

Public Law 108-340, directs the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to assess the national significance, suitability, and feasibility of designating one or more of the historically significant sites associated with the Manhattan Project as a unit of the National Park System. The significance of the Manhattan Project to this Nation—and indeed the world—would be difficult to overstate, and I believe that passing this bill was an important step in fulfilling our responsibility to ensure that society neither forgets nor misunderstands it.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I thank my distinguished colleague, Senator BINGAMAN, for sponsoring that measure, and I appreciated the support of Senator DOMENICI and our colleagues from Tennessee and Washington.

The Manhattan Project stands as one of the great technological achievements of the 20th century. Therefore, it is appropriate to recognize the historical importance of the sites most closely associated with the development of the atomic bomb. This legislation has begun a process for the Secretary of the Interior to provide that recognition.

I want to call attention to the critical contributions made in Dayton, OH, toward the Manhattan Project, under what became known as the “Dayton Project.” Because the Dayton Project was shrouded in secrecy, its contribution has long been overlooked. Yet, the technological achievements of the Dayton Project were among the most important to the completion of the Manhattan Project. It was in Dayton that scientists discovered how to trigger the chain reaction that unleashed the power of the atom. To continue that effort, the Atomic Energy Commission established the Mound Laboratory in Miamisburg, just southeast of Dayton.

As my colleague explained, the act directs the Secretary of the Interior to study three specifically named sites associated with the history of the Manhattan Project. I would like to ask the distinguished Senator if there is the opportunity for sites associated with the Dayton Project to be recognized?

Mr. BINGAMAN. The legislation directs the Secretary to include within the study the “historically significant sites associated with the Manhattan Project.” While the bill lists three of those sites, it does not limit the study to only those sites. Additional sites may be included, and it leaves that decision to the discretion of the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy and other interested Federal, State, tribal, and local officials, representatives of organizations, and members of the public. So, by those terms, there certainly is the opportunity for sites such as the Dayton Project to be included in the study.

Mr. DEWINE. I thank the Senator from New Mexico.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I am pleased to commemorate International

Women's Day, celebrated on March 8. International Women's Day gives us all an opportunity to reflect on women's accomplishments around the world and to reaffirm our commitment to continuing the vitally important work of securing and advancing women's rights, particularly their health, education, and security.

Today, we can all marvel at the outstanding contributions that women make every day to their communities, their countries, and the entire world. We can reflect on the work of Wangari Maathai, the Kenyan Nobel Peace Prize winner, whose brave and insistent voice on behalf of human rights and environmental protection found an audience not just on the global stage, and not just among elites in government, but among the women of her country, who have made the Green Belt Movement a success. We can celebrate the bravery of Afghan women, who have participated in elections even as the memory of the Taliban's brutal repression of their rights remains so fresh. Women accounted for 41 percent of the October 2004 vote in Afghanistan, and women hold 102 seats of Afghanistan's Constitutional Loya Jirga. We can reflect on the wonderful welcome that Dora Bakoyiannis, the mayor of Athens, extended to the world during this year's Olympic ceremonies.

But in too many parts of the world, the basic human rights of women are violated with impunity. Human rights groups continue to report rampant violence, abuse, and rape of tens of thousands of women and children by militants in Eastern Congo who are rarely, if ever, brought to justice. The murders of more than 370 women in the Chihuahua state of Mexico since 1993 remain unsolved. Thirty more women have been killed there since 2004 and the lack of progress in these cases of brutal violence and sexual assault against women from the cities of Juárez and Chihuahua is deeply disturbing. The internally displaced women of Darfur, Sudan, too often are confronted with a horrible choice—collect firewood and risk being raped by jinjaweit militia, or watch their children go hungry. I have authored or co-sponsored legislative initiatives to address each of these crises, but I know that solutions will require hard work over the long term. I also support the U.S. ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, CEDAW. Ratification of the treaty would send an important message to the international community about our commitment to the rights of women and girls.

The global, rapid progression of HIV/AIDS infection, especially in women, is undeniable. More than 40 million adults and children are infected with HIV/AIDS and over 20 million are women. UNAIDS reports that women and girls in sub-Saharan Africa make up 57 percent of HIV-positive persons in this region. Sub-Saharan Africa is the only region in which women are infected with the virus at a higher rate

than men. In sub-Saharan Africa, between the ages of 15 to 24, there are on average 36 women testing positive for HIV for every 10 males. As the ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's Subcommittee on African Affairs, I have had the opportunity to travel to numerous countries in Africa and see firsthand the devastating toll that HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases are taking on the people of this continent. We must find concrete ways to address the special vulnerabilities of women and girls in our HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment programs.

