

I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the National Urban League on its 100th anniversary and in wishing them the best for years to come.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS L. CHARLTON

• Mr. BURRIS. Mr. President, as a longtime public servant, I have always had the utmost regard for individuals who dedicate themselves to a greater cause.

Among these, educators stand out in my mind as especially worthy of thanks and recognition.

I often say that educators have an eternal impact on our country's youth.

From primary school through graduate school, these dedicated men and women are charged with shaping the next generation of Americans.

They provide our Nation's young people with the inspiration to achieve, and the tools to succeed in a global marketplace.

So today, I honor one such educator, Professor Thomas L. Charlton—a brilliant scholar, a remarkable advocate for the values of higher learning, and an avid student of history in his own right.

Professor Charlton began his career in 1962, at San Antonio College, where he taught as many as five classes at one time.

He developed a passion for teaching that would guide him for the rest of his career. After he earned his Ph.D. in 1969 at the University of Texas at Austin, he became a professor of history at Baylor University.

At Baylor, he founded the Institute for Oral History. And over the next quarter century, he presided over its ascension as one of the top oral history research centers in the country.

He pushed for excellence at every turn, and he dedicated himself to the preservation of our rich past.

In 1981, Dr. Charlton authored a landmark academic text on the oral history of Texas, entitled "Oral History for Texans."

The following year, he became founding president of the Texas Oral History Association and saw his national reputation grow by leaps and bounds.

But for all the acclaim and success that he enjoyed, those who know Professor Charlton will be quick to point out that he is never happier than when he is out in the field with a group of his graduate students.

He has never lost the passion for teaching that he discovered in the early days of his career—a passion which has guided him to this day.

In the last two decades, Professor Charlton served the Baylor community as vice provost for research, and later as director of the Texas Collection library.

And after nearly half a century of dedicated service at the college level,

he announced his retirement earlier this year.

Mr. President, today I honor the tremendous contributions Thomas Charlton has made during his remarkable career.

I celebrate the achievements that have marked his tenure and the lives he touched at every step along the way.

But even as we wish him a happy retirement and recognize the indelible mark he has left on Baylor University, I cannot help but reflect that, among his students, his peers, and all who share his dedication, he will be sorely missed.

I yield the floor.●

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL J. SULICK

• Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I wish to recognize and pay tribute to Mr. Michael J. Sulick, Director of the National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency, who will retire tomorrow, July 30, 2010. Mr. Sulick's career spans over 30 years in the CIA during which he distinguished himself as a patriot, leader, and friend of the U.S. Senate. Mike Sulick also served as a marine in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969.

It is a rare opportunity to pay tribute publicly to one of the men and women who serve beyond the front lines, working in secret to protect and serve the Nation. Having "come in from the cold," I am pleased to be able to say a few words about Mike.

A New York native, Mr. Sulick graduated from Fordham University in 1971 with a B.A. degree in Russian language/literature and continued at the University to earn a M.A. in Russian language/literature in 1972. In 1977, he received a doctorate in comparative literature from City University of New York, NY.

During his career, Mike served more than 11 years abroad in Asia, Latin America, Poland, and Russia, where he was able to use his language fluency of Spanish, Polish, and Russian. In headquarters assignments, he served as Chief of Liaison in the Office of Congressional Affairs, Chief of Central Eurasia Division, Chief of Counterintelligence, and as the Deputy Director and later as Director of the National Clandestine Service.

Mr. Sulick retired from the CIA as the Deputy Director of the National Clandestine Service in 2004. In 2007, Mike heeded the call of service when he was asked by the CIA Director, GEN Michael Hayden, and his Deputy Director, Steve Kappes, to rejoin the Agency. He has been the head of the clandestine service for the past 3 years.

In this capacity, he had frequent interaction with Senators and staff of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. His professionalism, mature judgment, sage advice, and interpersonal skills earned him the respect and confidence of the committee. His sound judgment, courage, and candor

also directly contributed to his successful representation of the CIA's interests before the committee and Congress.

