

Dr. Roberts's stature in her field was recognized recently when she was presented with the Acorn Award by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. She is the only professor this year from a 4-year institution to be so honored.

Dr. Roberts has been recognized for her excellence before. In 2001, she received the very first David W. Belin Advocacy Award from the National Association for Gifted Children. She was named as one of the 55 most influential people in the field of gifted education by Profiles of Influence in Gifted Education in 2004.

In addition to her work at WKU and with the Center for Gifted Studies, Dr. Roberts was the driving force behind the creation of the Carol Martin Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky, an outstanding school that provides the opportunity for gifted students from across the State to spend their junior and senior years at WKU taking college-level courses. Newsweek magazine recently named the Gatton Academy one of America's top five high schools.

Thousands of Kentucky's brightest, most promising students have come closer to realizing their full potential thanks to the guidance and direction of Dr. Roberts. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of them and can truly say they are among the finest Kentucky has to offer.

I want to offer her my sincerest congratulations on the well-deserved honor of winning the Acorn Award. It is only the most recent affirmation of the great contribution she has made to the Commonwealth, her students, and the field of education. I am sure her husband, Dr. Richard Roberts, and their children and grandchildren and extended family are very proud of her and all she has achieved.

The Bowling Green Daily News recently published an article recognizing Dr. Julia L. Roberts's remarkable career in education and her most recent achievement in winning the Acorn Award. I ask unanimous consent that the full article be printed in the RECORD.

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

[From the Bowling Green Daily News, Oct. 8, 2011]

WKU'S ROBERTS HONORED WITH ACORN AWARD

(By Laurel Wilson)

A Western Kentucky University professor recently was one of two Kentucky faculty members to be honored with an Acorn Award this year.

Julia Link Roberts, Mahurin Professor of Gifted Studies at WKU, was recognized as an outstanding professor at a four-year institution in the state.

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education has given out Acorn Awards since 1992, said Sue Patrick, communications director for the CPE. Each year, a faculty member is recognized from a four-year institution and a two-year institution.

In addition to Roberts, David Cooper, a professor of English and African-American

history at Jefferson Community and Technical College, was also honored.

Recipients of the Acorn Award are chosen based on faculty and student recommendations, as well as self-written essays about their teaching philosophy, Patrick said.

In his letter of recommendation for Roberts, WKU President Gary Ransdell called her "the model of an outstanding faculty member" and "a true champion for education, from elementary students to professional educators."

Roberts started WKU's Center for Gifted Studies more than 30 years ago, where she is executive director and has helped generations of gifted students and their families, Ransdell said in his letter.

She was also one of the driving forces behind creating the Carol Martin Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky, a program at WKU that allows high-school students to spend their junior and senior years taking classes at WKU.

The awards were presented during the 23rd annual Governor's Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship, which took place Sept. 23 in Lexington and was sponsored by the CPE and Kentucky's colleges and universities.

"This is always the highlight of our conference," Patrick said.

The conference is a great place to showcase faculty excellence because trustees from all state universities are together in one place, she said.

Roberts and Cooper each received \$5,000 and a plaque, she said.

"Our faculty members are the heart of each of our colleges and universities," CPE President Bob King said in a news release. "Recognizing excellence among so many talented and dedicated teachers and scholars is a difficult, but rewarding task. We are enormously grateful to Professor Cooper and Dr. Roberts for their contributions to so many students across the commonwealth."

Roberts said in an email that she was "both thrilled and humbled" to be recognized for her excellence in teaching, scholarship and service.

"I am proud to have a positive impact on young people who participate in various programs offered by the Center for Gifted Studies," she said. "I am very happy to work with teachers as my graduate students and to write articles and books that encourage educators to remove the learning ceiling for children and young people who are ready to learn at advanced levels."

RULES OF THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE AND DEFICIT REDUCTION

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Rules of the Joint Committee on Deficit Reduction be printed in the RECORD.

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

RULES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON DEFICIT REDUCTION

RULE I—IN GENERAL

1. The provisions of the Budget Control Act of 2011 (P.L. 112-25) governing the proceedings of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction are hereby incorporated by reference and nothing herein shall be construed as superseding any provision of that Act.

2. The rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives, to the extent that they are applicable to committees, including rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate

and clause 2 of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives for the 112th Congress, and do not conflict with the applicable provisions of the Budget Control Act, shall govern the proceedings of the Joint Select Committee.

3. If a measure or matter is publicly available in electronic form on the website maintained by the Joint Select Committee, it shall be considered to have been available to members of the Joint Select Committee for purposes of these rules.

