

Eleven chairs scraped back, and 11 men stood up. They were the Law Review editors, and they were looking at George and applauding vigorously. Then the faculty stood up and added cheers to the applause. Finally the old grads got up, the judges, lawyers and politicians from the Deep South, and the ovation became thunderous. “Speech! Speech!” they shouted. George Haley pushed himself to his feet. He could say no word for he was unashamedly crying. But that was kind of a speech too.

Today, ten years later, George is a respected lawyer in Kansas City, Kansas. He has been deputy city attorney since 1955. He is a steward in his church, has helped found a number of Negro business firms, and is vice president of the state Young Republicans.

Dozens of old schoolmates are now George's close friends, but perhaps the most touching acceptance of him as a man came a few years ago when he received a telephone call from Miller Williams, who had sat with him in the cafeteria. Williams, now an instructor of English at Louisiana State University, called to announce the birth of a daughter. “Lucy and I were wondering,” he said, “whether you'd care to be her godfather?”

This simple request made forever real the love and respect between two people. George knew that the long struggle and pain had been worthwhile. He knew, too, that his father had been right in saying, “Be patient with them. Give them a chance to know you.”

I know it too. For I am George's brother.●

#### CONGRATULATING SAINT ANSELM COLLEGE ON ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

● Ms. AYOTTE. Mr. President, today I honor a great institution of higher education in my home State of New Hampshire. This year Saint Anselm College will celebrate the 125th anniversary of its founding, and I am proud to recognize this historic event.

Founded in 1889 by Abbot Hilary Pfangle, a member of the order of Saint Benedict, the world's oldest religious order, the college's mission is built on the credo of “faith seeking understanding”—the guiding principle of its namesake, Saint Anselm of Canterbury.

Located in Goffstown, the college's picturesque campus is a perfect showcase for all the natural beauty New Hampshire has to offer. Since its inception, Saint Anselm has continued in the proud tradition of a strong Catholic education, which has prepared nurses, police chiefs, scientists, and politicians for successful careers for over a century. The student body continues to be comprised of highly motivated and gifted learners who are committed to achieving a diverse and challenging liberal arts education and are dedicated and enlightened members of the community.

The college is also home to the New Hampshire Institute of Politics and Political Library. As we prepare to celebrate the 100th anniversary of New Hampshire's first-in-the-Nation presidential primary, it is fitting that we also mark St. Anselm's longstanding tradition of fostering citizenship, engagement, and public service. Through

the work of the institute, students have a front row seat to the political process. New Hampshire's well-deserved reputation as a proving ground for Presidential hopefuls is due in large part to the hard work of institutions like Saint Anselm that encourage students to be active and inquisitive and provide forums for the community at large to participate in government.

Saint Anselm has also fostered a long history of service. Named one of the country's “Colleges with a Conscience” by The Princeton Review, Saint Anselm students, faculty, and staff log more than 16,000 community service hours yearly. The school actively encourages its students to participate in service, both as a way to honor their faith and help those in need. Each year, over 200 students forego traditional spring-break activities to engage in service trips. From Costa Rica to Orland, ME, Anselmians spend their time and energy building homes, volunteering in schools, and serving at soup kitchens.

For over 100 years, Saint Anselm College's continued success has been driven by its clarity of vision and the hard work and dedication of its students, alumni, parents, and talented faculty and staff who share a sense of family and community.

I congratulate Saint Anselm College on 125 years of excellence in education, and wish the entire college community best of luck on 125 more years of providing high-quality education in the Granite State.●

#### RECOGNIZING AMARI WILLIAM

● Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Amari Williams, a student from Camden Middle School in South Carolina, and his essay titled What Does Freedom Mean to My Family?

I ask that the essay be printed in the RECORD. The essay follows.

#### WHAT DOES FREEDOM MEAN TO MY FAMILY?

Freedom has many meanings. For my family, freedom is living without fear and restrictions. Being fearless gives courage to make decisions that are not liked by everyone, but will help everyone. With no boundaries, help can be given to the less fortunate, those in bondage, and those in need of some other assistance. Each day, my family practices freedom by living in a neighborhood where we can fellowship with others no matter what they look like, how they sound, or what they believe. My parents work to make a difference in the world for my sister and me. My sister and I are able to go to school and learn so that one day we can help change the world. Freedom allow my family to worship God, be thankful for life, seek medical attention that helped save my life, and to be kind and patient with others.

My family understands that freedom does not come without a cost. Bravery is an important part of freedom. For freedom to be achieved, men and women put their lives and personal freedom at risk each day. Many of my family members have served in the military and fought for this freedom. Facing dangerous situations to help stop those who try to take away the freedom and liberty of others, make the freedom we have more spe-

cial. As I have lived and began to learn more about freedom, I know that no matter what someone does to me, my family, or country, I can still have freedom in my heart. For my family, freedom starts from within and goes outward. No one can take our freedom away. Each day it is important to try and help others get that same freedom.●

#### REMEMBERING FRED CURLS

● Mrs. McCASKILL. Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me today in honoring the life and achievements of Fred Curls, who passed away on May 15, 2015. Fred was a dear friend and fought tirelessly to promote political and economic empowerment for African Americans. Fred was one of a kind, and will be remembered as a man committed to improving the lives of others and his community.

