

Its rich heritage and dedicated leaders and members are testaments to the tremendous role religion continues to play in America's culture and development.

TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF JOHN L. ALDRIDGE

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, my longtime friend, Sheriff John L. Aldridge, is one of the giants of law enforcement in the State of Alabama. He has spent over 30 years in law enforcement and is presently serving his sixth term as sheriff of Colbert County, AL, having first been elected in 1975. He was the commissioner of public safety for the city of Tuscumbia from 1960 through 1969. He is a loyal and dedicated public servant whose service and commitment to law enforcement in general and his community in particular have been impeccable.

Sheriff Aldridge received his bachelor of science degree in law enforcement from the University of North Alabama. He is a past president of the Alabama Sheriff's Association and is a member of the board of trustees of the Alabama Sheriff's Boys-Girls Ranches. He has received many honors and awards, including County Officer of the Year from the Sheffield Elks' Lodge and the Colbert County American Legion. He is a past State Officer of the Year and Officer of the Year for Colbert, Lauderdale, and Franklin Counties. In 1977, he received the Liberty Bell Award from the Colbert County Bar Association. Under former Governor George Wallace, he served on the executive board of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency.

He is also a past president of the Lions Club and past commander of American Legion Post 31. He is a Mason and first vice president of the Sheffield, Alabama Kiwanis Club, as well as a former member of the Tuscumbia Utility Board and of the Colbert County Hospital Board. He served for a time as a board member of the Colbert-Lauderdale Attention Home for Delinquent Boys and Girls.

He is a loyal Democrat whose enthusiasm for the party has never wavered. In 1992, he served on the Steering Committee for the Clinton-Gore Campaign. He strongly endorsed the ticket that year and, although the Democrats did not carry Alabama, campaigned tirelessly for his party's candidates.

Sheriff Aldridge's leadership and service have gone far beyond what we traditionally think of as law enforcement duties. He initiated a rape counseling program for the Muscle Shoals Mental Health Center to assure victims of rape were interviewed by a female professional counselor rather than a male. When the program was begun, there were no female officers in law enforcement in Colbert County. Sheriff Aldridge made a firm commitment to change this. He received an award from the Muscle Shoals Mental Health Center for initiating this program.

Under his tenure as chairman of the Sheffield Kiwanis Club Major Emphasis Program on "Safeguard Against Crime," the club received the Silver Bell Award for his work in organizing a county-wide program aimed at reducing crime and spurring public interest in law enforcement.

I am proud to commend and congratulate Sheriff John Aldridge for his many years of outstanding leadership in terms of law enforcement and community service. I look forward to seeing more of the fruits of his labors first-hand when I return home to Colbert County next year.

GREATER RECOGNITION FOR TAIWAN

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, on July 17, the European Parliament passed a resolution urging that Taiwan be granted greater recognition in international organizations, and calling for a study of the issues surrounding Taiwan's participation in the United Nations.

I find this resolution both impressive and appropriate, Mr. President, and I fully agree that Taiwan deserves a greater role in international organizations. The Republic of China is a full democracy, with a remarkably successful economy. Furthermore, Taiwan plays an important role in world affairs.

It is high time that Taiwan be accorded its well-deserved stature in international organizations.

Mr. President, I find it gratifying that Taiwan has won this recognition aforementioned from the European Parliament, and I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be printed in the RECORD at the conclusion of my remarks.

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

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Having regard to Article J.7 of the Treaty on European Union.

A. Satisfied with the current state of Taiwan's democracy and Taiwan's respect for the principles of justice, human rights, and fundamental freedom,

B. welcoming the fact that the elections in Taiwan were conducted democratically and peacefully despite the overt aggression and provocation by the People's Republic of China,

C. having regard to Taiwan's wish to participate in international aid to developing countries,

D. having regard to the significance of developments in the political situation in Taiwan for the whole of East Asia at the geopolitical and economic level and in terms of a policy of stability, security and peace in the Western Pacific region,

E. welcoming the attitude of reconciliation displayed by President Lee Teng-hui towards the People's Republic of China and looking forward to a dialogue spanning both sides of the Taiwan Straits,

F. convinced that the people of Taiwan ought to be better represented in international organizations than they are at

present, which would benefit both Taiwan and the whole of the international community.

