

I certainly hope the reverse was true—that I was there whenever she needed help.

Women, minorities, as well as the elderly with disabilities also learned they could count on Paula. She was a tireless advocate in their behalf—and they loved her for it. She also showed great political courage in 1984, when she disclosed during a hearing that she had been molested as a child. I am sure that horrific childhood experience, in part, informed her efforts to champion children's causes.

While her legislative accomplishments are too numerous to mention here, I would like to make mention of one in particular. Paula spearheaded the Missing Children's Act of 1982, the bill that instituted the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. Thanks to that landmark legislation, the names of thousands of missing children are now part of the FBI's national crime database.

To secure the bill's passage, Paula personally lobbied President Reagan. As great a communicator as he was, the "Great Communicator" knew he had met his match in Paula and lent his support. Of course the President knew that Paula could always be relied on to help deliver a legislative win for "the Gipper" in the Senate—which she did many times.

As a staunch conservative, she found common cause with the President and other conservatives, including myself, on numerous issues. She was, for example, an ardent anti-communist who supported the President's hard line against Soviet expansionism. She also despised overly big government—and, there is certainly a lot to despise in Washington, especially these days.

Paula was an unwavering friend for those who shared her values and commitment, but she was an implacable foe of political corruption and to those who peddled illegal drugs on our streets and in our schools. She fought for legislation to cut foreign aid to nations that refused to reduce their export of harmful drugs. She further assisted in creating the Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control and helped initiate the South Florida Drug Task Force.

I would be remiss if I didn't say something about Paula's stamina. She could endure as well as endear—often when she was in great pain. In 1982, she was knocked unconscious when a TV studio partition fell on her during an interview in Florida.

Those of us who worked closely with her know that the years that followed were often filled with crippling pain. Between votes on the Senate floor, she would often go to a room lent to her by Senator Strom Thurmond in the Capitol and lie in traction in a hospital bed.

Despite the immense pain stemming from her debilitating injury, Paula soldiered on during her 1986 bid for reelection. On campaign trips across Florida Paula would sometimes lay in

the back seat moaning between appearances, according to Congressman John Mica, her aide at the time. While she lost that race to Bob Graham, it is amazing that she did so well and a testament to her courage and determination.

Paula's service did not end with her Senate term. Her contributions to her State, community, family and church over the past 23 years have been truly significant. She also didn't lose her sense of humor. When a Florida State senator told Paula several years ago that she was trying to do a good job, Paula smiled, grasped her hand firmly and said simply: "Try harder, dear."

As great a public servant she was, Paula was just as remarkable in her private life—as a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She had a fierce love for each member of her immediate and extended family. And her husband Gene is no less remarkable. He is one of the kindest, most friendly, decent and honorable men I have ever known—and his love for Paula has always been uplifting to behold.

In every aspect of their lives, they have been an exemplary couple. They have been just as exemplary as parents. As members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Gene and Paula took to heart the Mormon teaching that families are forever. They were determined to ensure that every family member worked hard toward achieving the goal of being able to be together in the hereafter. They have a great family and are well on their way toward achieving that lofty goal.

In the Old Testament book of Proverbs, we read:

Who can find a virtuous woman, for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil . . . She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy . . . Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in the time to come . . . She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her . . . Favour is deceitful and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates (Proverbs 31:10-31).

Today, I am honored to have the privilege of adding my voice to the chorus of praise for my dear friend, Paula Hawkins. I feel deeply that a loving Father in heaven and Jesus Christ have already embraced Paula and taken her into their care and treatment as one of truly great women who graced this Earth.

I truly loved Paula Hawkins. We were best friends. Like Gene and the Hawkins' three children—Genean, Kevin and Kelly—11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, my wife Elaine and I look forward to a joyous reunion one day with Paula on the other side of the veil.

In the meantime, it is my hope that all of us here in this chamber will re-

flect on her service and follow her advice to that State Senator: Try Harder!

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ROY OBREITER

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, the Office of Rural Development within the United States Department of Agriculture will soon say goodbye to Roy Obreiter, a longtime trusted adviser, friend, and colleague to all who have worked with him. I am delighted to have this opportunity to pay tribute to Roy, a staff appraiser with the agency in Michigan, who will retire after 38 years of dedicated service. I join many within the USDA, as well as the many who have benefitted from his work over the years, in celebrating this impressive milestone.

Roy has an encyclopedic knowledge of agency programs and appraisal guidelines. Through his hard work, focus, and passion, Roy has endeared himself to those who have had the pleasure of working with him.