4. In each case where authority is granted to the Co-Chairs of the joint Select Committee, such authority may only be exercised jointly by the Co-Chairs.

RULE II—MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

MEETINGS

1. The joint Select Committee shall regularly meet for the transaction of business at times and dates determined jointly by the Co-Chairs.

2. (a) The Co-Chairs shall provide an agenda to the Joint Select Committee members not less than 48 hours in advance of any such meeting.

(b) The Co-Chairs shall make the text of any measure or matter described in a meeting agenda available to the members of the joint Select Committee not less than 24 hours in advance of any such meeting, except that no vote on such measure or matter shall occur in violation of section 401(b)(5)(D) of the Budget Control Act of 2011.

HEARINGS

3. (a) Consistent with section 401(b)(5)(1)(ii)(I) of the Budget Control Act of 2011, the Co-Chairs shall make a public announcement of the date, place, time, and subject matter of any hearing not less than seven days in advance of such hearing, unless the Co-Chairs jointly determine that there is good cause to begin such hearing at an earlier date.

(b) Each witness appearing before the Joint Select Committee shall file a written statement of testimony at least two calendar days before the appearance of the witness.

(c) The Co-Chairs shall each control up to 15 minutes each for the opening statements of Members of the Joint Committee at each hearing.

VOTING AND QUORUMS

4. Seven members of the Joint Select Committee shall constitute a quorum for purposes of voting, meeting, and holding hearings.

5. The Co-Chairs shall conduct a record vote on any motion, amendment, measure, or matter upon the request of any member of the Joint Select Committee.

6. The Co-Chairs may jointly agree to set a series of votes on any amendment or agreeing to a measure or matter, or postpone a requested record vote on such amendment, measure or matter, to occur at a time certain. Reasonable notice shall be given to members prior to resuming proceedings on any postponed question.

7. The Joint Committee may not vote on any final report, final recommendations, or a final bill unless the Congressional Budget Office estimates are available for consideration by all members of the Joint Committee at least 48 hours prior to the vote.

8. No proxy voting shall be allowed on behalf of the members of the Joint Select Committee.

RULE III—STAFFING AND RECORDS

STAFF

1. The staff of the Joint Select Committee shall be appointed as provided in sections 401(b)(4)(c)(ii) and 401(c) of the Budget Control Act of 2011.

RECORDS

2. The Joint Select Committee shall maintain a complete record of all committee action, including—

(a) in the case of a hearing or meeting transcript, a substantially verbatim account of remarks actually made during the proceedings, subject only to technical, grammatical, and typographical corrections authorized by the person making the remarks involved; and

(b) the result of each record vote taken by the Joint Select Committee, including a description of the amendment, motion, order, or other proposition, the name of each member voting for and voting against such amendment, motion, order, or other proposition, and the names of the members of the Joint Select Committee present but not voting.

3. Upon the termination of the Joint Select Committee, the records of the Joint Select Committee shall be treated as Senate records under S. Res. 474, 96th Congress as directed by the Secretary of the Senate.

RULE IV—CONTENT OF REPORT

In the report required under section 401(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Budget Control Act of 2011, the Joint Select Committee shall include—

(a) with respect to each record vote on a motion to report the Joint Select Committee's recommendations or accompanying legislative language, and on any amendment offered to the recommendations or language, the total number of votes cast for and against, and the names of members voting for and against;

(b) an estimate by the Congressional Budget Office of the budgetary effects of the legislation (in the same manner as the estimate required by section 401(b)(5)(D)(ii) of the Budget Control Act of 2011); and

(c) a statement on the deficit reduction achieved by the legislation over the period of fiscal years 2012 to 2021 (in the manner as required by section 401(b)(3)(B)(i)(II) of the Budget Control Act of 2011); and

(d) a statement by the Joint Select Committee on the possible effects of the legislation on economic growth, employment, and United States competitiveness, if practicable; and

(e) the text of any statute or part thereof that is proposed to be repealed and a comparative print of any part of the legislative language proposing to amend a statute and of the statute or part thereof proposed to be amended, showing by appropriate typographical devices the omissions and insertions proposed.

RULE V—PUBLIC ACCESS AND TRANSPARENCY

1. (a) The Joint Select Committee shall establish and maintain a publicly available website, and shall make its publications available in electronic form thereon. Such publications will include final Committee transcripts and hearing materials as available.

(b) Not later than 24 hours after the adoption of any amendment to the report or legislative language, the Co-Chairs shall make the text of each such amendment publicly available in electronic form on the Joint Select Committee's website.

(c) Not later than 48 hours after a record vote is completed, the information described in clause 2(b) of rule III shall be made publicly available in electronic form on the Joint Select Committee's website.