Nearly 100 million children worldwide are not receiving an education, nearly two-thirds of them female. In countries such as Uganda and Nigeria, some teachers are expected to instruct anywhere from 175 to 215 students, single-handedly. The education of girls regularly takes a back seat to that of their male siblings and to the needs of the family in many parts of the world. In order to combat global diseases, halt violence against women, and enhance women's rights, ensuring girls are educated must be a global community priority.

In short, while there are shining examples of progress in women's rights, we have much more to do. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the efforts I have described and others to improve the lives of women.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING MAX FISHER

• Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, today I would like to reflect on the passing of Max Fisher. On March 3, 2005, Max Fisher passed away at his home in Franklin, MI. The Fisher family has suffered a tremendous loss, and I offer them my condolences and deepest sympathy during this difficult time.

Max Fisher was born in my hometown of Pittsburgh, PA. He was a quiet leader who led mostly by example. He inspired his neighbors through his love for and dedication to this country. As the head of several Jewish-American organizations including the United Jewish Appeal, the Council of Jewish Federations, the National Jewish Coalition, and the American Jewish Committee, Max Fisher was able to influence policy with regard to Israeli-American relations and lead an international campaign for Israel after the Arab-Israeli War in 1967.

Max Fisher was a respected friend and adviser to many Republican Presidents and Secretaries, as they sought Max's wisdom in Middle East affairs.

Max not only leaves behind a legacy in the Jewish community and the world of politics, but also a wonderful family. My thoughts and prayers are with the Fisher family during the days and months ahead. ●

TRIBUTE TO SAMUEL T. DANIELS

• Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, With the death on January 6th, 2005, at the age of 82 of Samuel Thornton Daniels, Sr., my city of Baltimore and the State of Maryland lost a distinguished citizen, a courageous and far-sighted leader, a source of inspiration and, especially, a beloved friend.

Sam Daniels, the Grand Master, was known to his fellow members of the Prince Hall Masons simply as "The Grand," and grand he was. A Baltimorean through and through, he was born in the city and educated at Douglass High School and Coppin State College. He married his beloved wife Gladys, a fellow student at Coppin, and together for more than 60 years they went on to raise a new generation of Baltimoreans. Sam made our community a better place for all its people.

Service to others came naturally to Sam Daniels. He interrupted his college studies to serve in the Army in World War II, returning to Coppin State to receive his degree in 1948. When the Korean War conflict broke out 2 years later, Sam returned to military service, and reached the rank of captain before receiving his honorable discharge. Soon thereafter he joined Gladys as a teacher in the Baltimore public school system.

In the mid-1950s, Sam Daniels set out on the path that was to shape his life's work. It was not just that he joined the civil rights movement; rather, in innumerable ways he shaped it and he led it. His professional commitments tell part of the story: Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations; Baltimore Community Relations Commission; Baltimore Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and then, starting in 1967 and continuing for more than two decades, the Baltimore Council for Equal Business Opportunity, or CEBO. During the 1960s, in addition to his other commitments, Sam also worked for the AFSCME local unions representing Baltimore's municipal workers. In 1968 he was named to the city's school board by then-Mayor D'Alessandro, where his intelligence, his principles, his clear vision, and his wise and generous temperament all combined to make him, as the mayor was to observe, "a calming influence on the board during an unsettling time." Sam balanced his professional commitments with his role in The Prince Hall Masons, whose Grand Master he was to become and who knew and loved him as "The Grand." Under his leadership The Prince Hall Masons grew to have 5,000 members and to play a major role in the historic movement toward civil rights. When Dr. King came to Baltimore in October 1964, Sam Daniels stood among the leaders who welcomed him to the Prince Hall Masons Lodge. In everything he did he challenged us to make our Nation live up to its ideals.

Of all his many accomplishments, Sam Daniels considered CEBO the most important. It began modestly enough

with a grant from the Ford Foundation, but over more than two decades under Sam Daniels' leadership CEBO became one of the first business development organizations in the country, helping to create opportunities for entrepreneurship and business where precious few existed for Baltimore's African-American community and along with those opportunities, new hopes, new plans, and new dreams. Sam Daniels has been described as a "giant" and an "icon," and surely these words reflect the critical role he played in expanding the opportunities for African American entrepreneurship and wealth-building, which has meant so much to the city that he served in so many different ways.

