Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self, none.
2. Spouse, none.
3. Children and spouses: Heather L. O'Donnell, none; Michael O'Donnell, none; Trevor C. Cook, none.