

Mary passed away last month on March 15. I had the honor of presenting Mary's family with a European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars. This decoration represents the gratitude of the Nation she served and the wish that her family continues to share the memories of this courageous woman.●

REMEMBERING DALE JOHNSON

● Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, I would like to honor the life of an extraordinary Coloradan, Dale L. Johnson, who passed away at his Boulder home on February 23, 2012. Known as a legendary mountaineer, businessman, writer, environmentalist, and a dear friend of mine, Dale taught us all to appreciate life, and to take advantage of life's opportunities and challenges especially those on the mountain.

Infamously, one of Dale's early mountain escapades occurred while he was a freshman at the University of Colorado. Unsatisfied that the Colorado School of Mines had an "M" painted into a neighboring mountain and that the University of Colorado had no such "C" painted into the neighboring Flatirons, Dale and his roommates sought to change that.

Under the glow of a full Moon on a mild December night, Dale and his friends, equipped with a 4-inch paint brush and 3 gallons of white paint, ventured up the Third Flatiron and infamously painted a giant white "C" into the ridge. While classmates celebrated the prank, the local authorities did not find the act amusing. Ultimately, the matter was resolved, but the story has never grown old.

For those of us fortunate enough to have known Dale, we know how passionate he was about climbing. In fact, passionate would be an understatement. Dale pioneered seven first ascents, including the Redgarden Wall in Eldorado Canyon, the Second Buttress of the North Face of Hallett's Peak, and the South Face of the Matron.

While these achievements would suffice for your typical climber, Dale wasn't satisfied. Through his life, Dale climbed peaks in New Zealand, Peru, Nepal, East Africa, Japan, Italy, and Switzerland. As if his worldly travel and climbing achievements were not enough, Dale famously climbed the Third Flatiron in Boulder, CO in roller skates.

After summiting peaks throughout Colorado and the world, Dale honed in on his inner businessman, inventing Frostline Kits for climbers. With firsthand knowledge of the gear and clothing needs of climbers, Dale developed innovative equipment that was durable, lightweight, and dependable. The kits were an instant success and delivered a product that was previously unavailable to climbers in retail stores.

Throughout his life, Dale also developed an appreciation for flying. He coupled his interest in flight with his love

for the environment by flying over southern Utah's canyons, mesas, ridges, and buttes during the citizens wilderness inventory in the late 1980s to help document Utah's wild lands.

Life is full of challenges and opportunities. Dale taught us all to appreciate each and every day and to always strive for something higher. He impacted the lives of so many, and I feel lucky to have known him and to have called him a friend.●

TRIBUTE TO MRS. GERTRUDE LORIO BEAUFORD

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Mrs. Gertrude Lorio Beauford on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Born to Wilfrid A. Lorio and Eulalie L. Fischer on May 28, 1912, at Ingleside Plantation in Lakeland, LA, Mrs. Beauford is the third oldest of five siblings, two brothers and three sisters. She received her education from St. Joseph's Academy in New Roads and was classmates with former United States Congresswoman Lindy Boggs. Mrs. Beauford then went on to St. Mary's Dominican College and married childhood friend Leonard M. Beauford in 1935. Mr. Beauford worked for the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and their family moved to 18 cities in 9 years before finally settling in New Orleans in 1945.

They were married for 48 years, and their family includes 3 children, Gertrude, Wilfrid, and Kathleen, and 1 grandchild, Judith. Sharing a fondness for traveling, Mr. and Mrs. Beauford visited countries across the world including Japan, Canada, and many more across Europe. In fact, they even traveled south to Antarctica and also went north and crossed the Arctic Circle.

Mrs. Beauford has been an active member of the Louisiana Lions Club, the Jefferson Lions Club, Children's Hospital, the League of Women Voters, the Parent-Teacher Association, and the American Association of University Women. She is also an active member of St. Agnes Catholic Church and committed 18 years of her life to educating young people at McDonough #7 where she taught 5th grade.

Five generations later, Ingleside Plantation is still owned and operated by the Lorio family where sugarcane, soybeans, and wheat continue to be grown. Those closest to her know Mrs. Beauford simply as "Gertie," and she's attributed her long life to keeping busy.

I am proud to honor such an extraordinary member of our community on her 100th birthday and wish Mrs. Beauford many more joyous days, months, and years to come.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 3001. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Raoul Wallenberg, in recognition of his achievements and heroic actions during the Holocaust.

H.R. 4040. An act to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship in golf.

MEASURES REFERRED ON APRIL 16, 2012

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 112. Concurrent resolution establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022; to the Committee on the Budget.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4040. An act to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship in golf; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following concurrent resolutions were discharged from the Committee on the Budget, pursuant to section 300 of the Congressional Budget Act, and placed on the calendar:

S. Con. Res. 37. Concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022.

S. Con. Res. 41. Concurrent resolution setting forth the President's budget request for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5583. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred within account 21 2020 Operation and Maintenance, Army (OMA), during fiscal year 2010 and was assigned Army case number 11-03; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5584. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred within the fiscal year 2008 and fiscal year 2009 Operation and Maintenance Army Reserve, account 21*2080 and was assigned Army case number 11-02; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5585. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to