

TRIBUTE TO NATHAN ADELSON
HOSPICE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the important work of the Nathan Adelson Hospice in Las Vegas.

For more than 25 years, the Nathan Adelson Hospice has been the only non-profit provider of hospice care in southern Nevada. When the Nathan Adelson Hospice was established in 1978, it was one of the first hospices in the country. Its mission is to provide dignified and compassionate care for the terminally ill and their loved ones. In keeping with this mission, no one is turned away from the Nathan Adelson Hospice due to lack of funds.

As great as it is, the Nathan Adelson Hospice is always trying to improve the care it offers to patients. Last year, the hospice began construction on a 16-bed, inpatient facility in Henderson, NV. This facility will provide respite services for families, pain and symptom management for patients, and day care for adults in the community. It is a state-of-the-art facility, and I am pleased to say that I was able to secure funds to help with its construction.

Finally, my recognition of the Nathan Adelson Hospice would be incomplete without mentioning its efforts on behalf of minorities. Studies indicate that minorities and members of traditionally underserved populations do not take advantage of hospice care as much as they should. In fact, while minorities make up almost 30 percent of the U.S. population, they account for fewer than 20 percent of hospice patients nationwide. Some experts have suggested that inequities in access to health care, cultural differences, and language barriers are responsible for this situation.

No matter the reasons, it is clear that members of minority communities could benefit from greater access to hospice care. That is why I was so pleased to hear of the Nathan Adelson Hospice's new efforts to expand care to Nevada's underserved minority communities.

Last week, the Nathan Adelson Hospice hosted a multicultural luncheon and concert in an effort to connect with minority businesses that want to sponsor outreach and educational efforts for minority communities in Las Vegas. This event was a creative way to build business and community partnerships while raising the profile of an important program.

I know you will join me in applauding the Nathan Adelson Hospice, and its efforts to increase minority participation in hospice care.

TRIBUTE TO DON WILSON

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the work of my good friend, Don Wilson, who will be retiring after 22 years of service to the people of Nevada in the House of Representatives and the United States Senate.

Don was born in Carl Junction, MO, in 1939. His father, like my own, was a miner, and the search for work led the Wilson family to move around the West for much of Don's early years. The Wilsons spent time in Oklahoma, South Dakota, Idaho, New Mexico and Washington State and finally settled in Henderson, NV in June 1952.

I first met Don at Basic High School in Henderson in 1957, and we quickly became friends. He and I both played on the football and baseball teams together, but Don was the star. He set many records, some of which stand to this day, and he led our high school teams to several championships. One year, he even batted over .500. With that type of talent, it is hardly surprising that Don earned a full athletic scholarship at Arizona State University in Tempe, where he graduated with a degree in marketing in 1961.

After graduation, Don worked for a few months for IBM Corporation. He was drafted, however, in 1962 and served his country honorably for 2 years in the Army. He worked in the Clark County Juvenile Justice System for over 15 years, trying to make a difference in the lives of troubled young Nevadans. During his time at the Juvenile Court, he served in various leadership positions, including director of the Spring Mountain Youth Camp.

Since then, Don has worked hard on behalf of Nevada on my staff—both in the House of Representatives and in the United States Senate. He filled many roles in my office over the years—legislative assistant, business manager, and currently deputy regional manager for my Las Vegas office—but, first and foremost, he has remained my trusted friend.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "The better part of one's life consists of his friendships." Don Wilson has been my friend for the better part of my life, and I thank him for this friendship and look forward to our continued relationship in the years to come.

UNION LEAGUE CLUB OF CHICAGO

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise today to commend the fine members of the Union League Club of Chicago on the 125th anniversary of the organization's founding in 1879.

On behalf of the people of Illinois, I thank all of the members of the Union League Club of Chicago, both past and present, for their shining example of civic leadership. The Union League Club of Chicago has a proud history of patriotism and service to the Chicago community, the State of Illinois, and the Nation. Since its founding to rally citizens in defense of the Union during the Civil War, this organization has forged partnerships with other prominent civic organizations to support a broad range of social, military, and nonpartisan political activities.

The same organization that was instrumental in bringing the World Columbian Exposition to Chicago in 1893

today supports Chicago youth with four Boys and Girls Clubs, sustains the arts through grants from the Union League Civic and Arts Foundation, and supports our Armed Forces through the Armed Forces Council of Chicago, an American Legion Post and several support groups.

I know that my fellow Senators will join me in congratulating members of the Union League Club of Chicago on their accomplishments and commitment to their community. I am confident that this proud history and tradition will continue with future generations of like-minded members for another 125 years.

RULES OF PROCEDURE—COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs has adopted rules governing its procedures for the 109th Congress. Pursuant to Rules XXVI, paragraph 2, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, on behalf of myself and Senator AKAKA, I ask unanimous consent that a copy of the Committee rules be printed in the RECORD.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS RULES OF PROCEDURE
I. MEETINGS

(a) Unless otherwise ordered, the Committee shall meet on the first Wednesday of each month. The Chairman may, upon proper notice, call such additional meetings as deemed necessary.

(b) Except as provided in subparagraphs (b) and (d) of paragraph 5 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public. The Committee shall prepare and keep a complete transcript or electronic recording adequate to fully record the proceedings of each meeting whether or not such meeting or any part thereof is closed to the public.

(c) The Chairman of the Committee, or the Ranking Majority Member present in the absence of the Chairman, or such other Member as the Chairman may designate, shall preside at all meetings.

(d) Except as provided in rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no meeting of the Committee shall be scheduled except by majority vote of the Committee or by authorization of the Chairman of the Committee.

(e) The Committee shall notify the office designated by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the time, place, and purpose of each meeting. In the event such meeting is canceled, the Committee shall immediately notify such designated office.

(f) Written notice of a Committee meeting, accompanied by an agenda enumerating the items of business to be considered, shall be sent to all Committee members at least 72 hours (not counting Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays) in advance of each meeting. In the event that the giving of such 72-hour notice is prevented by unforeseen requirements or Committee business, the Committee staff shall communicate notice by the quickest appropriate means to members or appropriate staff assistants of Members and an agenda shall be furnished prior to the meeting.

(g) Subject to the second sentence of this paragraph, it shall not be in order for the