

was true of the Balkans in the 1990s, a region of the world plagued for centuries by ethnic and religious hatreds so deep that many considered them impossible to solve. Richard Holbrooke found a way. Thanks to the tireless work of his diplomatic team on the Dayton Accords, thousands lived who might otherwise have died, and millions were lifted out of the horror of war.

Much has been said and written about Ambassador Holbrooke's larger-than-life personality. His presence was formidable, his ambition as towering as his talent. But that ambition, that forceful intellect and arresting presence, were harnessed to a larger goal—the promotion of his Nation's interest, and the larger interest of the global community.

I had the privilege of working closely with Ambassador Holbrooke when he took on the role of Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan. Here was another place where his talents were needed, another region of the world plagued by centuries-old conflicts and modern-day animosities. I valued his analysis and advice, and admired the way in which he eagerly sought out information and advice from his own staff and from outside sources. He was decisive and determined, but he came to his positions after seeking out and carefully analyzing diverse viewpoints.

I am saddened at the loss of Richard Holbrooke. I am saddened I will no longer be able to discuss with him the pressing issues of our time. And I am saddened that our nation will never again be able to call upon him to calm the troubled waters of our world. But his legacy is secure. It can be found in the countless younger men and women who learned at his side and will carry on his work. It can be found in the safer, more secure nation that he served. And it can be found in all the war-torn corners of the world where fear and hatred and violence are held at bay thanks to his tireless efforts.

THANKING STAFF

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, as I leave the Senate I want to take a moment to express my profound thanks to those who have served on my Federal staff over the last 18 years. I feel so fortunate to have had the honor of serving in this body, and the honor of working with these dedicated staff members. I am deeply proud of the work my staff has done, and the outstanding commitment they have shown to serving the people of Wisconsin. I ask that their names be printed in the RECORD.

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REMEMBERING ROBERT WILLIAM ANDREW FELLER

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, on November 3, 1918, an American hero—Robert William Andrew Feller—was born in Dallas County, IA, near the town of Van Meter. Sadly, this same hero died on December 15, 2010.

Van Meter is nestled between the steady and rolling Raccoon River on the north side of town, and the lush and sweeping prairie hills on the south side of town.

In most ways, it is your typical rural Iowa town. There is a post office, a few churches, a bank, a car wash and gas station, and a bar and grill.

There are just under a thousand residents living in Van Meter. And so the Van Meter Bulldogs—from kindergarten through the twelfth grade—still all go to school together in the same building.

But unlike every other small town in Iowa, or America for that matter, there rests in Van Meter on Mill Street a museum paying tribute to the town's hero and favorite son—Bob Feller.

Bob Feller was born and grew up on a farm just outside of Van Meter. Early on his father, who was a farmer, and his mother, who was a nurse and teacher, realized that their young Robert had a talent.

That talent was playing baseball. Specifically, hurling curve balls and sliders and fastballs at whoever dared to step up to the plate against young Bob Feller.

Bob Feller was so focused on baseball and so in love with the sport that his father built a regulation baseball diamond on their Dallas County farm naming it "Oak View Park." Bob and his family recruited other players and formed a team appropriately called "The Oakviews."

Bob Feller said his farm work and chores were what helped to develop his throwing speed and arm strength. His throwing speed and arm strength are what earned him the nicknames of "Rapid Robert" and "Bullet Bob" and "The Heater from Van Meter."

Leveraged with a high left-leg kick and whip-like arm, Bob Feller delivered some of the fastest stuff ever to come down from a pitcher's mound. Batters trembled facing him at home plate. Umpires needed to pay close attention. The crowds were always in awe. And Feller's pitches were blurs.

It wasn't too long before word spread about this baseball wonder. Soon—and

still in his teens and not even having graduated high school yet—Feller was pitching to some of his boyhood heroes in front of crowds of tens of thousands of people all across America. He dazzled all who saw him play.

