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CONSTABLE SARA LEE

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to give special thanks and appreciation for Constable Sarah Lee, who has visited us from Great Britain. Constable Lee serves as a Divisional Officer with the British Special Constables in Metro Police Area 5. As a member of the British Special Constables, I would like to honor her for the sacrifice which she, along with fellow British reserve police officers, makes for her country. On behalf of the U.S. Senate, I offer my highest appreciation for the the time and talent so generously given by both British and American police reserve officers.●

WILLIAM OSBORNE HART

● Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I want to pay tribute to a beloved figure in Wisconsin politics, William Osborne Hart, who passed away on August 22. As a longtime activist in the State's Socialist Party, Hart ran for political office 25 times, and lost 25 times. He spread his message by running for office, and understood that he didn't need to win to make a difference. He once said "I don't buy that Vince Lombardi nonsense that winning is everything. Change is everything. Most politicians in American life who win have lost their souls."

William Hart brought about change by challenging his opponents, and the voters, with his ideas. He was a champion of the Bill of Rights, and always remained so, refusing to compromise when it was politically unpopular. A tireless political organizer, Hart was a cornerstone of Wisconsin's Socialist Party and helped found Wisconsin's Labor and Farm Party.

A great example of Hart's tenacity was his run for the Presidency in 1984. Though he was a well-known politician in his home State, Hart was almost kept off Wisconsin's Presidential primary ballot, not considered a viable candidate because he lacked national media exposure. He refused to abide by a decision that equated the ability to buy television time with the right to run for office, and sued for a place on the ballot with the Wisconsin branch of the American Civil Liberties Union. Hart won his lawsuit and scored an important legal victory. He didn't win the primary, but he did make a difference.

"I've always said that if I won an election, the first thing I'd do is demand a recount," said Hart, who loved to say that he'd once come "dangerously close" to winning a seat on the Madison school board. In 1992, at 80 years old, Hart ran in his 25th and last election. Walking with two canes and suffering from heart problems, most people would have decided 24 times was enough. But Hart defied convention to the end, and exemplified integrity and commitment to those who knew him.

Though he felt strongly about politics, Hart never let partisanship get the better of him. His dignity, kindness and humor won him the respect and friendship of people across the political spectrum. He was also a deeply religious man who often acted as a lay preacher and was inspired by faith in everything he did.

His message has resonated with me and so many others because of its simple truth: being true to your own beliefs is the highest ideal. I have tried to heed Hart's message in my own life, and I'll always be grateful for his example of political courage.●

IN HONOR OF MELINE KASPARIAN

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, on Saturday, August 16th, 1997, this nation lost a leader in the fight for quality public education. The history of this country demonstrates that it is only through education that we can give the next generation the tools they need to prosper and advance, and Meline Kasparian of Massachusetts embodied this commitment every day of her professional life.

Meline spent twenty-five years in the classrooms of Springfield, Massachusetts, teaching two subjects that she loved dearly: English and theater. Her students were profoundly touched by her ability to present works from a broad spectrum of history and make them relevant and applicable to the modern age. In the course of teaching, she exposed her students to a broad variety of artists, including the works of African-American playwrights and authors such as James Baldwin and Julius Lester. This love of art, literature and history inspired her to work with the Black Repertory Theatre at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst, where her extensive contributions will be missed for years to come.

Ultimately, though, Ms. Kasparian will be remembered for her contributions to education on both the local and state level. From 1987 to 1996, Meline Kasparian devoted her time to numerous associations committed to retaining the highest educational standards in the country. Her career as a committed leader in Massachusetts began with her service as president of the Springfield Education Association in 1987 and culminated in her election as president of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, an organization 80,000 members strong, in 1996.

Ms. Kasparian's fight for quality public education made her prominent on the national stage, as well. At conferences, workshops and round-tables, she worked with politicians and education advocates from all over the country. She included in her focus numerous Democratic National Conventions, where she proudly represented the people of Massachusetts as a delegate. At these and other national conferences, Meline distinguished herself as a tireless advocate for the expansion of educational opportunities. Realizing

the impact it had on educational priorities, she invested considerable time in the electoral process of her state, working on campaigns for legislators such as John Olver, and, I am proud to say, in my re-election campaign in 1996.

Ms. Kasparian's charity and service extended beyond her profession. She hosted fundraisers for international relief organizations, demonstrating her deep and unselfish commitment to improving the quality of life for others throughout the world. In and of themselves, her contributions to housing through the work of the Amherst Housing Review Board, which she helped to establish, are worthy of recognition.

It is with our knowledge of Meline Kasparian as an influential leader and a selfless and caring woman that we honor her for her efforts in educating thousands of young people across Massachusetts and attempting to bring educational opportunities to every child.●

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—VITIATION OF CERTAIN NOMINATIONS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the President be requested to return to the Senate the resolution of the Senate of July 24, 1997, advising and consenting to nominations in the Navy beginning John A. Achenbach, to be captain, and ending Sreten Zivovic, to be captain; further, that the confirmation of the nominations be vitiated, and when returned by the President, the nominations be returned to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1997

Mr. ENZI. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 5. I further ask that on Friday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted, and the Senate immediately begin debate on the motion to proceed to S. 830, the FDA reform bill, and that the debate time be equally divided in the usual form until 9:50 a.m.

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

Mr. ENZI. I further ask that at 9:50 a.m. the Senate proceed to a cloture