

1956. In 1952 she won two Olympic Gold Medals in the Slalom and Giant Slalom in the Olympic Games in Oslo, Norway.

Andrea Mead Lawrence exemplifies so much that is good in America. I wish her and her family all the best as she enters a new and productive part of her life.●

SUZANNE MARIE HAYDEN

● Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I rise today to commend Suzanne Marie Hayden for her commitment to excellence in academics and as an outstanding young person. Suzanne is a junior at Gilmer High School in her hometown of Ellijay, Georgia. Throughout Suzanne's schooling, she has maintained an A average and is Treasurer of the Beta Club. She received the 1996 United States Achievement Academy and was named the 1996-1997 Family and Consumer Science Most Outstanding Student.

In addition to maintaining an outstanding academic record, Suzanne has been involved in several sports, organizations, and other extracurricular activities. Currently serving as the Student Senate Secretary/Treasurer, she has been a leader in student government. She is also a member of the Future Homemakers of America where she is Georgia State President and was named a 1996-1997 Outstanding FHA Member. In sports, she participated on the high school cross country and track teams.

Suzanne's commitment to excellence also extends to the community. She is an active member of First Baptist Church in Ellijay, Georgia. She has also volunteered at the Gilmer Nursing Home.

Once again, Mr. President, I would like to thank Suzanne Marie Hayden for her commitment to both academic and civic excellence. As we discuss possible education reform, we can use Suzanne as a model for the type of student our schools should be producing.●

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

● Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I rise to speak today to honor a great Minnesota Senator and a great American.

U.S. Senator Hubert H. Humphrey died on January 13, 1978. On that day, a piece of Minnesota died—a piece of the nation died.

In many ways, Senator Humphrey embodied the best of our state and our nation. He was a visionary who never lost sight of people in the here and now; he was a prophet who spoke with authority and compassion; he was a leader who never lost sight of the "... extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people." Whether as the Mayor of Minneapolis or the Vice President of the United States, Senator Humphrey was

a person of dignity, integrity and honesty. Even during our darkest days of segregation and war, he never lost his humor or his commitment to improve the lives of people. And this Happy Warrior did improve the lives of countless people throughout my state and our country. Indeed, he fulfilled his own pledge that "we must dedicate ourselves to making each man, each woman, each child in America a full participant in American life."

My state and our nation owe a debt to Senator Humphrey that can never be paid.

I owe a debt to Senator Humphrey: In the back of my mind, I continually aspire to the standard he set for Minnesota Senators. I attempt to fulfill his goal that our "public and private endeavor ought to be concentrated upon those who are in the dawn of life, our children; those who are in the twilight of life, our elderly; and those who are in the shadows of life, our handicapped."

My thoughts on Senator Humphrey's passing are even more poignant this year because his wife—Senator Muriel Humphrey—died this past fall. As friends and family gathered at her funeral, I was struck by how blessed we were to have these two incredible people pass through our lives.

I close very simply in honor of the memory of this very great public man: We all are better off because of his life.●

TRIBUTE TO POLICE CHIEF STEPHEN R. MONIER ON HIS RETIREMENT

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to commend Police Chief Stephen R. Monier on his outstanding career as a law enforcement agent in Goffstown, New Hampshire. I congratulate him on his twenty-eight years of tireless service and his retirement from the police force on December 31, 1998.

Chief Monier's record of achievement is worthy of outstanding honor. As an officer, he served as a Patrol Officer, Director of the Juvenile Division, Administrative Services Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant and, ultimately, Chief. Chief Monier was a Commissioner with the Commission on the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., a past president of the New Hampshire Association of Police (NHACP), a member for nine years on the Council at New Hampshire Police Standard and Training and a member of New England Association of Chiefs of Police and International Associations of Chiefs of Police. He also had the honor of being selected as a member of the 1996 Centennial Summer Olympic's Security Team in Atlanta, Georgia, and was selected as a security team leader for the Athens' Olympics.

Along with this prestigious law enforcement career, Chief Monier was

President and a member of the Rotary International's Goffstown Chapter, founding member and Board of Director's member for Crispin's House, Inc., a nonprofit organization designed to assist at-risk youths and families, and assistant coach for the Goffstown Parks and Recreation Youth Basketball League. His philanthropic record is an outstanding achievement.

Police Chief Stephen R. Monier is an asset to his community as well as the State of New Hampshire. His remarkable record of service has made him a well-known and well-respected man. New Hampshire has always been fortunate to have great law enforcement agents, and Mr. Monier exemplifies this ideal. I am proud of his achievements and his long and honorable commitment to law enforcement. I would like to wish Chief Monier, along with his wife Sandra and their two teenage sons, the best of luck as he embarks on this new stage in his life. It is an honor to represent you in the United States Senate.●

A TRIBUTE TO RUSSELL BAKER

● Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, Thomas Carlyle remarked, "A well-written Life is almost as rare as a well-spent one." Carlyle could have written these words, if construed as a double entendre, about my rare, dear friend, Russell Baker. Baker's last "Observer" column appeared in the New York Times this past Christmas, ending a 36-year run. Over the course of some 3 million words, by his own reckoning, Russell Baker has displayed grace, gentle wit, decency, and profound insight into the human condition.

Nearly fifteen years ago, I stated that Russell Baker has been just about the sanest observer of American life that we've had. He has been gentle with us, forgiving, understanding. He has told us truths in ways we have been willing to hear, which is to say he has been humorous . . . on the rare occasion he turns to us with a terrible visage of near rage and deep disappointment, we do well to listen all the harder.

He leaves a huge hole I doubt any other journalist can fill. As Boston Globe columnist Martin F. Nolan observed last month, "the most bathetic braggarts and most lubricated louts among us never thought we were as good or as fast as Russell Baker."

A life well-spent? He's a patriot, having served as a Navy flyer during World War II. For nearly fifty years, he has been married to his beloved Miriam. They have three grown children. His career has taken him from the Baltimore Sun's London Bureau to the Times' Washington Bureau. He has covered presidential campaigns, and he has accompanied Presidents abroad. He has met popes, kings, queens—and common people, too, for whom he has