

In October, students, faculty, parents and community leaders observed the 150th year of educating children at Sunshine Elementary School. October 24 was designated as Sunshine Elementary School Day in Springfield, which included Civil War reenactors, games, the planting of a commemorative tree, food and other fun activities.

Current and former Sunshine Elementary School students joined together for a sesquicentennial celebration at the school. Sunshine Elementary School principal David Martin encouraged students, families, faculty, and alumni to participate in the sesquicentennial by providing oral histories and historical artifacts, including photographs, report cards, yearbooks, and newspaper articles.

Today, more than 200 students attend Sunshine Elementary School. Student to teacher ratios are 12 to 1, which is the second best among the 36 elementary schools in the Springfield district. In 2014, Sunshine Elementary School academically ranks higher than 65.3 percent of elementary schools in Missouri and 11th among those in the Springfield district. I congratulate Sunshine Elementary School and its many alumni and supporters for its decades of continued service and success. Happy 150th birthday Sunshine Elementary School.●

REMEMBERING DR. CLEMENT ALEXANDER PRICE

● Mr. BOOKER. Mr. President, today I recognize the life and legacy of New Jersey and Newark city historian Dr. Clement Alexander Price, who was taken from us too soon on November 5. Clem was a mentor and valued friend to me, and he will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

The foremost authority on the history of African Americans in New Jersey, Clement Alexander Price was born in 1945 in Washington, DC, to James Price, Sr. and Anna Christine Spann Price. He inherited his love of history from his parents and since then instilled in generations this love for history. After earning his bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Bridgeport, Clem came to Newark to teach at Essex Community College. He earned his Ph.D. at Rutgers University, became a professor at Rutgers University-Newark, and founded the Institute on Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern Experience.

Clem was devoted to Newark, and he served not only as our leading historian but as a powerful spiritual force in our State's largest city. He was invested in Newark, and—ever generous with his time—was known to arrange tours for visitors that highlighted not only the city's rich history but its considerable promise. Clem always recognized the vital truth that charting a brighter course for the future requires a comprehensive understanding of the past. As a fervent believer in Newark's potential, Clem, with his unparalleled

knowledge and thoughtful advice, was invaluable to me and so many others who were elected to serve the city.

Clem's commitment to the city of Newark was surpassed only by his dedication to public service, and he lent his time and expertise to a multitude of causes and organizations. From serving as president of the Newark Education Trust to chairing President Obama's 2008 transition team for the National Endowment for the Humanities, Clem was always seeking opportunities to serve his community and his Nation. He believed in the power of civic engagement, and he dedicated his career to cultivating that engagement through historical literacy and unyielding activism in service of Newark and beyond. Clem was truly one of Newark's great statesmen.

Most of all, Clem was kind. He touched so many lives and helped all who knew him to learn, grow, heal, and come together.

Clem is mourned by his wife Mary Sue Sweeney Price, his sister Jarmila, and his brother James, and by friends and colleagues in the city of Newark, the State of New Jersey, and across the Nation. I ask that the Senate join me in remembering and honoring the extraordinary life of Dr. Clement Alexander Price.●

REMEMBERING GEOFFREY "CRAIG" HUNT

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Geoffrey "Craig" Hunt, a 13-year veteran pilot with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, CAL FIRE. Craig was an exceptional firefighting pilot, a loyal friend, and most of all a devoted family man who was tragically killed in the line of duty fighting the Dog Rock Fire near Yosemite National Park on October 7, 2014.

Craig Hunt was born in Richmond, IN, and dedicated his life to serving his country, first as a U.S. Navy P-3 pilot from 1975 to 1984 and then in the Naval Reserve for 20 years after leaving active duty. Craig was also an enthusiastic and accomplished scholar who received a master's degree in business from the University of Southern California. A lifelong interest in science and the natural world led him to also earn a master's degree in biochemistry from the University of California at Santa Cruz. His passion for learning led him to teaching. In the winter months, when the fire season was over, he worked at UC Santa Cruz as a course assistant teaching general chemistry and organic chemistry labs.

Always at home in the cockpit of a plane, Craig loved his job as a pilot with CAL FIRE. For 13 years he valiantly answered the call to protect public safety and the environment by piloting aircraft during emergencies. He had a vast knowledge about wild land fires and was skilled in pinpointing aerial attacks in places that

were difficult for ground crews to reach.

Colleagues remember Craig as an experienced and respected pilot who loved his job. He was happy and outgoing, quick with a smile, and had a fantastic sense of humor. A friend and neighbor recalled that Craig would "drop anything in a heartbeat if you needed help or assistance."

When he was not on duty, Craig was an avid outdoorsman with a passion for golfing, fly fishing, hiking, bird watching, and scuba diving. Standing beside him through it all was his beloved wife Sally, whom he met in college and married in 1975. Craig was also a devoted father to his two daughters, Sarah and Nancy. His daughter Sarah said about him, "My dad died a hero. There was not a day that went by that I didn't talk to my dad. He was my best friend."

Craig Hunt dedicated his life to his family, his community, and his country, and his courageous service will be forever remembered. On behalf of the people of California, whom he served so bravely, I extend my gratitude and deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and colleagues. He will be deeply missed.●

REMEMBERING EDGAR P. SILVER

● Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I want to take a moment today to honor retired Baltimore Circuit Court Judge Edgar P. Silver, who died yesterday at the age of 91. I am deeply saddened by the passing of Edgar Silver. He was a loyal friend, valued mentor, and trusted advisor—and not just to me but also to my father. Judge Silver served with my father on the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, and he also served with my uncle, Maurice Cardin, in the Maryland House of Delegates. Judge Silver was as fine a person as you could ever hope to meet, and he always found the time to listen. Foremost among his many remarkable qualities was his empathy. He had the rare ability to transcend generations and connect with people of any age: when he was a young man, he quickly won the respect of his elders, and as he became older he never lost the ability to speak to and inspire the young.

