McKernan was ever more than just the manager of one of the most successful baseball teams in minor league history; he was also the man who helped pave the way for the success of professional sports in New Mexico. One of Pat McKernan’s key philosophies was the belief that the Albuquerque Dukes were more than a Dodgers AAA affiliate; they were in fact Albuquerque’s very own team. McKernan worked hard to make sure the people of New Mexico knew this.

McKernan’s professional success is highlighted by recognition from his peers: three-time PCL executive of the year, three-time Eastern League executive of the year, 2000 inductee to the Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame, and recipient of the “King of Baseball” lifetime achievement award. However, one of his most impressive achievements is not illustrated by any award, but by the fact that for more than 20 years, attendance at Dukes baseball games was well above the levels for the rest of minor league baseball.

McKernan’s management made it easy for Albuquerque and the rest of New Mexico to love the Dukes. McKernan went above and beyond the duties of a general manager. McKernan believed that baseball was more than just a game, it could also in fact be used as a gateway to reach out to the entire community. He made it an obligation for Dukes management and players to personally reach out to the community that had so lovingly embraced it. Each Christmas, McKernan dressed as Santa Claus and personally handed out presents to needy children. McKernan showed his humanitarianism and genuine love of his fellow New Mexicans by donating excess food to local homeless shelters following every Dukes home game.

An editorial in The Albuquerque Tribune made a reference to Patrick McKernan and the city of Albuquerque by saying that they seemed almost intertwined in an ineffably charming way. This statement is all too true. Not only did the world of baseball lose a brilliant and capable administrator, but the state of New Mexico also lost one of its finest citizens and humanitarians. The citizens of Albuquerque and our state mourn the loss of Patrick McKernan.

TRIBUTE TO LT. COL. JOHN D. WOODWARD USAF–RET


John was born in Pembroke, NH, and served 23 years of peace and distinction in the United States military. He began his military career with the United States Army in Panama and later served with the Coast Artillery, Infantry and Field Artillery. In 1942, John transferred to the Army Air Corps where he was commissioned a second lieutenant and served with the Army Air Force units throughout the South Pacific.

John was one of the founding members of Detachment B, 201st Air Service Squadron, in 1942. He served under General MacArthur in the Philippines and went on to become the MacArthur Award for Materiel for the 157th Tactical Airlift Group which was accorded Federal recognition at Grenier Field in Manchester, NH, as the original New Hampshire Air National Guard. He also served in the Korean Conflict with United States Air Force units in Greenland and Newfoundland.

Promoted to the rank of Lt. Col. in 1957, John became Deputy Commander for Materiel for the 157th Military Airlift Group, MAC, in 1966, and served in that capacity when the unit became the 157th Tactical Airlift Group. He was later appointed commander of the 157th Combat Support Squadron in 1975 when the Group became a unit of the Strategic Air Command.

John earned medals and awards for his dedicated military service including: the Bronze Star, the American Defense Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the American Theater Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Theater Medal with two battle stars, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the World War II Victory Medal and the New Hampshire Air National Guard Medal. As a Vietnam veteran and senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I commend John for his contributions to the people of New Hampshire and the country.

John was an active supporter of his local community who contributed as a member of organizations including: Sons of the American Revolution, the American Legion, Sons of the Union Veterans and as a Master Mason with Washington Lodge #61 of New Hampshire. He was a lifelong die-hard supporter of the Boston Red Sox and an enthusiastic golfer.

John is survived by his wife of 59 years, Betty; his daughters: Linda Woodward and Debra Woodward and his son, John D. Woodward II. He is also survived by a granddaughter, Megan Woods and two sisters: Esther Perron and Lillian Lesmerises.

John served his country and State with pride and dignity. I applaud him for his exemplary contributions to the United States military and New Hampshire. He will be sadly missed by all those whose lives he touched. It is truly an honor and a privilege to have represented him in the U.S. Senate.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHERRY VERSUS MATTHEWS

Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, I rise today in observance of the 25th anniversary of the 504th of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 which prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities. It was modeled after Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which prohibited discrimination against persons with disabilities.

Cherry v. Mathews was a landmark case that renewed our Nation’s promise of equal opportunity for disabled Americans. As we observe the 25th anniversary of equal opportunity for disabled Americans, I urge us all to rededicate ourselves to this foundation of our Nation’s greatness.

HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY TO MR. AND MRS. S. RICHARD JENNINGS JR.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I rise today to salute two very special Tennesseans, and indeed two outstanding Americans, who I am proud to call my friends, Virginia and Richard Jennings of Johnson City, TN. On Wednesday, August 29, 2001, Virginia and Richard will be surrounded by family and friends as they celebrate the wonderful milestone of their 60 years of marriage.

In a time where so much in our society seems temporary and fleeting, Virginia and Richard have demonstrated...
each and every day the best of American values—devotion to their country, their community, their family, and to each other.

Married on Friday, August 29, 1941 at the First Baptist Church in Erwin, Tennessee, the Jennings embarked on their journey as newlyweds living in New York City until Richard was called to the service in World War II. Richard served in both of the war’s theaters, and was in Europe on VE Day and Japan on VJ Day. While he was overseas, Virginia gave back to her community as an educator, teaching and coaching basketball.