G. whereas neither the European Union nor any of its Member States have diplomatic relations with the Government of Taiwan, recognizing only the People's Republic of China,

H. whereas Taiwan is very important to the European Union and its Member States as a trade partner,

I. whereas it is important for the European Union and its Member States to develop their relations with the governments of both the People's Republic of China and Taiwan in an amicable and constructive spirit,

J. urging the governments of the People's Republic of China and Taiwan to intensify their cooperation,

K. stressing that participation by Taiwan in certain international organizations can assist with finding common ground between China and Taiwan and facilitate reconciliation between the two sides,

L. regretting the fact that Taiwan at present is prevented from making a full contribution to the United Nations and its agencies, and stressing that, for the efficiency of the UN, Taiwan's participation would be desirable and valuable.

1. Urges:

(a) the Council and Member States to support Taiwan's attempts to secure better representation than it currently enjoys in international organizations in the fields of human and labour rights, economic affairs, the environment and development cooperation following the precedent of certain cases, known to international law, of countries recognized as independent and sovereign even though the nature of their diplomatic connections and the person of then head of state did not display the full symbolic panoply of complete sovereignty (e.g. Her Britannic Majesty's Dominions, American Samoa, or, until recently the Ukraine and Belarus);

(b) the Council and Member States to ask the United Nations to investigate the possibility of setting up a UN working group to study the scopes for Taiwan to participate in the activities of bodies answerable to the UN General Assembly;

(c) the Council and Member States to encourage the governments of the People's Republic of China and Taiwan to intensify their cooperation in a constructive and peaceful spirit;

(d) the Council to Urge the Commission to adopt measures with a view to opening a European Union information office in Taipei;

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and to the Commission.

CAM NEELY

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to recognize the achievements and contributions of one of Massachusetts' most beloved sports personalities, Mr. Cam Neely of the Boston Bruins.

Last week, Cam announced his retirement from the Boston Bruins after 5 years of struggle and pain caused by nagging injuries. He had played 13 years in the National Hockey League, 3 with the Vancouver Canucks and the last 10 seasons with the Bruins. Through his decade with the Bruins, Cam has become the prototype NHL power forward by combining bone-crushing power with overwhelming talent and grace.

In addition to his presence on the ice, he has made a continuing contribution

to the community off the ice by establishing the Cam Neely Foundation and planning the Neely House, which will provide a place to stay in Boston for families of cancer patients undergoing treatment at area hospitals.

Throughout his career, Cam Neely rose to the challenge of being a top tier player in the NHL, setting records, redefining his position, and setting the standard by which forwards in the NHL are measured today. He played with courage and finesse. His career is a string of highlight films peppered with accomplishments and awards. In his first season with the Bruins, he was awarded the coveted Seventh-Player Award which is given to the Bruin who makes the most significant sustained contribution to the club over the duration of the season. That same season he led the team in scoring with 36 goals. In 1988, Cam provided the spark that lit the fire behind the Bruins' playoff series victory over the Montreal Canadiens—the first such victory in 45 years. During the 1989–90 season, Cam became only the fifth Bruin in history to reach the 50 goals mark and in 1990–91 he became only the second Bruin ever to reach 50 goals in consecutive seasons, joining the great Phil Esposito.

Cam was at the height of his talent and skills in the 1991 playoff series against the Pittsburgh Penguins when he suffered an injury that would change his career. The hit resulted in an injury to his thigh that never fully healed. That injury led to another, and then another, and the pain never ceased. For 5 years, Cam Neely was the epitome of perseverance as he worked to keep his body in shape and prepared to play. He never let up and he never gave up. Every season marked a triumphant return to the ice for Boston's most admired hockey player. He would play in pain until the pain became unbearable. He would play whenever he was needed and his body would allow him. He kept coming back, and the Bruins' fans loved him dearly for his efforts.

Cam rose above the issues of money and contracts and salary disputes and always seemed to be smiling and happy. He played hockey because he loved the game and it was part of him. During his announcement last week he said, "I've always wanted to stay in this game as long as I could [while] achieving results and making positive contributions to my team. I never, ever wanted to play the game for the money or simply to go through the motions. Believe me, I loved playing in the big game. I loved the competitiveness of the sport. Since the day I arrived in Boston, I gave 100 percent to our team, to my teammates, and our fans."

Nobody would argue that fact. Cam worked hard for the Bruins. Even his teammates, opponents, and coaches agree.