Fred was born in Kansas City, KS and grew up in both Kansas City and Norwata, OK. He was a member of the first class of graduates from Lincoln High School in Kansas City. In 1952, Fred began a career in real estate and opened his own business, Curls & Associates in 1954. He became the first African-American licensed real estate appraiser in Kansas City.

Based on his own experiences with discrimination in the workplace, Fred wanted something better for himself and his children. He became a pioneer for civil and political rights and was the last surviving founder of Freedom, Inc., one of the oldest and most active political organizations in the country. In 1962, he and four other influential leaders in Kansas City founded the organization with the belief that the primary way to get equal treatment was through the ballot box and the inception of a political party. The group helped give African Americans in Kansas City and throughout Missouri political power and strength by registering voters, backing civil rights efforts, and elevating candidates to elected office at the local, State and Federal level.

Throughout his life, Fred received numerous awards and commendations. He most recently received the Legacy Award from Jackson County and was inducted into the Missouri Walk of Fame. Several of Fred's own children and grandchildren have been involved in State and local politics including his late son Phil, who was a Missouri State senator, his daughter-in-law Melba who is a councilwoman in Kansas City, and his granddaughter Kiki, who is a Missouri State senator.

Fred had seven children over two marriages to Velma Wagner Curls and Bernice Curls Church. Three of his children preceded him in death. Millicent Curls Sillimon, Garland Michael Curls, and Senator Phillip Burnell Curls. He is survived by his children Janice Curls Parker, Darwin Lenard Curls, Dr. Karen Elaine Curls, Darrell Dwain Curls, 22 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren.

To countless residents of my State and across the country, Fred Curls is a

hero. He witnessed first-hand the harsh consequences of racial inequality and chose to devote his life to ending that injustice. Fred is an inspiration to so many Americans, across all racial lines, and to me personally. Because of leaders like him, who fought and sacrificed but ultimately believed in our country's ability to empathize and change, we are all better off and our lives more enriched. Fred left an indelible and permanent mark on Kansas City and will be fondly remembered and dearly missed. Fred's life and commitment to empower black voters serves as an inspiration to me and to all Missourians.

I ask that the Senate join me in honoring the life and legacy of Fred Curls.●

#### CELEBRATING GREEK-AMERICAN CULTURE

• Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I extend my congratulations to the National Herald for 100 years of respected journalism celebrating Greek-American culture and chronicling every minute of it, bringing vital news and analysis on issues of concern to the Greek-American community.

Socrates said, "There is only one good, knowledge, and one evil, ignorance." For the last 100 years, the National Herald has provided the "one good" and has proudly reflected the fundamental democratic principles that have become Greece's gift to the world.

The Greek-American community has had a profound effect on American culture. Greek-Americans have been instrumental in advancing medicine, business, art, and academics. But the greatest impact has been on governance, and the continuation of the long history of democracy that began in Greece and continues today, as the gold-standard of governing principles. This year, I was proud to once again introduce and lead Senate passage of a resolution recognizing the anniversary of Greek independence and celebrating the long history of democracy that binds our two nations and I will continue to support that relationship, our shared history, and the interests of Greece, Cyprus, and the Hellenic-American community.

The National Herald has always been a valuable source for the latest information on these issues, and I know it will continue its tradition of respected journalism that reaches far beyond the Greek-American community.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the National Herald for 100 successful years and offer my best wishes for many more. Keep up the good work.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:18 a.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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2262. An act to facilitate a pro-growth environment for the developing commercial space industry by encouraging private sector investment and creating more stable and predictable regulatory conditions, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 5:44 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER) has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2496. An act to extend the authorization for the replacement of the existing Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Denver, Colorado, to make certain improvements in the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).●

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2262. An act to facilitate a pro-growth environment for the developing commercial space industry by encouraging private sector investment and creating more stable and predictable regulatory conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 253. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens (Rept. No. 114-58).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 565. A bill to reduce the operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-59).

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 286. A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-60).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted, Thursday, May 21, 2015:

By Mr. CORKER for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

\*Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of South Sudan.

Nominee: Mary Catherine Phee.

Post: U.S. Ambassador to South Sudan.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self: None.
2. Spouse: N/A.
3. Children and Spouses: N/A.
4. Parents: Mary Catherine Phee: N/A—deceased; Martin Joseph Phee: None.
5. Grandparents: N/A—deceased.
6. Brothers and Spouses: N/A.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Sarah Marie Phee: None; Amy Maureen Phee: \$250, 2/12/2013, Schatz for Senate; \$208, 11/15/2012, Glover Park Group PAC; \$1,000, 8/11/2010, Friends of Blanche Lincoln; \$1,000, 7/28/2010, Friends of Schumer; \$208, 4/30/2010, Glover Park Group PAC; \$208, 3/31/2010, Glover Park Group PAC; Margaret Ellen Phee: None.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 1455. A bill to provide access to medication-assisted therapy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. THUNE, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1456. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the way beneficiaries are assigned under the Medicare shared savings program by also basing such assignment on primary care services furnished by Federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and clinical nurse specialists; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 1457. A bill to restore an opportunity for tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. COATS (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 1458. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to ensure scientific transparency in the development of environmental regulations and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1459. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 1460. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program to cover recipients of the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1461. A bill to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small