

presence in the Senate Chamber, where his voice carried such resonance. Even after we had microphones, he would often speak without one.

John Stennis served in the Senate longer than all but one other person in its history. When he retired on January 3, 1989, he had served for 41 years, 1 month, and 29 days. During the 1960's and 1970's, he was the most influential voice in Congress on military affairs. He was chairman of the appropriations Committee, and was instrumental in the development of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, which was extremely important to both our States economically. He changed with the times, and began to support civil rights measures. Due to his integrity, diligence, and judgment, he was often called upon to investigate controversial political matters. It became routine to refer to him as the conscience of the Senate. He was a patriarch and teacher to younger Members.

It his later years, while his voice remained clear and his mind sharp, he experienced serious physical problems. He was shot and seriously wounded by a burglar at his home in 1973, and had a leg amputated in 1984 due to cancer, but each time, he returned to his beloved Senate much sooner than had been expected.

After he retired, Senator Stennis moved to the Mississippi State University campus, home of the John C. Stennis Institute of Government and the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service, created by Congress to train young leaders. In one of his last interviews, he said, "I do believe the most important thing I can do now is to help young people understand the past and prepare for the future."

At that birthday celebration for John Stennis a decade ago, I had the honor and pleasure of speaking. I ended my speech with an old Irish prayer, which goes:

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the Sun shine warm on your face
And the rains fall soft on your shoulders,
And may the Good Lord hold you in the
hollow of his hand during the remainder of
your days.

He was a deeply religious man, and he told me he was particularly glad I used the prayer as a closing on that occasion.

John Stennis' days are now over, and his passing gives us reason to pause, reflect, and remember that this body is a decidedly better institution, and the United States a better nation, for having had the benefit of this statesman's service for so many years.

TRIBUTE TO BURTON COHEN

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is a personal privilege for me to rise today to congratulate a man of considerable achievement in both business and community spirit. Burton Cohen was one of the pioneers who helped lead Las Vegas from its origins as a small gaming

community to the thriving resort city that it has become today. Despite the great demands of his career, he has always devoted great time and energy to the development of our community and our State. Burton Cohen is more than a close friend; he is also a role model for Nevadans and all citizens of our country.

Burton Cohen moved to southern Nevada in 1966 when he became part owner and managing director of the Frontier Hotel. He had previously risen to success as the owner of his own hotel development company in Florida.

His talents were soon recognized throughout the Nevada gaming community, and he was recruited for other leadership positions in Las Vegas at Circus Circus, the Flamingo Hilton, Caesar's Palace, and the Dunes Hotel.

In addition to his considerable contributions to various hotel properties throughout southern Nevada, Burton has been a pivotal factor in shaping Nevada's transition to the 21st century. He was president of the Nevada Resort Association and was on the influential board of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. Without his innovative presence, and his insightful vision, Las Vegas would not be the destination resort and convention center it is today.

Mr. Cohen has always adhered to the needs of our community. He became closely involved in numerous community activities and charitable causes. He served on the board of the Southern Nevada Drug Abuse Council and led a successful campaign for the United Way in the Las Vegas Valley. Burton was a member of the board of directors of the Boys' Clubs of Clark County and the Nevada Division of American Cancer Society. Furthermore, he has also been an active member in the Anti-Defamation League and is currently a trustee of Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas.

Burton Cohen recently announced his retirement from his current position as president and chief executive officer of the Desert Inn Hotel and Country Club. His accomplishments in hotel management and in the community are unrivaled and will be deeply missed. Along with his wife, Linda, Burton has made southern Nevada a better place for tourists and residents alike.

On Saturday, May 20, the Anti-Defamation League will be honoring Burton Cohen with the "Lifetime Achievement Award." I can think of no better recipient for this honor, and I want the entire country to know of Burton's achievements and to join those of us in Nevada in recognizing his commitment to excellence.

MR. MAX H. KARL

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise today to express my sorrow at the passing of my good friend, Max H. Karl. He died on April 19, at the age of 85. Max was a man of vision, intellect, action, and compassion. He lived life to its

fullest extent as a family man, a business man, a philanthropist, a civic minded citizen, and as a man devoted to his faith. Max Karl was a good friend not only to myself and my family, but to all of those who had the good fortune to come into contact with him.

At this time, I also extend my heartfelt condolences to his family. Max is survived by his wife Anita, his son Dr. Robert Karl of Miami, daughter Karyn Schwade of Miami, sister Minnie Friedman of Milwaukee, his brother Dr. Michael Karl of St. Louis, and nine grandchildren.

Mr. President, Max Karl was a man who was devoted to his family, his community and his work. He was a son of Wisconsin, who in every way contributed to the betterment of those around him. Max was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and its law school. He was the founder and chairman of the Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corp., headquartered in my hometown of Milwaukee. Max also served as past president of the Mortgage Insurance Companies of America and as a director of First Wisconsin Corp. and MGIC affiliates.

In the public arena, Max served as a member of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation's advisory committee; the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association Chamber of Commerce; the National Association of Home Builders Roundtable; and was a member of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's School of Business Administration Advisory Council.

Max Karl's other civic activities included serving as a director of the Grand Avenue Corp.; the Greater Milwaukee Committee; the Milwaukee Art Museum; the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra; and the United Performing Arts Fund. Max was also a past trustee of Mt. Sinai Medical Center; Alverno College; the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; and a trustee emeritus of Marquette University.

Among the many awards and commendations he received in recognition of his charitable and civic work, Max was the 1962 recipient of the National Home and House Award; the 1973 recipient of the State of Israel Golda Meir Award; the 1982 Milwaukee Press Club Headliner Award winner; the 1985 Children's Outing Association Father of the Year; and most recently, in 1994, Max Karl was named to the UWM School of Business Administration "Wisconsin Gallery" of leading corporate citizens.

Max Karl was also a giant in the Milwaukee Jewish Community who, among his other accomplishments, served as a past president of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation; a former chairman of Wisconsin State of Israel Bonds; a member of the boards of Hillel Academy and the former Milwaukee Jewish Home. He also served on the boards of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science; Americans for a Safe Israel; American