Roy has been a role model and mentor to his peers and coworkers. His kind and gentle demeanor, combined with his ability to connect on a personal level, have helped him earn the respect and admiration of his colleagues within the agency. Roy is an incredibly decent human being, devoted to family and work, and loyal to those around him.

Beyond his personal qualities, Roy has distinguished himself with a remarkable record of contributions to the agency. The assistance he has provided to Rural Development programs during his career has been invaluable. Roy can be proud of his contributions to Michigan and to rural America. He will be missed by his colleagues and by those throughout Michigan who have been touched by his work.

I congratulate Roy Obreiter on a job well done and wish him the best as he embarks on the next phase of his life.●

TRIBUTE TO TERRY SHERWOOD

• Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I join many of my fellow Arkansans in recognizing and thanking Terry Sherwood with the Southwest Arkansas Planning and Development District for his 40 years of work with this agency and to wish him all the best in his retirement.

Since the Southwest Arkansas Planning and Development District was organized and began operation in 1967, it has served local governments by working as an indispensable partner to identify and implement State and Federal programs. Through Terry's hard work and leadership with the Southwest Arkansas Planning and Development District, communities throughout southwest Arkansas have been positively impacted and their lasting results are a testament to his dedication and vision and will be felt for decades to come.

Not only has Terry admirably served in his chosen career, but he has also offered his talents and expertise to a variety of local, state and national organizations. Terry has served as past President and board member of the National Association of Development Organizations, chairman of the Arkansas I-69 Association and vice-president of Arkansas Good Roads, board member of the Council of Peers and Southwest Regional Economic Development Association, chairman of the Association of Delta Development Districts, member of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Public Participation's Committee, and a member of the Arkansas Association of Development Organizations. Terry's efforts have enhanced the lives of the citizens of our state. I am thankful for his work and his friendship and wish him a productive retirement.

I am proud to represent Terry in the U.S. Senate and pleased to have this opportunity today to publicly thank him for his contributions to the State of Arkansas and the people he touched.●

● Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the professional career and community achievements of Terry Sherwood of Magnolia, AR.

Terry Sherwood, a graduate of Michigan State University, began working as an employee of Southwest Arkansas Planning and Development District, Inc. in 1969. His hard work and dedication showed as he became the executive director in January 1992. He has provided the people of Arkansas with many accomplishments that are spread throughout the State.

He has served on several boards in several leadership roles such as past president and board member of the National Association of Development Organizations, NADO, vice president and member of the executive board of the I-69 Mid-Continent Highway Coalition, chairman of the Arkansas I-69 Association, vice-president of Arkansas Good Roads, board member of the Council of Peers Southeast Regional Executive Directors Institute, board member of the Southwest Regional Economic Development Association, chair of the Association of Delta Development Districts Delta Regional Authority, member of the Public Participation Committee Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, and member of Arkansas Association of Development Organizations.

Terry has brought great leadership and outstanding integrity to the south Arkansas community. His leadership is unique and has inspired many other people in the area to get involved in their local neighborhoods and towns.

Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the great contributions Terry Sherwood has made to Arkansas and the United States of America.●

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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:03 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 118. An act to authorize the addition of 100 acres to Morristown National Historical Park.

H.R. 1454. An act to provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

H.R. 1672. An act to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2062. An act to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to provide for penalties and enforcement for intentionally taking protected avian species, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3388. An act to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3804. An act to make technical corrections to various Acts affecting the National Park Service, to extend, amend, or establish certain National Park Service authorities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3940. An act to amend Public Law 96-597 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate political status public education programs for the peoples of the non-self-governing territories of the United States.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 3:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1422. An act to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to clarify the eligibility requirements with respect to airline flight crews.

At 4:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 4218. An act to amend titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act to prohibit retroactive payments to individuals during periods for which such individuals are prisoners, fugitive felons, or probation or parole violators.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of

the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3288) "making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes"; it agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. OLVER, Mr. PASTOR, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. BERRY, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. OBEY, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. WOLF, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. WAMP, and Mr. LEWIS of California, as managers of the conference on the part of the House.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 118. An act to authorize the addition of 100 acres to Morristown National Historical Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1454. An act to provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2062. An act to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to provide for penalties and enforcement for intentionally taking protected avian species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3388. An act to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3804. An act to make technical corrections to various Acts affecting the National Park Service, to extend, amend, or establish certain National Park Service authorities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3940. An act to amend Public Law 96-597 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate political status public education programs for the peoples of the non-self-governing territories of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1672. An act to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, 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-3964. A communication from the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, the report of a proposed bill to amend titles II and XVI; to the Committee on Finance.