Judge Silver's parents Samuel and Lena were immigrants. His father was a tailor. Judge Silver was a native of East Baltimore and a neighbor throughout his later life, as well as a fellow alumnus of Baltimore City College. He served our Nation in the U.S. Merchant Marine from 1943 to 1945. He was a 1954 graduate of the University of Baltimore Law School and was elected as a city delegate to the general assembly that same year. He served in the house of delegates until 1965. In 1965, he moved to the judicial branch, where he served on the old Municipal Court of Baltimore City until 1971. He served on the District Court of Baltimore City until 1977, when he was appointed to the Circuit Court by acting Governor

Blair Lee III. Judge Silver retired from the bench in 1988. But after retiring from the bench, Judge Silver found a whole new career as a partner in Rifkin, Weiner, Livingston, Levitan & Silver LLC, where he was still working when he died.

The Baltimore Sun obituary quoted Alan M. Rifkin, who cofounded the law firm that ultimately became Rifkin, Weiner, Livingston, Levitan & Silver LLC with Judge Silver, as saying, "He lived his life by two principles: 'The best is yet to come' and 'Never trade old friends for new ones, just keep adding them on.'" I couldn't agree more. Judge Silver simply loved his home city and relished the chance to serve its citizens. He approached his time on the Baltimore Circuit Court with enormous humility and never lost sight of the fact that his decisions from the bench had far-reaching effects on people's lives. His contributions to the Maryland Legislature were varied and lasting, and the number of issues he shaped for the better are innumerable. Judge Silver was a political historian and touchstone with a perspective like few others. His counsel through the years has been invaluable to me and my family. We will be forever grateful.

I want to extend my deepest sympathies to Ann, his wife of 64 years; their children, Michael Silver and Roslyn "Rozzie" Benjamin; and Judge Silver's other family members, all of whom he loved deeply, including his four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The people of Maryland have lost a tremendous asset with Judge Silver's passing, but all of us who knew him are richer for having done so. ●

TRIBUTE TO LEROY GOODMAN

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate Mayor LeRoy Goodman, of Fernley, on his retirement. After serving as the mayor of Fernley for several years, Mayor Goodman will be retiring on November 19, 2014. It gives me great pleasure to congratulate him on his retirement after 42 years of hard work and dedication to the Silver State.

Upon graduating from the University of Nevada, Reno, with a bachelor's degree in business, Mayor Goodman went on to earn his master's degree in education and became a basketball coach and teacher at Fernley High School in 1965. Aside from dedicating his time educating the youth in Fernley, he has devoted much of his time and efforts to the betterment of his community through his roles as a board member of the Northern Nevada Development Authority, a member of the Fernley Town Board, sitting on the board of directors for a multitude of Nevada organizations, and as Lyon county commissioner. His many years of experience made him an ideal candidate for Fernley Mayor after the resignation of former Mayor Todd Cutler. Upon being sworn in as mayor on August 5, 2009, he immediately began working on improv-

ing the functioning of the council and city operations. His main focus remained his constituency and ensuring their needs and priorities were met.

I have been fortunate during my time in Congress to be able to work closely with Mayor Goodman on Federal legislation—the Fernley Economic Self-Determination Act, S.1983, which will provide the city of Fernley the option to purchase Federal lands within the city's boundaries that are currently landlocked by checkerboard parcels of Federal land. Working alongside private business partners and State and Federal regional agencies, we are seeking to develop a long-term sustainable economic development plan that will enable all parties to benefit from the use of private land within the city. This bill will greatly help the city and will clear the way for thousands of high-paying, private sector jobs. The progress we have made in Congress on this initiative would not be possible without the mayor's strong leadership.

His service to the Fernley community extends far beyond the many positions he has held in the Silver State over the years. Mayor Goodman also served his country as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force. I extend my deepest gratitude to Mayor Goodman for his courageous contributions to the United States of America and to freedom-loving nations around the world. His service to his country and his bravery and dedication earn him a place among the outstanding men and women who have valiantly defended our Nation.

As a member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, I recognize that Congress has a responsibility not only to honor these brave individuals who serve America but also to ensure they are cared for when they return home. I remain committed to upholding this promise for our veterans and servicemembers in Nevada and throughout the Nation.

I am grateful for his dedication and commitment to the people of Fernley and to the State of Nevada. He exemplifies the highest standards of leadership and community service and should be proud of his long and meaningful career. Today, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in congratulating Mayor Goodman on his retirement, and I offer my deepest appreciation for all that he has done to make Nevada an even better place. I offer my best wishes for many successful and fulfilling years to come. ●

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Joseph Majkut, who is an American Association for Advancement of Science fellow in my office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of this Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NATIONAL DAY ON WRITING

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 576, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 576) expressing support for the designation of October 20, 2014, as the "National Day on Writing."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 576) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 4

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 4 has been received from the House and is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4) to make revisions to Federal law to improve the conditions necessary for economic growth and job creation, and for other purposes.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I would ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

APPOINTMENTS

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces that appointments were made during the recess of the Senate, pursuant to the order of September 18, 2014, and those appointments will be stated in the RECORD.

The Chair announces, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 110-315, the appointment of the following individual to be a member of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity: George Hanks Brown of Colorado.

The Chair announces, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon recommendation of the majority leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99-498, as amended by Public Law 110-315, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member