

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 202) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 202

Whereas John E. Cook has recently retired from the National Park Service after 43 years of distinguished service to the United States and the people of the western region of the Nation;

Whereas John E. Cook most recently served 87 park units in 8 western States, stretching from the Canadian border to Mexico, as Director of the Intermountain Region of the National Park Service;

Whereas John E. Cook is in the third of 4 generations from the Cook family who have served the National Park Service with enthusiasm and dedication;

Whereas John E. Cook's father, John O. Cook, and his grandfather, John E. Cook, served the National Park Service in the southwestern region, and his daughter Kayci Cook, currently serves as superintendent of Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine in Baltimore;

Whereas John E. Cook began his National Park Service career as a mule skinner at what is now Saguaro National Park;

Whereas John E. Cook, who is of Cherokee descent, speaks Navajo, and has worked diligently to promote Native American understanding;

Whereas John E. Cook has held 4 regional directorships, 1 deputy regional directorship, and 5 superintendencies within the National Park Service, and has proven to be a strong manager of people and parks, linking cultural and natural resource management; and

Whereas the citizens of the United States and the National Park Service owe John E. Cook a debt of gratitude and wish to congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates John E. Cook for 43 years of service to the National Park Service;

(2) acknowledges the admiration and affection that John E. Cook's friends share for him; and

(3) recognizes the pride and high standard of workmanship exhibited by John E. Cook for 43 years.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1999

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 14. I further ask consent that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin 60 minutes of debate on the conference report to accompany the Defense appropriations bill, as provided under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. McCONNELL. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will begin consideration of the Defense appropriations conference report at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow. By previous consent, there will be 60 minutes of debate on the conference report, with a vote scheduled to occur at 4 p.m. tomorrow. For the remainder of the day, the Senate will resume debate on the campaign finance reform bill. Amendments to the bill are expected to be offered, and therefore Senators may anticipate votes throughout the day. The Senate may also consider any other conference reports available for action.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. McCONNELL. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:37 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, October 14, 1999, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate October 13, 1999:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be brigadier general*

COL. MYRON G. ASHCRAFT, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

MAJ. GEN. NORTON A. SCHWARTZ, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

*To be general*

GEN. JOSEPH W. RALSTON, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

*To be general*

GEN. RALPH E. EBERHART, 0000

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AND APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601 AND 154:

*To be general*

GEN. RICHARD B. MYERS, 0000