

125th birthday of the Nevada Sagebrush, the independent student newspaper of the University of Nevada, Reno. Born out of a rebellion against the university's board of regents, the Nevada Sagebrush has been a strong and independent voice for the student body since October 19, 1893.

The paper has gone through several name changes throughout its long history. It was first known as the Student Record, then changed its name to the Sagebrush before the 18th volume was published in 1910 and finally, in 2004, became known as the Nevada Sagebrush. The newspaper has received an Associated Collegiate Press Pacemaker Award several times, most recently during the 2014–15 school year, and the ACP Online Pacemaker Award in 2011.

The Nevada Sagebrush alumni have gone on to pursue successful careers in a variety of prominent fields. Its editorial alumni have distinguished records in journalism, literature, education, business, the military, and public service from the local level to the highest levels of State and Federal Government.

Among distinguished Sagebrush alumni, Alan Bible, the paper's managing editor in 1929, went on to become a U.S. Senator for Nevada from 1954–1974. Eva Adams, the woman who ran Bible's Senate office, was the Sagebrush business manager in 1928 and was appointed by President Kennedy to head the U.S. Mint, a position she held until 1969. Jim Joyce, the newspaper's editor from 1957–1958, served as the press secretary and later executive assistant to Senator Howard Cannon. Edward Allison, the news editor in 1960, served as chief of staff for Senator Paul Laxalt. Sig Rogich, an editor of the Sagebrush from 1965–1966, served as a senior assistant to President H.W. Bush and was also the U.S. Ambassador to Iceland in 1992.

Many more Sagebrush alumni have gone on to serve and make an impact in the State of Nevada. Ruthe Deskin and Dondero Elementary Schools in Las Vegas were named after Ruthe Deskin, assistant to the publisher of the Las Vegas Sun for 50 years, and Harvey N. Dondero, a teacher and school principal in Nevada, both of whom wrote for the Nevada Sagebrush. Rollan Melton Elementary School and Earl Wooster High School in Reno also owe their namesake to alumni of this great newspaper.

Today, I celebrate the many contributions of the Nevada Sagebrush to the University of Nevada, Reno and to the State of Nevada. It is with pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Nevada Sagebrush for giving students a strong and independent voice. ●

TRIBUTE TO EDMUND G. BROWN,
JR.

● Ms. HARRIS. Mr. President, today I wish to express my deepest appreciation to Governor Edmund G. "Jerry"

Brown, Jr., for his nearly 50 years of committed public service to the people of California.

The son of a former California Governor, Jerry was born in San Francisco in 1938 to Pat Brown and Bernice Layne. He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 1961 before earning his law degree from Yale University in 1964. He began his statewide career in public service in 1970 after winning his first election as California secretary of state.

In 1974, Jerry became Governor of California for the first time, implementing an agenda that epitomizes the essence of California values. He helped create millions of jobs and strengthened the environment. He passed the Agricultural Labor Relations Act and led the cause for the introduction of government funding in renewable energy research. After 8 years in office, Jerry had a distinguished law career, ran for Federal office on a platform dedicated to empowering communities and affecting change, and served as chairman of the California Democratic Party.

He reentered public life in 1998, this time as mayor of the great city of Oakland, my hometown. As mayor, Jerry worked diligently to revitalize downtown Oakland, reduce crime, and expand educational opportunities. In 2006, he became California attorney general and prioritized consumer protection, environmental protection, and combating the underground economy.

Finally, in 2011, Mr. Brown returned to the Governor's seat where his record can only be described as extraordinary. Jerry has brought California's unemployment rate to record lows, expanded health coverage to millions in the wake of the Affordable Care Act, and established groundbreaking policies to combat climate change that have inspired our Nation and the world. Before joining the U.S. Senate, I worked with Jerry for 6 years as attorney general of California, during which we tackled an economic and housing crisis of epic proportions and fought to protect the privacy and cyber security of California's residents and businesses. Since joining the U.S. Senate, Jerry, Senator FEINSTEIN, and I have worked together to bring critical aid to those affected by the deadly wildfires that have ravaged our State.