"There'll be a lot of highlight clips. I'll just remember him running over people, things like him grabbing the

puck and splitting the defense to score against [Patrick] Roy the year we finally beat the Canadiens," Bruins captain Ray Bourque said. "And I'll remember seeing stars when he ran over me during a Canada Cup practice. It was fun to know you had Cam on your side."

"You know when I realized how great he was?" asked Don Sweeney, defenseman and long time teammate of Neely's. "When he was back for a game and then out for a game, then back for a game, then out for a game. The difference when we had him and when we didn't was tremendous. There was a ripple effect he had on every player in that locker room."

Adam Oates, Cam's longtime line mate and the man who with him comprised one of the most feared scoring combinations in the NHL, said that Cam's announcement was "something that we knew was going to happen all along. And today's the black day that it's happening."

Former Bruin standout Derek Sanderson has always considered Cam Neely one of the game's best forwards. "His teammates will miss him, and no one will miss him more than Oates. Guys like him don't come along very often. No one can score like Cam; no one can hit like Cam," he said. "You can't replace him, you go along without him."

Derek's words echo the feelings of most of the Bruins' faithful. Cam Neely cannot be replaced. The team will go on without him. Like Bobby Orr, Gord Kluzak, and Normand Leveille, Cam is forced to leave the game he loves too soon, and before the fans are ready to let him go. But for every game, every period, and every shift, I, and every other Bruins fan, will look to the right wing and imagine the hulking No. 8 streaking along the boards, taking the puck onto his stick, and blazing it past the netminder into the mesh netting of the goal. And, quietly, we will cheer.

TRIBUTE TO HOWELL HEFLIN: MY FRIEND, THE "JUDGE"

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, today I would like to pay tribute to Senator HOWELL HEFLIN, a dear friend and colleague who is retiring from the Senate this year. Senator HEFLIN and I are classmates, having been elected to the Senate at the same time. During the past 18 years, I have had the opportunity to watch my friend from Alabama establish himself as a distinguished leader and statesman. As a U.S. Senator and Alabama Supreme Court Justice, he has served his country and his State well. Alabamians should be proud of their country judge.

HOWELL HEFLIN continues a family tradition of public service. As the nephew of U.S. Senator Thomas Heflin, Senator HEFLIN brought to the Senate a bloodline of conviction to America's foundation and potential. His character and background as Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court have shone

brightly during his chairmanship of the Ethics Committee and during his service on the Senate Judiciary Committee. As a champion of ethics and an independent thinker, it is no wonder Senator HEFLIN still is referred to as the judge by his fellow Senators.

Mr. President, as a farm State Senator, I salute HOWELL HEFLIN's commitment to Alabama agriculture. As chairman of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, I commend him for his work on rural electrification. As a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, he has fought for the interests of Alabama's cotton, peanut, and soybean industries. He also has strived for Federal crop insurance and flood relief for Alabama farmers. Alabama farmers and farm families surely will miss his undying dedication to their industry.

Mr. President, one of the toughest jobs for members of Congress occurs when we have to vote on legislation that has sparked strong division within our constituencies. As an infamous storyteller, Senator HEFLIN often relays metaphors that shed light on the difficulty of this predicament. For example, HOWELL HEFLIN once told us a story about a hunter who is caught in a treetop and is being chased by a bobcat. The hunter yells to his friend, "Hurry up and shoot it!" Unsure of his aim, his comrade yells back, "I'm not sure I can hit him. I might hit you!" In return, the trapped hunter yells, "Shoot anyway. I need some relief!"

Another account of HOWELL HEFLIN's lightheartedness was a speech he delivered during a Senate floor discussion regarding the status of the rose as the official national flower. As the Senate deliberated whether or not to designate the rose as America's flower, Senator HEFLIN took to the floor with a poem. He remarked that, "Roses are red, violets are blue, why must I choose between the two?" Remarks such as this have provided the members of this body—and his Alabama constituents—with many moments of fond repose over the past 18 years. Senator HEFLIN's sense of humor will be missed dearly.

So soon we will bid farewell to our dear friend from Alabama—HOWELL HEFLIN. My wife, Harriet and I wish Senator HEFLIN and his lovely wife, Elizabeth Ann, the very best. They are a wonderful couple, and we will miss them very much. As the 104th Congress draws to a close, they can look forward to being able to return to their home State of Alabama and enjoy one of their favorite pastimes: spending time with their grandchildren. Mr. President, I again would like to wish Senator HEFLIN godspeed as he leaves the U.S. Senate. He leaves in his wake a career, character, and reputation marked by excellence.