2. Each hearing and meeting of the Joint Select Committee shall be open to the public and the media unless the Joint Select Committee, in open session and a quorum being present, determines by majority vote that such hearing or meeting shall be held in closed session. No vote on the recommendations, report or legislative language of the Joint Select Committee, or amendment thereto, may be taken in closed session.

3. To the maximum extent practicable, the Joint Select Committee shall—

(a) provide audio and video coverage of each hearing or meeting for the transaction of business in a manner that allows the public to easily listen to and view the proceedings; and

(b) maintain the recordings of such coverage in a manner that is easily accessible to the public.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

MAINE WOOD CONCEPTS

• Ms SNOWE. Mr. President, with nearly 17.7 million acres of forest, my home State of Maine has the key distinction of being the most heavily forested State in this great country. Trees from these plentiful forests are converted into some of the finest hardwood flooring and custom wood products in the world. Today I wish to recognize Maine Wood Concepts, a small business that utilizes Maine's bountiful resources to create quality wooden products and which recently celebrated its 40th anniversary.

Maine Wood Concepts, located in the western Maine town of New Vineyard, specializes in turning, finishing, and manufacturing a variety of custom wood products, all designed to the highest standards. With an outstanding array of products including folding rules, file cleaners, drumsticks, pepper mills, industrial pieces, file handles, and even wooden nickels, this small business certainly lives up to its motto of "turning wood into what you need." As one of the last wood turning companies in the country, the firm's endurance can be attributed to its elite craftsmanship and superior quality products.

Forty years ago Wayne Fletcher and Earl E. Fletcher purchased the previously closed Percy Webber Wood Turning Mill and opened the Maine Wood Turning Mill. Now run by the second generation of the Fletcher family and known as Maine Wood Concepts, this small business has expanded to include Maine Wood Turning, American Pride Company, and the Lutz File and Tool Company. From humble beginnings of producing wooden toy parts and simple wood products, the firm now employs approximately 80 individuals and makes several complex wooden products.

Maine Wood Concepts also seeks to ensure that Maine's abundant forest is cared for through responsible production and consumption of forest products. As a certified member of the Forest Stewardship Council, Maine Wood Concepts has met strict standards for promoting forest conservation through its chain of product distribution.

Over the past 40 years, Maine Woods Concepts has continually expanded and created quality jobs for Maine residents. Their ingenuity and growth throughout the years is a tribute to the strong work ethic found in every corner of Maine. I am proud to extend my congratulations to everyone at Maine Wood Concepts on the occasion of the

company's 40th anniversary and offer my best wishes for their continued success.●

TRIBUTE TO OREM MAYOR JERRY C. WASHBURN

• Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, today I wish to speak about the passing last month of Orem Mayor Jerry C. Washburn, one of Utah's finest public servants and a man who was beloved by those who had the pleasure of knowing and serving with him.

Mayor Washburn passed away September 26, 2011, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Of Utah's many great public servants, it is difficult to find one finer than Jerry. His legacy of compassionate care and service to others will endure forever in the heads and hearts of his family, friends, and many constituents and admirers.

Jerry Washburn lived in his city of Orem for over half a century and served as its mayor for 11 years. He was elected to four terms and was the longest serving mayor in Orem's history. The reason for his political success is the same as it was for his success in all his endeavors. He was unfailingly kind and friendly to everyone he met, and he had a wonderful ability to put people at ease. He listened respectfully to all opinions and appreciated a thoughtful exchange of ideas. Mayor Washburn also was a natural leader, and he was highly respected by national, State, and local officials. He had an excellent relationship with the Orem City Council and city staff.

During his time in office, Mayor Washburn presided over Orem with a steady hand and a gentle touch. He continually worked to build others and to strengthen the community by supporting a diverse array of projects and programs. His focus as mayor was preserving and enhancing the quality of life in Orem. In this endeavor, he helped keep Orem as one of the safest cities in America and ensured that it remained "Family City USA." Mayor Washburn also worked hard to support Orem's many businesses and a strong economic base.

But Jerry Washburn's service and influence were not limited to Orem. He enjoyed his association with other leaders and organizations. He served as chairman of the Utah County Transportation Planning Organization and as chairman of the Utah County Board of Health. The mayor also was a founding board member of the Utah Lake Commission, served as president of the Orem Chamber of Commerce, and was a founding member of the Commission for Economic Development in Orem. He was also a successful businessman, owning a car dealership in Orem and serving on the regional board of a Utah bank and as director of a local credit union. He was accomplished both politically and professionally.

Jerry Washburn's motive for serving was simple. He wanted to help others and the community and State that he