On returning home, Richard began a distinguished career at Tennessee Eastman in Kingsport which spanned almost forty years. Virginia made a mark for herself in community service in Johnson City. In recognition of devoting her time as President of the Junior League, helping to found a mental health clinic, and serving on the city’s planning commission. Both also made their spiritual lives a priority with their active membership in the Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church. Although raised as a Baptist, Virginia followed her mother’s sound advice to be the best Methodist she could!

With all of their accomplishments, probably their proudest moments came with the arrival of two daughters. Eva Boyd Jennings in 1947 and Anne Bradshaw Jennings in 1954. The Jennings’ family today boasts six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, all of whom are the apple of their grandparents’ eyes.

Through the years, Virginia, a devoted Republican, loved the thrill of politics. Former U.S. Senator Howard Baker tapped her into service as his Tri-Cities field representative where she served throughout his three terms in the Senate. In recognition of devoting her time as President of the Junior League, helping to found a mental health clinic, and serving on the city’s planning commission. Both also made their spiritual lives a priority with their active membership in the Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church. Although raised as a Baptist, Virginia followed her mother’s sound advice to be the best Methodist she could!

In MY MEMORY OF MIMI FARINA

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, in the more than 25 years that I have been privileged to serve in public office, I have come to know many, many remarkable people. But rarely have I ever known anyone more talented, more compassionate, selfless and remarkable than Mimi Farina.

On the last day of August 29, Mimi Farina lost a courageous, two-year battle with neuroendocrine cancer. While people around the country and around the world are saddened by her death, the Jennings’ courageous, crusading spirit will surely live on in the work of Bread & Roses, an organization that she founded in 1974.

Bread & Roses is a unique, internationally renowned social services agency, held together by countless dedicated volunteers and a simple, compassionate mission: to bring free live music to people confined in institutions—in jails, juvenile facilities, hospitals and rest homes. Last year alone, Bread & Roses sponsored more than 500 concerts at some 82 institutions across the country.

Mimi Farina gave up her own promising singing career to found Bread & Roses and to nurse it through years of hard times. The inspiration for Bread & Roses came to her in 1973, when she accompanied her sister Joan Baez and blues artist B.B. King to a performance at Sing Sing prison. She was deeply moved by the prisoners’ reaction to the music they heard that day. That experience, coupled with a performance of her own a short time later at a Marin County halfway house convinced Mimi of the enormous need for an organization like Bread & Roses.

Over the past quarter century, the work of Bread & Roses has been supported by a dazzling array of performers, including Bonnie Raitt, Pete Seeger, Paul Winter, Odetta, Lily Tomlin, Carlos Santana, Judy Collins, Robin Williams, Huey Lewis, Boz Scaggs and Taj Mahal.

As Bread & Roses grew in size and stature, Mimi became its most prominent and persuasive advocate. She received many awards and accolades, including "Woman of the Year" from the Bay Area Women in Music, "Most Valuable Person Award" from the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, "Woman Most Likely to be President" from the San Francisco League of Women Voters, "Woman Entrepreneur of the Year" from the National Association of Women Business Owners and "Annual Life Work Award from the Falkirk Cultural Center in San Rafael. She was among the first inductees into the Marin County Women's Hall of Fame.

I close today with an offer of my deepest condolences to the family of Mimi Farina and to those who loved her, and with these words from the poem "Bread & Roses," original written for female laborers and put to music by Mimi:

Our days shall not be sweated from birth until life closes
Hearts starve as well as bodies: Give us bread, but give us roses.

TRIBUTE TO WARREN E. PEARSON

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Warren E. Pearson of Dixville Notch, NH, who passed away on June 28, 2001. He had fought a courageous battle with cancer and inspired many with his spirit and determination.

Warren was born in Lewiston, ME, and served with honor and distinction in the United States Army’s 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam. While in the Army, he served as a military ski instructor and ski area manager in Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Warren returned to New Hampshire after his military service and assumed the position of head ski school instructor at The BALSAMS Grand Resort & Hotel in Dixville Notch. He was promoted through the ranks and became General Manager of the resort in 1971. In 1977 he became a managing partner and corporate vice president of The BALSAMS Corporation.

He was an active supporter of his community and served positions including: Director at The First Cobrebank, Chairman at First Cobrebank Corp, Board member of the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital and member of the New Hampshire Better Business Bureau. He also served on the Board of Trustees at the Hanover Inn at Dartmouth College.

Warren was awarded professional recognition for his contributions in the hospitality industry including: Innkeeper of the Year Award from the New Hampshire Hospitality Association in 1980-81; New Hampshire Commission for the Arts, Business Award for Support of the Arts in 1985 and New England Innkeepers Association Outstanding Service Award.

Warren is survived by his wife of 34 years, Eleanor; his son, Michael and wife, Sharon; his son, Andrew and wife, Lorraine and a daughter, Tamme and three grandchildren: Duncan, Lindsay Pearson and Lily Anne Pear- son Robarts. He is also survived by his mother, Mildred Bollavance and two sisters: Deborah Cooke and Marcia Whitman.

Warren served his country and State with pride and dignity. As a Vietnam veteran, I commend him for his service in the United States Army and for his exemplary personal and business contributions to The BALSAMS Grand Re- sort and New Hampshire. He will be sadly missed by all those whose lives he touched. It is truly an honor and a privilege to have represented him in the U.S. Senate.

HONORING WYNN SPERCE

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to publicly commend Wynn Speece of Yankton, South Dakota, who with her sixty years of broadcasting excellence at WNAX, 570 AM, has become the longest running radio personality in the nation.