Throughout his career, Mike Sulick demonstrated a profound commitment to our Nation, a selfless service to the CIA, a deep concern for Agency officers and their families, and a commitment to excellence. Mike is a consummate professional whose performance, in over 30 years of service, has personified those traits of courage, competency, and integrity that our Nation has come to expect and so desperately needs from its professional intelligence officers.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Mr. Mike Sulick for his honorable service to the Central Intelligence Agency and the people of the U.S. and also thanking Mike's wife Shirley for her support and understanding, as well as her sacrifices in allowing Mike to selflessly commit himself to protecting our Nation.

We wish Mike and Shirley Sulick all the best in the future.●

SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

• Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, today I honor in the RECORD Springfield Baptist Church in Greensboro, GA.

On August 15, 2010, the Georgia Historical Society will place a permanent marker recognizing this historic church as the oldest African-American church in Greene County. Established in 1864, Springfield Baptist Church has been a place of faith, hope, and dreams for its members for almost 150 years.

This isn't the first time that Springfield Baptist Church has been honored for its important place in Greene County's history. On September 8, 1987, the church was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure and it is a privilege to recognize the Springfield Baptist Church and its contributions to Greene County. I congratulate Pastor James C. Tazel, Jr. and the entire congregation on this historic occasion.●

TRIBUTE TO PIUS BANNIS

• Mr. LEMIEUX. Mr. President, today I honor a true American hero, Mr. Pius Bannis.

Mr. Bannis is the field office director for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services stationed in the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. During the darkest moments of the devastating earthquake of January 12, 2010, that destroyed Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Mr. Bannis bravely performed his duties.

As we know, children are the most vulnerable victims of any disaster—let alone the tragic January 12, 2010, earthquake causing devastation of monumental proportions in Haiti. In the immediate aftermath of this tragedy, Mr. Bannis selflessly worked around the clock to ensure hundreds of orphaned Haitian children were removed from harm's way and placed in a

safe environment with loving American families. It was during these very emotional moments Mr. Bannis heroically united families but never wavered from his sworn duty of upholding the law as a field office director for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. His heroic actions will afford countless orphaned children an opportunity to build a better life in the wake of this tragedy.

Today I wish to recognize Mr. Bannis' extraordinary leadership. I commend him and his colleagues of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for their selfless sacrifices and service to protect the most vulnerable victims of the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti.●

REMEMBERING REAR ADMIRAL LEROY COLLINS, JR.

● Mr. LEMIEUX. Mr. President, today I wish to give special recognition to the life and work of a friend and fellow Floridian, former U.S. Navy RADM LeRoy Collins, Jr. I had the pleasure of working closely with Admiral Collins during my time with the Governor's office and more recently on federal issues improving health care for veterans. He was a fifth-generation Floridian who came from a long line of public servants and will always be remembered for his commitment to the military community and our State.

A native of Tallahassee, FL, LeRoy Collins received his commission from the U.S. Naval Academy in June 1956 and began a long career with the Navy. His first tour was aboard the amphibious transport USS *Calvert*, followed by a Submarine Officer's Basic Course in Groton, CT. Later, he served aboard the submarine USS *Chivo*. Through hard work, dedication and sacrifice, LeRoy earned the rank of rear admiral.

Admiral Collins served as an analyst for Naval Intelligence in Washington, DC and as a ballistic missile weapons officer aboard the nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine USS *James Madison*. After a brief tour working missile test operations at Naval Ordnance Training Unit in Cape Canaveral, he transferred to the Navy Reserve in 1966.

While a naval reservist, Admiral Collins served as commanding officer of the coastal minesweeper USS *Thrush* and later as commander of various Navy Reserve submarine units. During his time, he was the Navy's liaison to the Florida National Guard and also commanding officer of the Navy liaison unit at U.S. Readiness Command, headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base, FL.

The admiral served as Commander, Naval Reserve Readiness Command, Region 8 and later as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Reserve) for Logistics, Pentagon, until his retirement from the Navy Reserve as a two-star rear admiral in October, 1990.

