

TRIBUTE TO FRED CAPPS

• Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Fred Capps and to offer condolences to his wife, Cathy, and their two young children, John and Lydia.

Commonwealth's Attorney Fred Capps lost his life fighting for the people he represented each day in the courtroom. Kentucky Senate President David Williams, a longtime friend of Mr. Capps, said it best: "He died a hero, protecting his family. He was defending his home and his children, and he didn't go down easy." As a prosecutor for Adair, Casey, Cumberland and Monroe counties, Mr. Capps was devoted to bringing criminals to justice. He gave his time and energy to protect the victims who needed his help and, in the end, he gave his life for their sake as well. I have a tremendous amount of respect for the sacrifices Mr. Capps made, and I am deeply saddened that such a fine Kentuckian has been lost.

Since this tragedy occurred, people across the State of Kentucky have spoken out in fond remembrance of Mr. Capps. Many have spoken about his reputation as a skilled prosecutor, and about his genuine concern for finding justice for innocent victims. But Mr. Capps also is remembered for the many hours he served as a volunteer and coach for the Burkesville Little League, and for his example as a committed family man. He was a devoted husband and father, loyal friend, community leader, and gifted attorney.

At times such as this, I am reminded of the fragility of life and the importance of family. From all accounts, Mr. Capps understood and valued these things while he was alive and has left a legacy of excellence for his children to remember. Hopefully it will be a comfort to the family and friends Mr. Capps leaves behind to know that he was loved and admired by so many in his community and throughout the entire State. On behalf of myself and my colleagues, we offer our deepest condolences to his loved ones, and express our gratitude for all Mr. Capps contributed to the counties he served, the State of Kentucky, and to our great Nation.●

VALANOS' 50TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the couple behind one of the U.S. Senate's longstanding unofficial institutions—The Monocle on Capitol Hill. Connie and Helen Valanos opened The Monocle back in 1960 and served as impeccable hosts to generations of Senators, their staffs, friends and family. Now, their son, John, is carrying on that proud tradition. Peatsy and I will not be able to attend Connie and Helen's 50th wedding anniversary celebration. However, we send them our heartfelt congratulations and gratitude for their many years of service to the Senate.●

STALL H.S. STUDENTS EXCEL IN COMPETITION

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I would like to recognize a group of students from R.B. Stall High School in Charleston, S.C. who recently participated in the We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution national finals in Washington, D.C. They tested their knowledge of American constitutional government against 50 other student groups from across the country in a familiar format to those of us in the Senate—a congressional hearing. During the simulated hearing, students testified as constitutional experts before a panel of judges. Nineteen students, led by their teacher Karen Cabe Gibson, represented Stall High School at the competition. They were: Prerna Bihari, Amy Boller, Philip Brooks, Michael Brown, Adam D'Alessandro, Chad Gleaton, Mario King, Morwen Mansfield, Sharon Martin, Jackie Mixon, Katie Mixon, Thang Nguyen, James Nick, C.J. Parks, Shirkerah Robinson, Tamiko Robinson, Johnathan Tufts, Paula Weinreich and Toni Wiser. I commend these students for their impressive performance in the We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution program administered by the Center for Civic Education. Their interest in the foundation of our government is refreshing and will prepare them to become active, responsible citizens and community leaders.●

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.)

REPORT ENTITLED "SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING INDICATORS—2000"—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 112

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by 42 U.S.C. 1863(j)(1), I am pleased to submit to the Congress a report of the National Science Board entitled, "Science and Engineering indicators—2000." This report represents the fourteenth in a series examining

key aspects of the status of American science and engineering in a global environment.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 8, 2000.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:15 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, 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. 3176. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine ways of restoring the natural wetlands conditions in the Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge, Hawaii.

H.R. 4435. An act to clarify certain boundaries on the map relating to Unit NC01 of the Coastal Barriers Resources System.

H.R. 4576. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 291. An act to convey certain real property within the Carlsbad Project in New Mexico to the Carlsbad Irrigation District.

S. 356. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain works, facilities, and titles of the Gila Project, and designated lands within or adjacent to the Gila Project, to the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 12:02 p.m. a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 777. An act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish an electronic filing and retrieval system to enable farmers and other persons to file paperwork electronically with selected agencies of the Department of Agriculture and to access public information regarding the programs administered by these agencies.

H.R. 2559. An act to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3642. An act to authorize the President to award posthumously a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Charles M. Schulz in recognition of his lasting artistic contributions to the Nation and the world, and for other purposes.

At 3:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its readings clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4542. An act to designate the Washington Opera in Washington, D.C., as the National Opera.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).