I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to honor Governor Brown's leadership and achievements today on the Senate Floor. His ability to bring sweeping change to improve the lives of the people he serves and the communities he governs is truly inspiring. His unwavering commitment to the people of California and vision for a more perfect union will long be remembered and cherished in the pages of history. ●

TRIBUTE TO ARTURO S.
RODRÍGUEZ

● Ms. HARRIS. Mr. President, it is with gratitude that I rise today to ac-

knowledge Arturo S. Rodriguez for his 45 years of leadership and commitment to protecting and advancing the civil, political, and economic rights of farm workers, most notably as president of the United Farm Workers of America, or UFW.

Born the grandson of a cattle farmer in San Antonio, TX, in 1949, Arturo first learned of Cesar E. Chavez and California's farm worker movement in 1966. His passion for civil rights and social justice motivated him to become an active farm worker supporter as a student at Saint Mary's University, where he would later graduate in 1971 with a degree in sociology. After receiving a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan in 1973, Arturo joined the farm worker movement full-time, working with Chavez for the next two decades to develop and train new organizers, manage UFW industry organizing campaigns, and oversee national boycott strategies that would increase wages and improve working conditions. Following Chavez's passing in 1993, Arturo became the second president of the UFW and committed himself to fulfilling Chavez's legacy of creating a more just and equitable food system that treated farm workers with the dignity and respect they deserved.

Arturo's presidency has been nothing short of extraordinary. Under his leadership, farm worker wages have risen to an average of \$13.18 an hour, above State and Federal minimum wage laws. Arturo established industry-wide organizing campaigns resulting in 80 percent of the mushroom, rose, and strawberry workers now represented by a union contract. He held employers accountable for wage and hour laws, winning millions of dollars for workers in back wages and overtime pay. He won historic State legislation to provide overtime pay to farm workers and protect them from heat exposure.

As president of the largest and most active farm worker movement in the Nation, Arturo has also pushed a national agenda for immigrant and workers' rights. He led negotiations with major agricultural associations to develop the agricultural provisions in the Senate's comprehensive immigration reform bill passed in 2013. He and the UFW worked closely with the Obama White House to secure protections for farm workers from the harmful effects of pesticides, in addition to protections for children and parents as part of President Obama's immigration Executive actions. I was honored to work closely with him as a newly elected Member of the Senate to introduce the Fairness for Farm Workers Act, S. 3131, to strengthen critical Federal protections for farm workers as they face long hours and exposure to harsh working conditions.

Arturo's legacy represents the best of who we are as a nation. His unwavering commitment to bettering the lives of the most vulnerable epitomizes the kind of servant leader we should all

strive to be. His contributions to the farm worker movement and our Nation will have a lasting impact for generations to come.●

REMEMBERING DR. THOMAS KENT
"T.K." WETHERELL

● Mr. NELSON. Mr. President, Dr. Thomas Kent "T.K." Wetherell was a distinguished public servant, educator, and a great man who leaves behind a tremendous legacy of service to the State of Florida. Dr. Wetherell is recognized as one of the best speakers in the history of the Florida House of Representatives, as well as a transformative and effective president of Florida State University, FSU, and Tallahassee Community College. He loved the State of Florida and worked his entire career to improve higher education in the State.

As a student at FSU from 1963 to 1968, T.K. was a star football player. In fact, he still holds the record for the longest kickoff return in the school's history. Off the field he succeeded in academics, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in social studies education in 1967 and 1968 and a doctorate in education in 1974. A third-generation Floridian, T.K. became the first alumnus to serve as the president of his alma mater. His tenure as president of FSU from 2003 to 2010 marked a transformative time for the university. Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Wetherell launched the Pathways of Excellence initiative, which elevated the research profile of FSU and brought hundreds of millions in investments to campus. He brought the Applied Superconductivity Center to FSU, where it became the materials research division of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory. FSU's brand new College of Medicine graduated its first class under Dr. Wetherell's tenure and opened six new regional campuses. He established the Office of National Fellowships and the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors, both of which improved the national academic profile of FSU. Even this University of Florida Gator can appreciate that he made FSU a stronger university.

