

following the remarks of Senator BYRD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

The distinguished Senator from West Virginia.

#### ALASKA'S MAN OF THE CENTURY

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge my good friend Senator TED STEVENS' special honor as Alaska's Man of the Century, which I understand will be awarded to him this Saturday in Anchorage.

Speaking as a Senator from the State of West Virginia, it is a fitting tribute, I believe, for a man whose life has been devoted to Alaska since long before Alaska became a State.

Calvin Coolidge once said:

No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.

Calvin Coolidge was a man of few words.

The Bible says:

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

Calvin Coolidge spoke words that were fitly stated. Senator TED STEVENS has given much to Alaska, and he has given much to the Nation. He has given much to the Senate. He served his nation in war as a pilot in the 14th Air Force in World War II. As chairman of the Defense Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations, which he also leads with great distinction, and as a cofounder of the Senate Arms Control Observer Group, Senator STEVENS has continued to look after U.S. national security interests and the men and women who serve, as he did, in the uniform of her armed forces.

Senator TED STEVENS has served his nation well in war, and he has served his nation well in peace, upholding the laws of the land as an attorney, as a U.S. attorney, and as a solicitor for the Department of the Interior. He has served in the executive branch of Government working as an assistant to the then Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Mr. Seaton, to create and pass legislation making Alaska the Nation's 49th State.

I am proud to have voted to support the entry of both Alaska and Hawaii into the National Union. I am the only person on Capitol Hill who voted for statehood for both Alaska and Hawaii. I believe that is right. I was in the House when I voted for statehood for Alaska.

Senator STEVENS has been a leader in the legislative branch as a Senator from Alaska, looking out first, last, and always for the unique interests of his unique State, as well as for the interests of the Nation while serving as the assistant Senate Republican leader, serving as the Republican whip, and serving as chairman of the Appropriations Committee. His legislative ac-

complishments in behalf of Alaska are many—many—and they reflect the challenges of living, working, and traveling in a State that possesses half of the coastline of the United States, some of the most varied and spectacular terrain in the Nation, ranging from giant glaciers to volcanoes, and some of the most punishing weather, as well as some of the most delightful weather, on the planet.

The old adage says that cream rises to the top, and it is safe to say then that Senator STEVENS is the cream of the cream, the very best, for he has risen to the top of every profession, every endeavor, every challenge that he has ever tackled. His fellow Alaskans will add the cherry on top of the cream of the cream by recognizing his multitudinous accomplishments, his supreme dedication, and his deep passion for service when they bestow upon Senator STEVENS the very distinct honor of naming a very special man, Senator STEVENS, Alaska's Man of the Century.

Now the century is not over yet. I hope the people of Alaska understand that. Our own people need to understand that as well. The century is not over yet, nor is the second millennium. It is still going on. The new millennium will begin next year, not this year, and the new century will begin next year, not this year. But this is the man, the Man of the Century for Alaska.

Although he was not born in the earliest years of this century, his legacy for Alaska is more than enough to span the century and to reach into the next century as well.

Senator STEVENS is a worthy representative of his great State. He is the kind of Senator whom the framers of the Constitution had in mind when, on July 16, 1787, they reached the Great Compromise out of which came this, the greatest Senate of the world in all of the history of man.

His sometimes fiery temper matches the fiery volcanoes that rim the Aleutians, while his dogged persistence mirrors the inexorable push of the icy glaciers of the frozen North. His understanding of the appropriations process is as thorough as an Alaskan snowfall, blanketing every nook, every cranny, every corner of the budget. But his warm and courteous consideration of his colleagues and his staff reflects the loyalty and the teamwork necessary to survive in the cold wastes of faraway Alaska.

I know him to be a worthy competitor. I know him to be a loyal friend, a man of his word. What more can a man say? And only the Man of the Century could be like this man. He is an honest speaker of even the hardest and difficult truths, a man of surprising compassion and unexpected mirth. I am proud to see him honored. I wish I could be in Alaska when he is honored.

I would like to just have a few minutes in Alaska to speak about this man to his own people. They know him best. The Bible says:

A prophet is not without honour save in his own country, and house.

But you see how this man's own house, how his own country, how his own State, how his own constituents, how his own people who know him best, how they honor him. I am proud to see him honored. I hope he enjoys the good wishes and the attention that will be his on Saturday.

Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes once said this:

Through our great good fortune, in our youth our hearts were touched with fire. It was given us to learn at the outset that life is a profound and passionate thing. While we were permitted to scorn nothing but indifference, and do not pretend to undervalue the worldly rewards of ambition, we have seen with our own eyes, beyond and above the gold fields, the snowy heights of honor, and it is for us to bear the report to those who come after us.

TED STEVENS of Alaska surely has a heart touched early by the fire of public service. That flame has fueled his passion through a long and distinguished career which continues to burn brightly. But the report on Senator STEVENS is already in. From his fellow Alaskans. And they view him admiringly. And in their eyes he has crowned the snowy heights of honor. And in my eyes he has also.

"How far away is the temple of fame?"  
Said a youth at the dawn of the day.  
He toiled and strove for a deathless name;  
The hours went by and the evening came,  
Leaving him old and feeble and lame,  
To plod on his cheerless way.

"How far away is the temple of good?"  
Said another youth at the dawn of the day,  
He toiled in the spirit of brotherhood,  
To help and succor as best he could.  
The poor and unfortunate multitude,  
In its hard and cheerless way.

He was careless alike of praise or blame,  
But after his work was done,  
An angel of glory from heaven came  
To write on high his immortal name,  
And to proclaim the truth that the temple of  
fame  
And the temple of good are one.

For this is the lesson that history  
Has taught since the world began;  
That those whose memories never die,  
But shine like stars in the human sky,  
And brighter glow as the years go by,  
Are the men who live for man.

I did not write the poem, but I dedicate it to my good and dear friend, Alaska's Man of the Century, TED STEVENS.

May God continue to bless him and his family always.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. BYRD. Yes.

Mr. STEVENS. I am once again humbled by the words of my good friend from West Virginia. There is no man, I think, in history who knows more about the Senate, and loves and serves

it better, than the Senator from West Virginia. The honor to be here and serve with him is honor enough for this Senator.

I am still humbled by the award I will receive on Saturday night. But I am warmed by the Senator's comments, and thank him for his comments about this honor I will receive.

Believe me, I think if there is a Man of Two Centuries, it is the Senator from West Virginia.

Mr. BYRD. Thank you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Virginia.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, with complete humility, may I ask to be associated with the remarks of the distinguished Senator from West Virginia on behalf of our colleague.

I have had the privilege of serving both with the Senator from West Virginia and the Senator from Alaska. This is my 22nd or 23rd year, I think. I have lost count. But in those years, I have come to so respect both Senators. As we look at life in the Senate, there are no moments that are more cherished, no more well deserved than when a colleague rises at his or her own initiative to speak from the heart, as our

distinguished Senator from West Virginia has done. He evoked the great quote from the Bible about the prophet without honor. But I would say to my friend from West Virginia, I have never thought of Senator STEVENS—until this moment—as being a prophet, but I have always thought of him with honor.

Although we are from the same side of the aisle, we have had very strong and vigorous debate in dissent, but I have never left the Chamber with less than the feeling that it has been a fair fight, and an honest fight, having even greater respect for our distinguished colleague.

How richly he deserves this honor. Like you, I say to the Senator, I only wish I could be there. But we will be there in spirit.

I thank my colleagues.

Mr. BYRD. We will.

I thank the Senator.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,  
MARCH 27, 2000

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will

stand in adjournment until Monday, March 27, 2000, at noon.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 4:53 p.m., adjourned until Monday, March 27, 2000, at 12 Noon.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate March 23, 2000:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MANUEL TRINIDAD PACHECO, OF ARIZONA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION BOARD FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS. (REAPPOINTMENT)

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

ELLA WONG-RUSINKO, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ALTERNATE FEDERAL COCHAIRMAN OF THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION, VICE HILDA GAY LEGG, RESIGNED.

MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

BETH SUSAN SLAVET, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD, VICE BENJAMIN LEADER ERDREICH, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

GORDON S. HEDDELL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, VICE CHARLES C. MASTEN, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

STEVEN S. REED, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE WALTER MICHAEL TROOP, RESIGNED.

JULIO F. MERCADO, OF TEXAS, TO BE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF DRUG ENFORCEMENT, VICE DONNIE R. MARSHALL.