Sam Daniels was a giant and an icon in other ways as well in character and temperament. Mayor D'Alessandro, who nearly 40 years ago appointed him to the school board, remembers him as "an absolutely decent human being," and his pastor, the Reverend Marion C. Bascom, calls him "the most giving human being this city has ever known." In the words of George L. Russell, the former city solicitor and judge, "he was a temperate person who conveyed a great deal of wisdom." He was a great man and a great citizen, and he has left us all a magnificent legacy. We will miss him, and our thoughts are with his wife Gladys, his children, and his grandchildren.

The Baltimore Sun paid tribute to Sam Daniels in an obituary published on January 8, 2005. I ask that it be printed in the RECORD.

The material follows.

[From the Baltimore Sun, Jan. 8, 2005]

SAMUEL T. DANIELS, 82, LEADER IN LOCAL CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE

(By Jacques Kelly)

Samuel T. Daniels, a local leader in the civil rights movement who championed African-American business enterprise and led the Prince Hall Masons for nearly four decades, died Thursday at Levindale Hebrew Geriatric Center of complications from a fall and a brain illness. The Northwest Baltimore resident was 82.

Mr. Daniels had retired in 1989 after more than 20 years as executive director of the Baltimore Council for Equal Business Opportunity, a private organization that encouraged black participation in business. He was also a past grand master of the 5,000-member Prince Hall Lodge, an African-American Masonic organization.

"He was an absolutely decent human being and an integral part of the Baltimore civil rights movement in the 1960s," said former Mayor Thomas J. D'Alessandro III, who named Mr. Daniels to the city school board in December 1968. "He was tough, decent, orderly and competent. He was an articulate spokesman for the black community."

"He was the most giving human being this city has ever known," said the Rev. Marion C. Bascom, Mr. Daniels' pastor and friend. "Samuel outstretched his hand to just about everyone I've ever known."

Born in Baltimore and raised on Druid Hill Avenue, he was a 1940 graduate of Frederick Douglass High School and earned a bachelor's degree in education from what is now Coppin State University. He served in the Army in World War II and the Korean War, attaining the rank of captain.

For eight years, he taught in city public schools, including the old Henry H. Garnet School at Division and Lanvale streets.

In 1958, he was named executive secretary of the Baltimore Community Relations Commission and simultaneously worked for Baltimore Municipal Employees Local 44 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. In 1961, he attended the Harvard Business School's trade union program.

Mr. Daniels was a school board member from 1969 to 1971. "He was a calming influence on the board during an unsettling time," said Mr. D'Alessandro.

Mr. Daniels became head of the Prince Hall Masons in the early 1960s and was among the leaders who welcomed the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. to Baltimore on Oct. 31, 1964. Dr. King's visit, including an appearance at the lodge's temple on Eutaw Place, was on behalf of President Lyndon B. Johnson's election campaign.

In a 1999 article in The Sun, Mr. Daniels recalled that day and how Baltimore was becoming aggressive in its pursuit of civil rights. The rally filled the temple.

"They became friends after that visit," said Mr. Daniels' wife of more than 60 years, the former Gladys Eva Wise.

Friends said that Mr. Daniels paid travel expenses so that young civil rights advocates could attend the 1965 marches in Selma, Ala.

"He had been central to the advancement of black people in Baltimore," said George L. Russell Jr., a lawyer and former city solicitor and judge. "He was a man who carried a great deal of dignity. He was a temperate person who conveyed a great deal of wisdom."

In 1967, Mr. Daniels became director of CEBO, an organization initially supported by the Ford Foundation. A decade later, Mr. Daniels told The Sun that his most important accomplishment had been helping African-American business owners establish relationships with large commercial banks.

He also pointed to many black-owned businesses, including the Super Pride grocery chain, as proof that his council was working.

In 1982, Mr. Daniels called for voter mobilization in black communities.

"Legislation, more than anything else, influences our lives daily, monthly, weekly and eternally," he said at a meeting reported in The Evening Sun. "If we are not a voting people, those in office are not going to care about us."

Mr. Daniels was the recipient of many community honors and testimonials. A room has been named after him at Coppin, and Morgan State University awarded him an honorary degree in 2000.

Mr. Daniels was a longtime member of Douglas Memorial Church.

Mr. Daniels will lie in state from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Willard W. Allen Masonic Temple, 1301 Eutaw Place.

Kappa fraternal services will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and be followed by Masonic services at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Daniels will rest in a sanctuary named in his honor.

A family hour wake will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday. The funeral service begins at noon and will be followed by interment at Arbutus Cemetery.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Daniels is survived by two sons, Samuel T. Daniels Jr., chief inspector for the city liquor board, and Van B. Daniels, a manager for the Maryland Lottery; a brother, Edward Daniels; and three grandchildren. All are of Baltimore. ●

HONORING CLIFF MANLEY

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, the Vermillion High School class of 1965, of