

conductor, orchestrating our work to the music of the Senate.

During my time on the committee as ranking Democratic member, and then as chairman, Ed oversaw Senate consent to ratify the chemical weapons convention, the reorganization of the U.S. foreign affairs agencies, the debate deciding the expansion of NATO, and the establishment of a way to pay our country's arrearage to the United Nations.

He did it in close coordination with his Republican colleagues on the committee—sometimes at odds over small matters of language. Sometimes at odds over major issues of fundamental principle. But Ed has always bridged the gap.

He treats all parties with respect, and tries to accommodate all interests involved. His success in so doing is evidenced by the close personal friendship he shared with Admiral James "Bud" Nance, Staff Director for my distinguished colleague from North Carolina, Chairman HELMS, until Bud passed away in 1999.

Bud and Ed genuinely cared for one another, and the maturity and mutual approval that they brought to the job filtered down through all the ranks of their respective staffs.

It is not for nothing that some of the younger staff members refer to Ed Hall as "Daddy Ed." He has led by example, bringing out the best in those for whom he is responsible and helping them feel that what they do is more than a mere job.

But, though I can't imagine where he finds the time, Ed Hall's work doesn't end when he leaves his office.

Ed's collaborative and caring approach to working with others is consistent with his religious convictions. He has been modest about them while in the office, but generous in expressing his faith through intense involvement in community affairs.

Ed has long been active in the work of "The Green Door," a nonprofit organization that helps the mentally ill achieve independence and self-sufficiency.

He is a member of the board of directors for Episcopal Relief and Development, which provides assistance to those in need in the United States and abroad.

And he has been an at-large trustee for the Virginia Theological Seminary, where he will soon be vice president for Institutional Advancement.

We can only hope that Ed's new position will give him more time with his family. To his wife, Sherry, let me say thank you for all the times she kept his dinner warm on my account.

Ed Hall has always seen to it that I receive the best possible preparation for a speech, and that the staff maintain a modest collection of quotations for such occasions, and that it is always at hand.

So it will be no surprise if Ed recognizes something that the English essayist G.K. Chesterton once said:

The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried.

Well, I am here to tell you that while some may have found it difficult, and perhaps some have not tried hard enough, Ed Hall is living proof of a transcendent ideal that people of all convictions will recognize: he is an abundant spirit, a humble soul.

He is a pillar of this institution. In a place where turnover is the order of the day, he has been a rarity, and he leaves a legacy of service for which the Senate will be forever grateful.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Edwin K. Hall.

DEPARTURE OF WALLY BURNETT

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, as chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, I rise to express my regret that the subcommittee will soon be losing one of the most treasured members of its staff. Wally Burnett, our minority clerk, will be moving on to other opportunities at the end of this week. I know that I speak for all members of the subcommittee in wishing him well and thanking him for his fine service.

Wally Burnett brought a wealth of experience to the subcommittee staff given his prior experience as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Budget and Programs at the Department of Transportation during the administration of President George H. Bush. More importantly, Wally brought to his position a strong sense of fairness, decency, and a desire to do the right thing. This trait could be seen across all of the transportation bills that Chairman Stevens and Chairman Shelby ushered through the Senate.

While Wally always demonstrated a strong sense of duty to the entire Nation, Wally never forgot that he is an Alaskan. And while Wally could not always be depended upon to wear a jacket to subcommittee and full committee meetings, he could be depended upon to provide his most expert views in an informed and balanced manner. I will always be grateful for the many courtesies that Wally demonstrated toward me, whether I was serving as a junior minority member of the subcommittee or as subcommittee chairman.

As Wally leaves his position in the Senate, I wish him the best of luck in his new endeavor. I also express my hope that his tirelessly patient wife, Kristin, and his children, Tucker and Mattern, will finally see more of him.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

LEADERSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

• Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, today I recognize the achievements of a great Kentuckian. Dr. Lee Todd has not yet completed his first year as President of the University of Ken-

tucky, but he has already left his mark on Kentucky's largest public educational institution. His approach to academic governance has earned him the accolades of both the students and faculty of the University of Kentucky, as well as from local community leaders.

Dr. Todd's success at UK should not come as a surprise. As an alumnus of the University, he understands the interests and passions of the students. His training and tenure as an academic has given him a detailed understanding of the challenges and needs of the faculty. And his career as a successful businessman has well-prepared him to forge an efficient and responsive administration that is dually committed to crafting excellence in education and enhancement of UK's endowment. I have no doubt that he will succeed at both goals.

Building upon the achievements of his predecessors, Dr. Todd has continued to bring top-notch research and teaching faculty to Kentucky. In addition, he has forged greater cooperation with and stronger ties to the Lexington community—a relationship that promises to be mutually beneficial. From UK's truly exceptional Medical Center to its important agricultural research, the University of Kentucky is not merely a preeminent state educational institution, but a tremendous asset to the Lexington community and the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky. Likewise, President Todd has worked to create a partnership with the federal government, a partnership I look forward to continuing in the future.

President Lee Todd has brought with him innovative ideas and a commitment to excellence at the University of Kentucky. I hope that the students of the University and the people of Kentucky are lucky enough to have President Todd at the helm for a very long time. Kentucky is fortunate to be able to claim Dr. Todd, his wife Patsy, and his children Troy and Kathryn as citizens.

I hope my colleagues will join me in thanking Dr. Todd for his service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and to higher education.●

IN HONOR OF PHILIP AUTHIER, MPH, RN

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I congratulate Philip D. Authier, MPH, RN, 2002 President of the American Organization of Nurse Executives, AONE. Philip Authier is also Vice President of Patient Care at St. Mary's Healthcare Center, in Pierre, South Dakota. Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Authier, has been a member of AONE for 17 years and served on the AONE Board of Directors from 1995 to 1999. During this time he also served on AONE's Finance Committee and as a AONE representative to the Region 6 Regional Policy Board of the American Hospital Association. In addition, he is a past president of South Dakota Organization of Nurse Executives and has