

for distinguished service to the state. He had received several other distinguished awards.

"No man has expressed greater faith in, or worked harder for the development of Mississippi than Baxter Wilson," said a *Jackson Daily News* editorial in 1970.

Wilson's goal and recurring motif, the editorial said, was "helping build Mississippi."

He was a charter member of Epsilon Xi chapter of the Sigma Nu fraternity at UM and was a member of the Mississippi Society of Professional Engineers. He received from the university the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1979 and Engineer of Distinction in 1984. He became a Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary International Foundation in 1987.

He was the widower of Katherine Owen and Edwina Ford Barker.

Survivors include a son, Richard Baxter Wilson Jr., of Jackson; daughter, Miriam Weems of Jackson; and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to French Camp Academy, R. Baxter Wilson Fellowship Fund at the University of Mississippi in Oxford or to a favorite charity.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY EUDORA WELTY

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, today one of my State's most famous citizens of all time celebrates her 90th birthday. Eudora Welty is known around the world as a writer of enormous talent and accomplishment. She has lived for most of her life in Jackson, MS, and she enjoys a level of popularity in our State that a politician can envy but not match.

I invite the attention of all Senators to the May issue of *Vanity Fair* which contains a toast to Eudora by my friend and fellow Mississippian, Willie Morris.

In today's edition of the *Jackson Clarion-Ledger*, an article describes other activities that will be taking place in our State to honor Miss Welty on her 90th birthday.

I ask unanimous consent that a copy of that newspaper article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the *Clarion-Ledger*, April 13, 1999]

MORRIS' TRIBUTE TO WELTY IN 'VANITY FAIR'—MAGAZINE ARTICLE HONORS JACKSON WRITER ON 90TH BIRTHDAY; CELEBRATION SET

(By Billy Watkins)

Eudora Welty, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author from Jackson, turns 90 years old today.

To help commemorate the occasion, fellow Mississippi author Willie Morris wrote a 4,000-word story about Welty for *Vanity Fair* magazine's May issue, which is on newsstands now. Morris calls it his "toast to Eudora."

"And I call her Eudora because she's been my friend since I was a little boy," Morris says. "I very strongly support the idea that she is the greatest living American writer. She's full of wackiness and humor and loyalty to her friends. She's just so generous. Always has been."

Morris will participate in a tribute to Welty 5-7 p.m. today at Lemuria Book Store in Jackson. Although Welty will not be able to attend, Morris, along with Mississippi

writer Ellen Douglas, will be present at the celebration where two new books will be unveiled.

University Press of Mississippi will release *The First Story*, a limited edition reprint of Welty's first published short story, *Death of a Traveling Salesman*. It includes an essay by Welty looking back at that story. Only 500 hardcovers have been printed. They sell for \$75 each.

Hill Street Press of Athens, Ga., will debut *Eudora Welty: Writers' Reflections Upon First Reading Welty*. It includes essays by Morris, Douglas, Barry Hannah, Reynolds Price and others.

John Evans, owner of Lemuria, says Welty books still sell well.

"We sell a lot to out-of-towners and people who just moved here who know about Miss Welty," Evans says. "And I keep her work stocked. I feel like it's our duty that if somebody asks for something by Miss Welty, we should have it."

Morris' piece for *Vanity Fair* was originally 18,000 words but had to be edited down. "I was pleased with the way it turned out," Morris says. "I'll include the entire story in my next book of essays, which will come out in about two years."

Morris contacted many notable writers—Shelby Foote and William Styron among them—and included their views on Welty. "I sent out more than 30 letters to people who have known her for years," Morris says, "and I got 100 percent response. I think that says what people think of Eudora, the fact that they took time to respond."

"I really believe most people who love writing will read this story—not because of me, but because of Eudora. She's loved universally. And I was honored to write the story."

Mr. DODD. Will my colleague yield?

Mr. COCHRAN. I am happy to yield.

Mr. DODD. I just say to my colleague from Mississippi, I commend him for his statement recognizing the contributions of Eudora Welty. This Connecticut Yankee loves her writing. And for my birthday present this year I received a first edition copy of one of Eudora Welty's novels.

I prize and cherish her work. She is a Mississippi treasure, but she is also a treasure for this great country of ours. And I associate myself with the remarks of my colleague from Mississippi and commend him for recognizing this remarkable woman who has made such a rich contribution to the literary heritage life of our Nation.

Mr. COCHRAN. I thank the distinguished Senator very much for that.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by 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. 15. An act to designate a portion of the Otay Mountain region of California as wilderness.

H.R. 154. An act to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System units, and for other purposes.

