A vanguard for aspiring women professionals everywhere, Becky opened her own architectural practice in Marin County in 1951. In the midst of these professional milestones, Becky also gave birth to three wonderful children. As a working mother, Becky looked for ways to use her personal and professional talents to help those in need, becoming a tremendous source of support and energy to causes that she believed helped the community, including the Ecumenical Housing Association and Planned Parenthood.

Mr. President, 1948 saw Becky enter the political realm for the first time, by fundraising for Roger Kent, a local Democratic candidate for Congress. This initial political activity 60 years ago spearheaded a lifelong involvement with Democratic politics, a passion of Becky's that allowed her to work on the presidential campaigns for Adlai Stevenson, John Kennedy, Eugene McCarthy, George McGovern, and Jimmy Carter.

Inspired by Becky's trailblazing story and her fervent belief in good government, I first met Becky in the late 1970s when she helped me get reelected to the Marin County Board of Supervisors in 1980. As a young working mother myself, Becky quickly became a deeply admired mentor. As the years passed and our friendship grew, she was instrumental in helping me move up the political ladder to the House of Representatives and then to the U.S. Senate.

As we celebrate the 95th year of her remarkably courageous and passionate life, I remain in admiration of Becky's strong sense of civic duty, honesty, integrity, and perseverance. Along with hundreds of her family, friends, and admirers, I wish her many more years of continued happiness.●

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES H. ADAMS

● Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, on February 29, 2008, James H. Adams of Pittsfield, NH, retired as manager of the New Hampshire/Vermont District of the U.S. Postal Service after 35 years of service. I wish to thank Jim for all he has done for the people of New Hampshire over that time and for his efforts which have resulted in New Hampshire's outstanding reputation for mail operations, customer service, and worker safety.

Starting as a letter carrier in Manchester in 1973, Jim's career began when the price of a stamp cost a whopping 3 cents for a first class letter. His determination and drive for self-improvement soon led to night school classes and a degree in business management, and his talents were recognized with promotion to delivery supervisor, then superintendent of postal operations, in Concord, NH. He left our State for a time, tackling the duties of director of marketing for the Post Office in Syracuse, NY, then in a number of positions of increasing responsibility with the Postmaster General's Office in Washington, DC.

During his time in Washington, Jim worked with five U.S. Presidents and helped to develop several commemorative stamps, including those honoring our troops of Desert Storm, POW/MIAs, and even Elvis. He unveiled five World War II commemorative stamps to President George H. W. Bush in the Oval Office and was relied upon in Washington for his professional and personal knowledge of all facets of postal operations, his competent advice, and for the personal integrity with which he always conducted himself.

His return to New Hampshire to head the district in 1997 led to dramatic improvements in its operations. Overseeing a $500 million budget and 7,000 employees, Jim turned the district into one of the top 10 safest in the Nation. Similarly, with 6 million pieces of mail delivered each day in New Hampshire and Vermont, Jim's efforts led to a 96-percent on-time mail delivery record and the establishment of customer service that has been recognized as Best in the Nation for each of the past 6 years.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, which are many, Jim has remained true to his small-town roots and the honesty and decency of his upbringing. Pittsfield and all of New Hampshire can be proud of him and his success, and I am especially glad to have had the opportunity to work with Jim to serve the people of New Hampshire. Whether helping obtain a sought-after ZIP Code number to serve an entire community or making a personal commitment to ensuring an elderly or disabled customer off the beaten track received their mail at home, Jim dedicated himself to meeting the needs of those who counted on the U.S. mail coming through.

He can take great pride in his record of service. I want to take this opportunity to thank him, to recognize his contributions, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) reported that he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 1593. An act to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

At 2:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1187. An act to expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2342. An act to direct the President to establish a National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2515. An act to authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2675. An act to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3352. An act to reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3651. An act to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard.

H.R. 3891. An act to amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

H.R. 4933. An act to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to protect captive wildlife and to make technical corrections, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 302. Concurrent resolution supporting the observance of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1187. To expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2342. An act to direct the President to establish a National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2515. An act to authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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