

Great things often evolve from small or modest beginnings. That was certainly the case in 1961 when Fred C. Adams and his late wife, Barbara, founded the event in Cedar City with lofty goals, a bargain-basement budget of \$1,000, and 21 volunteers. They envisioned what few others could see—that the 150,000 tourists who flocked to the area each summer might also be gathered for a theater festival.

Today, the Utah Shakespeare Festival is the proud recipient of a Tony Award for being the “outstanding regional theatre in America.” It operates year-round, boasts a \$6.6 million budget, employs 26 Equity actors and has another 300 community volunteers. Its repertoire has also expanded. Yes, Shakespeare is still the main attraction, but the festival also stages plays from three centuries of playwrights from all across Europe and the United States.

Not bad for a festival that is 250 miles from Salt Lake City, the State’s largest metropolitan area.

Geography, though, can hardly be the sole consideration for theatre aficionados who wish to attend the festival. It is simply too good and too glorious to miss, for mileage’s sake. That is why I and millions of others have eagerly gone the distance many times to take in Shakespeare’s plays at the open-air Adams Memorial Theatre—modeled after the playwright’s famed Globe Theatre in London—and other offerings at the indoor Randall L. Jones Theatre. Every time I have gone, I have been thoroughly entertained and richly rewarded.

But the past is past, or, as Shakespeare put it, “What is past is prologue.” I look forward to many more productions there, and for the event to capture ever-more acclaim and captivate ever-larger and more appreciative audiences. Perhaps the Bard of Avon’s words best sum up the festival’s future: “The golden age is before us, not behind us.” I firmly believe that to be true.

On this, the 50th anniversary of the Utah Shakespeare Festival, I salute the visionaries like Fred and Barbara Adams, Executive Director R. Scott Phillips, and the scores of organizers, performers, and volunteers who have and continue to make this wonderful event possible.

I commend them for a wonderful 50 years and wish them well as they embark on the next 50 and continue to carry out the festival’s mission to “entertain, enrich and educate.”

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### REMEMBERING DR. WALTER A. SOBOLEFF, SR.

• Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, today I wish to memorialize Dr. Walter A. Soboleff, Sr., who died at his home on May 22, 2011. During a life which spanned more than 102 years, Dr.

Soboleff was revered as one of Alaska’s greatest teachers. A Presbyterian minister, Tlingit scholar and elder, his quiet wisdom, wry humor, and loving leadership bridged cultures to change attitudes and lives.

Born November 14, 1908, in Killisnoo, AK, to a Tlingit mother and the son of a Russian Orthodox priest, Walter was a member of the Yéil moiety, Raven; L’eneidi clan, Dog Salmon; and Aanx’aakhittaana House. His Tlingit names included T’aaw Chán and KaaJaakwti.

From fifth grade through high school, Dr. Soboleff emerged as an academic talent at Sheldon Jackson, a Presbyterian mission school in Sitka, AK. Though baptized by his Russian Orthodox grandfather, his experience at Sheldon Jackson led him to the Presbyterian ministry. Few Alaska Natives had access to college in the 1930s, but Dr. Soboleff was hungry to learn. He attended a term at Oregon State University, fished commercially, and worked the canneries before receiving a full scholarship to the theological seminary at the University of Dubuque, Iowa. He completed his graduate degree there in 1940.

With many offers to fill pulpits around the country, Dr. Soboleff chose to return to Alaska. As the first ordained Alaska Native, he led Juneau’s Memorial Presbyterian Church, a struggling mission to the Tlingits. For many at that time, an integrated church was inconceivable, but Dr. Soboleff’s inspired fusion of Tlingit and Christian spirituality attracted a diverse and growing congregation. His teachings were so resonant that part of his service was broadcast on the radio, and he even had a weekly news program which was broadcast in the Tlingit language.

Although Memorial Church closed in 1962, Dr. Soboleff maintained his spirit, relocating his ministry to the mission boats Anna Jackman and Princeton Hall. On them, he traveled southeast Alaska to serve remote villages, logging camps, and lighthouse stations.

A man who walked his talk, Dr. Soboleff was an activist of quiet strength who dedicated himself to humanitarian service and the preservation of his culture. He exemplified caring, understanding, and mutual respect. When denied housing because he and his wife Genevieve were Native, and when the Presbyterians closed his church without explanation, he chose the high road and subsequently opened doors. He responded to conflict with benevolence and racial bias with equanimity, and his unexpected kindness softened difficult situations to invite open relationships and understanding.