H.R. 449. An act to authorize the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 911. An act to designate the Federal building located at 310 New Bern Avenue in Raleigh, North Carolina, as the "Terry Sanford Federal Building."

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 48. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the opening ceremonies of Sunrayce 99.

H. Con. Res. 49. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the bike rodeo to be conducted by the Earth Force Youth Bike Summit.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 388. An act to authorize the establishment of a disaster mitigation pilot program in the Small Business Administration.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 440) to make technical corrections to the Microloan Program.

The message further announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. Con. Res. 68) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. KASICH, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. SPRATT, and Mr. McDERMOTT as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 98. An act to amend chapter 443 of title 49, United States Code, to extend the aviation war risk insurance program and to amend the Centennial Flight Commemoration Act to make technical and other corrections.

The message further announced that pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

The message also announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), the

Speaker appoints the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy: Mr. YOUNG of Florida and Mr. HEFLEY of Colorado.

The message further announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2501, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House to the National Publications and Records Commission: Mr. BLUNT of Missouri.

The message also announced that pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 1295(h), the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Mr. KING of New York.

The message further announced that pursuant to U.S.C. 4355(a), the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina and Mrs. KELLY of New York.

The message also announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy: Mr. SKEEN of New Mexico, Mr. GILCREST of Maryland, Mr. TANNER of Tennessee, and Mr. HOYER of Maryland.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. STARK of California, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MINGE of Minnesota, and Mr. WATT of North Carolina.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 803) the Minority Leader appoints the following named persons to the Congressional Award National Board of Directors: CARLOS A. ROMERO-BARCELÓ of Puerto Rico, Dolores M. Beilenson of California, Timothy J. Keating of Pennsylvania, and Robert J. Kelley of Missouri.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 15. An act to designate a portion of the Otay Mountain region of California as wilderness; the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 154. An act to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System units, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 449. An act to authorize the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historical Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following concurrent resolutions were read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 48. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the opening ceremonies of Sunrayce 99; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

H. Con. Res. 49. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the bike rodeo to be conducted by the Earth Force Youth Bike Summit; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time and placed on the calendar:

S. 767. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 2-month extension for the due date for filing a tax return for any member of a uniformed service on a tour of duty outside the United States for a period which includes the normal due date for such filing.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Special Report entitled "Report on Legislative Activities of the Committee on Labor and Human Resources during the 105th Congress 1997-1998" (Rept. No. 106-40).

By Mr. MCCONNELL, from the Committee on Rules and Administration: Special Report entitled "Review of the Legislative Activities of the Committee on Rules and Administration During the 105th Congress 1997-1998" (Rept. No. 106-41).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary: Report to accompany the bill (S. 247) to amend title 17, United States Code, to reform the copyright law with respect to satellite retransmissions of broadcast signals, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-42).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 768. A bill to establish court-martial jurisdiction over civilians serving with the Armed Forces during contingency operations, and to establish Federal jurisdiction over crimes committed outside the United States by former members of the Armed Forces and civilians accompanying the Armed Forces outside the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 769. A bill to provide a final settlement on certain debt owed by the city of Dickinson, North Dakota, for the construction of the bascule gates on the Dickinson Dam; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 770. A bill to provide reimbursement under the medicare program for telehealth services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROBB:

S. 771. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the memorialization at the columbarium at Arlington National Cemetery of veterans who have donated their remains to science, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

S. 772. A bill to amend section 8339(p) of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the computations of certain civil service retirement system annuities based on part-time service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BREAUX:

S. 773. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the active business definition relating to distributions of stock and securities of controlled corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 774. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the deduction for meal and entertainment expenses of small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 775. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a feasibility study for applying airport bubbles as a method of identifying, assessing, and reducing the adverse environmental impacts of airport ground and flight operations and improving the overall quality of the environment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 776. A bill to authorize the National Park Service to conduct a feasibility study for the preservation of the Loess Hills in western Iowa; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FITZGERALD:

S. 777. A bill to require the Department of Agriculture to establish an electronic filing and retrieval system to enable the public to file all required paperwork electronically with the Department and to have access to public information on farm programs, quarterly trade, economic, and production reports, and other similar information; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI:

S. 778. A bill for the relief of Blanca Echeverri; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. MOYNIHAN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 779. A bill to provide that no Federal income tax shall be imposed on amounts received by Holocaust victims or their heirs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 780. A bill to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide for the participation of the Secretary of the Interior in the America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 781. A bill to amend section 2511 of title 18, United States Code, to revise the consent exception to the prohibition on the interception of oral, wire, or electronic communications that is applicable to telephone communications; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 782. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to modify the exception to the