Throughout his service in the Navy Reserve, Admiral Collins was also a

businessman. He spent time with the Florida Power & Light Company and IBM. He was the founding president of Financial Transaction Systems, Inc., and president of Telecredit Service Center, Inc. In addition, he served as president of Dynamic Realty of Tampa, Inc., was chairman of Gateway Holdings, Inc., and served as president of the Armed Forces Financial Network.

I wish to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Admiral Collins, a pillar of our great State, for his service to our Nation and his commitment to helping Florida's veterans. His work for Florida's veterans, their families and survivors in improving their health and well-being will be greatly missed.

Admiral Collins served his country diligently, with pride, and with honor. On behalf of all Floridians, and specifically the nearly 1.8 million veterans who call Florida home, I thank him for his service and know he will be greatly missed.●

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE AUSTIN HAY

● Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I congratulate and honor George Austin Hay on his recent retirement as a multimedia specialist for the U.S. Department of Transportation, DOT. As a former resident of, and originally from, Johnstown, PA, Mr. Hay's 37 years with the Federal Highway Administration capped an extraordinary career of 55 years of public service with the Federal Government. He has distinguished himself as a truly dedicated public servant.

Mr. Hay joined the Department of Defense in 1955 as a motion picture producer and casting director at the Department's Army Pictorial Center in Astoria, New York—the most expansive government film facility and, at that time, the fourth largest studio and sound stage in the world. There he produced Army training films, Government documentaries, and Defense Department short subjects. While employed at the Department of Defense, Mr. Hay had the privilege of working with some of Hollywood's best, including Paul Newman, Edward R. Murrow, Ed Asner, Henry Fonda, Gene Hackman, Dick Cavett, and Ronald Reagan, all of whom Mr. Hay hired for military training films. He also developed a friendship with Walter Cronkite.

In 1973, Mr. Hay was called to Washington to fill the shoes of the retiring chief of the Federal Highway Administration's photographic section. While at the Federal Highway Administration, Mr. Hay produced his crowning achievement in film: "Highways of History." This film narrative depicts the history of transportation in the United States. The film has been shown on television and has been distributed to high schools and universities with an estimation of more than 1 million viewers over the last 30 years.

As a multimedia specialist, Mr. Hay was involved with an extensive photo and illustration search program. He

has researched information to describe hundreds of selected images showing excellence in highway design, outstanding bridge structures, and multimodal transportation. Mr. Hay was also responsible for historical exhibits, and was widely known for his wealth of knowledge about the Federal Highway Administration's history, as well as the history of America's roadways. As an integral part of the publishing and visual communications team, he has written numerous fascinating articles that chronicle the development of our modern transportation system.

In his spare time, Mr. Hay has also appeared as an extra in more than 100 movies. His film credits include walking beside Cary Grant in the Alfred Hitchcock masterpiece, "North by Northwest." Today, Mr. Hay continues to act as an extra, averaging two films per year.

Throughout his career, Mr. Hay's outstanding efforts have enhanced DOT's public image by bringing positive transportation messages to citizens across the Nation. His multimedia products have depicted significant historical events and garnered widespread attention, as well as notable commendations. His fascinating articles, films, and exhibits have chronicled the development of our modern transportation system. His work demonstrates an extraordinary ability to harness knowledge about DOT's history, as well as the history of America's transportation system. Mr. Hay has provided an invaluable service for many years, and his achievements will have a lasting legacy.●

GANN VALLEY, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Gann Valley, SD. Founded in 1885, the town of Gann Valley will celebrate its 125th anniversary this year.

Located in Buffalo County, Gann Valley is a small yet steadfast community that embodies the spirit of South Dakota. Gann Valley's proximity to the Missouri River has made this town a great location for outdoor adventures, such as fishing, camping, and boating. Gann Valley has continued to be a strong reflection of South Dakota's greatest values and traditions.

Gann Valley will commemorate the 125th anniversary of its founding with a celebration held from July 30 through August 1, featuring events such as a wagon train, parade, buffalo chip throwing, rooster roping, live minnow races, and a street dance. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Gann Valley on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT BERRY

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Robert Berry, an intern in my Aberdeen, SD, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me,