A worker rather than a joiner, Dr. Soboleff belonged to many diverse organizations, all dedicated to human understanding and, for him, the preservation of his culture.

As a member of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, he served in all offices including seven terms as grand president.

Through ANB he worked to empower Alaska Natives and develop collaborations with other organizations to shape antidiscrimination and land claims legislation. After passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act in 1971, Dr. Soboleff served as a director of the Sealaska Corporation, president of Kootznoowoo, Inc., and chair of the Sealaska Heritage Institute’s Board of Trustees.

As a member of the Lions Club, he helped to found the Gold Medal Basketball Tournament, an event which continues to unite southeast Alaska communities in sport.

As a member of the Alaska National Guard, he served 20 years as chaplain and retired as a lieutenant colonel.

In recognition of his many outstanding achievements, the University of Dubuque awarded Dr. Soboleff an honorary doctorate in divinity in 1952; the University of Alaska would follow suit with an honorary doctorate of humanities in 1968.

Widely recognized as one who understood the value of education, Dr. Soboleff was appointed by Governor Walter J. Hickel to the State board of education. The first Alaska Native to serve, he became chair in 1967. In 1970, he became the first director of Native Studies at UAF. There, he taught Tlingit history, language, and literature. Fluent both in Tlingit and English, he translated stories to revive the Tlingit language and restore his people’s pride in themselves and their heritage. Cross-cultural understanding and human respect were so important to Dr. Soboleff, that he stayed active until the end of his long life, addressing a rally against domestic violence just weeks before his death. His presence and his words, as always, made a difference.

To Dr. Soboleff’s four children, Janet, Sasha, Walter, and Ross, and to his extended family, we send deep condolences along with joy for the gift of his longevity. While Alaska has lost one of the greatest of her leaders, the teachings of Walter A. Soboleff have shaped how we view ourselves and how we treat one another. Those touched by his spirit have been changed for the better, and his legacy lives on.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, 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.)

## MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following joint resolution was read the first time:

S.J. Res. 23. Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to balancing the budget.

## 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-2309. A communication from the Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Extra Long Staple Cotton Crop Provisions" (RIN0563-AC27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2310. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2311. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the Validated End-User Authorization for CSMC Technologies Corporation in the People's Republic of China" (RIN0694-AF25) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2312. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules Implementing Amendments to the Investment Advisers Act of 1940" (RIN3235-AK82) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2313. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Family Offices" (RIN3235-AK66) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2314. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemptions for Advisers to Venture Capital Funds, Private Fund Advisers With Less Than \$150 Million in Assets Under Management, and Foreign Private Advisers" (RIN3235-AK81) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2315. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk-Based Capital Standards: Advanced Capital Adequacy Framework—Basel II; Establishment of a Risk-Based Capital Floor" (RIN3064-AD58)

received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2316. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the remaining obstacles to the efficient and timely circulation of \$1 coins; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2317. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Persons on the Entity List: Addition of Persons Acting Contrary to the National Security or Foreign Policy Interests of the United States" (RIN0694-AF12) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2318. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf—Civil Penalties" (RIN1010-AD74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2011; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2319. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Stock Basis" (Notice No. 2011-56) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 27, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2320. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to activities under the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative and the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2321. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a legislative proposal reauthorizing the Overseas Private Investment Corporation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2322. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priority; National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)—Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTCs)—Interventions to Promote Community Living Among Individuals with Disabilities" (CFDA No. 84.133B-11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 27, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2323. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priorities; Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program" (CFDA Nos. 84.133E-1 and 84.133E-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 27, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2324. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Vaccine Injury Compensation Pro-

gram: Revisions to the Vaccine Injury Table" (RIN0906-AA74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2325. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Program Evaluation Activities of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services—Performance Improvement 2010"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2326. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Prevention and Reduction of Underage Drinking"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2327. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2010 Department of Labor's Reissued Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2328. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Certification of the Fiscal Year 2011 Total Non-Dedicated Revised Local Source Revenues in Support of the District's \$181,330,000 General Obligation Bonds (Series 2010A)"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2329. A communication from the Chairman of the National Capital Planning Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2010 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2330. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2010 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2331. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2332. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Successor Entities to the Netherlands Antilles" ((RIN0750-AH32)(DFARS Case 2011-D029)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2333. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Extension of Restrictions on the Use of Mandatory Arbitration Agreements" ((RIN0750-AH34)(DFARS Case 2011-D035)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2334. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Assignment of Order Codes" ((RIN0750-AH25)(DFARS Case 2011-D004)) received in the Office of the President