

I describe Mr. Hill as "aggressive" because he trained as a warrior in the cause of justice: he went to law school specifically to overturn *Plessy v. Ferguson*. His training paid off. He prevailed in *Alston v. School Board of City of Norfolk* to grant equal pay for African American teachers. And he defended the rights of African American students in *Davis v. County School Board of Prince Edward County*, which was one of the five cases decided as part of *Brown v. The Board of Education*. Sadly, all this success was not without cost. Mr. Hill remembers the terrible telephone calls to his home, and the cross that was burned on his yard in Richmond.

The courage and accomplishments of this man and this woman are truly historic and important to our nation. I hope we can pass S. 531 quickly to recognize Ms. Parks, and I hope the President will decide very soon to reward Mr. Hill with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.●

DR. CHARLENE R. NUNLEY, PRESIDENT OF MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the installation of Dr. Charlene R. Nunley as the new President of Montgomery College. After a national search by the College's Board of Trustees, Dr. Nunley becomes the sixth President of Montgomery College, Maryland's largest community college, founded in 1946.

Dr. Nunley has already contributed enormously to this institution in her former position as Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, where she was responsible for a \$110 million budget, and provided academic leadership for 40,000 credit and noncredit students each year on three different campuses. Dr. Nunley takes over the helm from Robert E. Parilla, whose two-decade tenure was critical to the vision and growth that enabled Montgomery College to become one of Maryland's premier community colleges. Not only was Dr. Nunley Mr. Parilla's personal choice for President, she also has been with Montgomery College even longer than he, beginning her involvement six months prior to the start of the Parilla Presidency. It is, in fact, Dr. Nunley's longevity that is at the root of her deep and personal dedication to this institution. This extensive institutional knowledge also gives her the wisdom and credibility to formulate a clear vision for the future growth of Montgomery College as we approach the new millennium.

Dr. Parilla and the Board of Directors were certainly not the only ones who felt strongly that Nunley was the right person for this job. Corporate securities advisor Gordon Macklin announced that he and his wife would be making a \$1.26 million gift to the

school after Nunley became President. This gift, announced on January 27, 1999, constitutes the largest single charitable gift to a Maryland community college and will provide for the establishment of the Gordon and Marilyn Mack in Business Institute. The Macklin Institute, expected to open in the fall of 1999, will offer an honors program for second-year students who will be provided with a scholarship, a laptop computer, a summer internship, and a faculty and corporate mentor. Therefore not only does this Institute offer an increased business curriculum and high-tech training to Montgomery College students, but it will encourage strong business students to enroll at Montgomery College, and will promote economic development in the area.

Additionally, on March 24, 1999, Montgomery College received its second historic gift since Nunley was named President on January 4 of this year. Paul Peek, a computer systems manager from McLean, Virginia donated \$1.3 million to the College's Humanities Institute and Art Department. This represents the single largest individual gift ever to a Maryland community college, and will be used to support the ongoing work of both the Humanities Institute and the Department of Art. In appreciation for this gift, Montgomery College has named the Humanities Institute and the Rockville Campus's Art Building in Peek's name.

Dr. Nunley was educated at Pennsylvania State University and received a Ph.D. in Educational Policy Studies from George Washington University. Before joining Montgomery College 26 years ago, Dr. Nunley served as Director of Institutional Research at Howard Community College in Columbia, Maryland, and began her career in education at the Potomac State College of West Virginia University.

Mr. President, Dr. Nunley's creativity, effectiveness and dedication have already contributed enormously to Montgomery College, and have significantly furthered the strength of its links with the local government and business communities. I have the utmost confidence in Dr. Nunley's ability to lead Montgomery College into the next century, and look forward to working with her during another successful 20-year tenure.●

TRIBUTE TO MR. MICHAEL A. FERRARA, JR.

● Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Michael A. Ferrara, Jr. as he is honored as an Outstanding Italian American by the Sons of Italy organization. Michael has enjoyed a fruitful legal career, multiple philanthropic endeavors, and a beautiful family.

Michael was born in South Philadelphia to the children of Italian immi-

grants. His father worked hard for the Pennsylvania Railroad and his mother worked for Wanamakers once Michael and his sister, JoAnn, were grown. He was raised in this city and stayed close after graduating high school, attending Villanova University on a NROTC scholarship. Michael graduated from Villanova with a degree in Mathematics and soon after, began his naval service.

In the Navy, Michael served aboard both a submarine and a destroyer, visiting Ireland, Spain, Italy, Greece, and Tunisia. His service was extended to five years due to the Vietnam War, which is where he spent his last year. While in DaNang, Michael taught English to Vietnamese children for the U.S. Information Agency and helped deliver Marines, tanks, and ammunition to river bases along the demilitarized zone. At the age of 23, Michael was in command of a mini-fleet of 25 boats and 250 men. His service in Vietnam was rewarded with several commendations including the Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendations, Vietnam Campaign Medal and Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze stars.

After completing his military service, Michael attended law school at the University of San Diego. After graduation, he began his successful legal career. Michael has been elected President of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, as well as President of the 2500 member New Jersey Trial Lawyer's Association. He has also served as President of the National Civil Justice Foundation. Recently he was selected, along with four other attorneys, to represent the Attorney General of New Jersey in the lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

In addition to his extensive legal career, Michael has served his community through various philanthropic endeavors, including the March of Dimes and the New Jersey State Aquarium's education program. As a fellow Italian American it gives me great pleasure to recognize Michael Ferrara and his achievements, both in his career and his community. He is a man most deserving of this award and his actions should be highly commended.●

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. COCHRAN. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination on the Executive Calendar: The Foreign Service nominee on the Secretary's desk. I finally ask unanimous consent that the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nomination be printed at the appropriate place