His time in the Florida House of Representatives was no less impressive. He chaired the Appropriations and Education Committees, where he transformed the lessons he learned working at State universities into common-sense legislation that improved the State's university system for all students. It's no wonder the Miami Herald named him one of the Top Ten Legislative Leaders in the body for five straight years.

Beyond T.K.'s many professional accomplishments, I counted him as one of my best friends. He was a man of integrity who didn't shy away from challenges and was passionate about improving higher education in our fine State. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Ginger, and their children and grandchildren.●

REMEMBERING MATT ARTHUR

● Mr. PERDUE. Mr. President, recently, my hometown of Warner Robins, GA, and indeed the entire State of Georgia, lost a true leader. I lost a good friend and mentor.

During his career, Matt Arthur made a difference in the lives of countless students and families. He was raised in Fitzgerald, GA, one of six children. He graduated from Fitzgerald High School in 1952 and received a football scholarship to the University of Georgia. In addition to playing football, he served as battalion commander of the university's ROTC unit, and earned a bachelor's degree in industrial arts. He would also later earn master's degrees in industrial arts and administration and a specialist's degree in education leadership. After graduating college, Matt served in the U.S. Army at Fort Benning in Columbus, GA. He served from 1957-1959, ultimately rising to the rank of first lieutenant.

In 1959, Matt became a high school football coach, winning a Triple-A State championship in 1961. The following year, he moved his family to Warner Robins and embarked on a career that would truly make a difference. He was the first head coach and athletic director of my high school alma mater, Northside High School, and served as its principal from 1968-1980.

In 1980, Matt became superintendent of the Houston County School System. He succeeded my father, David A. Perdue, Sr., in this role and served until retiring in 1988. His enduring contributions to the community were commemorated with the opening of Matt Arthur Elementary School in Warner Robins in 1999.

For years, my father and Matt Arthur were close friends. I was also proud to call Matt a friend. Our family and the entire Middle Georgia community will miss him.

Throughout his life, Matt led by example and always put family first. He is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 64 years Sarah Bob Arthur, two adult children, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

My wife Bonnie and I join everyone in our hometown and countless others Matt Arthur impacted for the better in lifting up his family during this very difficult time. Matt Arthur was a great American and will be greatly missed.●

REMEMBERING HARRIS HINES

● Mr. PERDUE. Mr. President, in November, Georgia tragically lost a true public servant.

Former Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Harris Hines leaves behind a lasting legacy of service and bipartisan respect.

Chief Justice Hines was born in 1943 and grew up in Atlanta. He attended Grady High School, lettering in multiple sports. After graduation, he attended Emory University, where he at-

tained both a bachelor's degree and his juris doctorate.

Justice Hines went on to serve on the bench in Georgia for over four decades. In 1974, then-Governor Jimmy Carter chose him to fill a slot on the State court of Cobb County. He served there for 8 years until becoming a judge on the Superior Court of Cobb County.

Thirteen years later, in 1995, Governor Zell Miller appointed Justice Hines to an open seat on the Georgia Supreme Court, a capacity in which he served for another 13 years.

In 2016, Justice Hines was voted by his colleagues to be Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court. He was the first resident of Cobb County, GA, to become chief justice.

Justice Hines retired from the bench earlier this year. He was known as an intellectual powerhouse, with a deep appreciation and understanding of the rule of law. However, Justice Hines was better known as a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife Helen, two adult children, and four grandchildren.

Bonnie and I join all Georgians in continuing to lift up the Hines family in our prayers during this very difficult time. Harris was a dear personal friend, and I will miss him greatly.●

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-7444. A joint communication from the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2019 report on the plan for the nuclear weapons stockpile, complex, delivery systems, and command and control systems (OSS-2018-1422); to the Committees on Armed Services; Appropriations; and Foreign Relations.

EC-7445. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Child Nutrition Programs; Flexibilities for Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium Requirements" (RIN0584-AE53) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 17, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7446. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Branding Requirements for Bovines Imported into the United States from Mexico" (RIN0579-AE38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 17, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7447. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to violations of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-7448. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security,