Barely old enough to shave, he found himself playing Major League Baseball for the Cleveland Indians in 1936. He faced the greatest baseball stars of the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s Ted Williams, Lou Gehrig, Hank Greenberg, Mickey Mantle, Nellie Fox.

Frequent opponent and purist hitter Joe DiMaggio said in 1941 about Feller, "I don't think anyone is ever going to throw a ball faster than he does."

A sports reporter said of Feller's pitching, "And his curveball isn't human."

We have all read about Bob Feller's amazing baseball career spent entirely with the Cleveland Indians where he was the winningest pitcher in club history with 266 wins.

He was an eight-time All Star. He captured a World Series ring in 1948. He pitched three no-hitters, including the only Opening Day no-hitter. He retired with 2,581 career strikeouts. He is enshrined in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY.

These are impressive statistics for arguably the best pitcher to ever take the mound. But these stats and this "farm to fame" story is not what made Bob Feller a patriot or hero.

On December 7, 1941, the United States suffered a horrific attack by the Japanese when they bombed us at Pearl Harbor, HI. Just 2 days later after that horrific attack, Bob Feller did something selfless—he signed up to serve in the U.S. Navy to fight in World War II. This caused him to miss playing in the Major Leagues for a solid chunk of his career. He walked away from further baseball glory and records and achievements. Pure selflessness. He served voluntarily as a chief petty officer on the USS *Alabama* between 1941 and 1945.

Although most will remember him for his curveball, Bob Feller most wanted to be recognized for his service in World War II defending the United States from totalitarian powers and promoting liberty and freedom around the world.

Bob Feller's military service and love of country is what he ultimately wanted people to remember.

Across the plains there are everyday heroes serving us now, promoting security for Americans and freedom and liberty abroad. While they may not have sacrificed a professional sports career, they are still heroes and patriots nonetheless. Bob Feller would certainly agree with that assessment.

In Iowa, we grow more than just crops on the farm. We grow heroes, too—heroes like Bob Feller, everyday heroes.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to

the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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 9:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4853) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 30. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit manipulation of caller identification information.

S. 841. An act to direct the Secretary of Transportation to study and establish a motor vehicle safety standard that provides for a means of alerting blind and other pedestrians of motor vehicle operation.

S. 3036. An act to establish the National Alzheimer's Project.

S. 3199. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing loss.

S. 3386. An act to protect consumers from certain aggressive sales tactics on the Internet.

S. 3860. An act to require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery.

S. 4005. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to prevent the proceeds or instrumentalities of foreign crime located in the United States from being shielded from foreign forfeiture proceedings.

H.R. 2941. An act to reauthorize and enhance Johanna's Law to increase public awareness and knowledge with respect to gynecologic cancers.

H.R. 4337. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify certain rules applicable to regulated investment companies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4853. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6198. An act to amend title 11 of the United States Code to make technical corrections; and for related purposes.

H.R. 6516. An act to make technical corrections to provisions of law enacted by the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

At 4:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6533. An act to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res 105. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 335. Concurrent resolution honoring the exceptional achievements of Ambassador Richard Holbrooke and recognizing the significant contributions he has made to United States national security, humanitarian causes, and peaceful resolutions of international conflict.

H. Con. Res. 336. Concurrent resolution providing for the sine die adjournment of second session of the One Hundredth Eleventh Congress.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 628) to establish a pilot program in certain United States district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1107) to enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, "Public Contracts".

The message further announced that pursuant to section 235 of the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-211), and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Indian Law and Order Commission: Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN of South Dakota and Mr. POMEROY of North Dakota.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 5:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 3447. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4602. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1332 Sharon Copley Road in Sharon Center, Ohio, as the "Emil Bolas Post Office".

H.R. 5133. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 331 1st Street in Carlstadt, New Jersey, as the "Staff Sergeant Frank T. Carvill and Lance Corporal Michael A. Schwarz Post Office Building".

H.R. 5605. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 47 East Fayette Street in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, as the "George C. Marshall Post Office".

H.R. 5606. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located