

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, generously donating 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, Eve Boyd Jennings in 1947 and Anne Bradshaw Jennings in 1954. The Jennings' family today boasts six grandchildren and five great-children, 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. Virginia became a living legend in that role. When I first ran for the Senate, I turned to her time and time again for advice and counsel, and she not only gave me the great honor of becoming a valuable mentor, but she has also bestowed upon my wife, Karyn, and me an even greater gift—her friendship and love.

Virginia and Richard Jennings epitomize the very best of what it means to be Americans. They are a national treasure. In anticipation of their 60th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, August 29, 2001, I want to thank Virginia and Richard for their service to our nation, and most importantly, for living their lives in a way that serves as a shining example for all of us to emulate. I am honored to be their U.S. Senator.●

IN 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.

Last Wednesday, at age 56, 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, Mimi's 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 the 10th 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," originally 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 Colebrook Bank, Chairman at First Colebrook Bankcorp, 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 Pearson, Lindsay Pearson and Lilly Anne Pearson 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 Resort 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 SPEECE

● 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.

Wynn began her career at WNAX in 1939 as a writer in the continuity department earning \$20 a week. She later was given 15 minutes of air time each Saturday to mention the special premiums offered by WNAX advertisers. Her career advanced rapidly after the station's female director left, and she was selected to fill the position. In addition to her other duties, Wynn was asked to host a 15 minute program targeted primarily at homemakers six days per week, and on July 14, 1941, this show, known as the "Neighbor Lady," hit the air. Wynn's most avid listeners were provided by farms, ranches and small towns across the upper Midwest.

Six decades later, Wynn continues to conduct interviews for the local radio station and writes a long-running column for Yankton's Press & Dakotan where she has literally informed and entertained generations of listeners. Since her first show, Speece has interviewed hundreds of people, hosted 15,000 broadcasts, and received countless letters. With her outstanding talent, leadership and commitment to quality radio broadcasting, Wynn has enhanced the lives of countless South Dakotans.

Wynn's honors include the Marconi Award for the top small-market personality in the country, and earlier this year she received a distinguished alumni award from Drake University. She is a member of the South Dakota Hall of Fame, and was named one of Yankton's top Citizens of the Millennium by the Press & Dakotan in 1999.

Wynn Speece richly deserves this distinguished recognition. Therefore, it is an honor for me to share her extraordinary professional accomplishments with my colleagues.●

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE LIFE AND WORK OF HARRY BRIDGES

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to share with the Senate a little of the remarkable life of Harry Renton Bridges, one of America's great labor leaders and most impassioned voices for democracy, progress and human dignity. Harry's many friends and admirers will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of his birth on July 28 with a march to the plaza which bears his name in San Francisco.

Harry's legend began in 1934, when he helped lead the 83-day West Coast longshoremen's strike. This action remains a watershed moment in the history of the worker's movement in the United States. What was accomplished not only reverberated in San Francisco and up and down the West Coast, but eventually all across the country. Prior to this time, working conditions along America's waterfronts were deplorable. The men worked hard, for very little pay and often in very dangerous condi-

tions. Under Harry's leadership, this changed. The strike brought employers to the table. As a result, dock workers and seamen were finally able to work with a measure of pride and security.

What began as an insurgent labor movement in 1934 eventually grew into the International Longshore and Warehouse Union or ILWU. Under Harry's guidance, the ILWU helped lead the way in the fight for workers' rights and forms of social justice in the United States and around the globe. The Union stood steadfast against fascism during the 1930's and 40's. During the war it protested the detention of Japanese-Americans. It was one of the first unions to be thoroughly racially integrated. It fought McCarthyism and the communist witch hunts and blacklists. Harry and the ILWU spoke out early and loudly against apartheid in South Africa. And the list goes on. Wherever Harry sensed injustice he responded instinctively to correct it.

Harry was a native Australian, but he made San Francisco his home. Here he is remembered as a hero. Many credit his vision and passion as a guiding force behind the City's compassion, tolerance and political progressiveness.

Two years ago the San Francisco Port Authority officially named the new Ferry Building plaza the Harry Bridges Plaza. It was a fitting tribute to a man who did so much to transform the waterfront. Efforts are currently underway to further honor Harry and his memory through the construction of a monument on the plaza.

Harry was truly one of a kind. Simply put, he cared enough to make a difference. Although he passed away over ten years ago, he and his memory continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew him and who continue to be inspired by his example.●

TRIBUTE TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROCHESTER COUNCIL #2048

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Knights of Columbus Council #2048 of Rochester, NH, on the creation of the successful Future Unlimited Banquet Program. Future Unlimited is an annual event which recognizes the Valedictorians and Salutatorians from eight high schools in the Seacoast region of New Hampshire.

The eight high schools represented in the program include: St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Berwick, ME, Dover High School, Somersworth High School, Farmington High School, Nute High School, Alton High School, Kingswood Regional High School and Spaulding High School.

I commend the Knights of Columbus Rochester Council for their recognition of the scholastic achievements of the high school seniors in the Seacoast region. As a former schoolteacher, I applaud the efforts of the Knights of Co-

lumbus for rewarding students who have established goals and high standards of excellence in their academic, extracurricular and civic endeavors.

The Knights of Columbus Rochester Council #2048 have served the citizens of Rochester and our state with pride and honor. The young men and women in the Seacoast region are blessed to have the encouragement and support of an organization which recognizes the qualities of hard work, perseverance and dedication. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

IN HONOR OF PATRICK BENTON

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Patrick Benton. I have had the good fortune of having Patrick as part of my staff since 1994, and I would like to thank him for all his hard work in his efforts on behalf of the people of South Dakota. Patrick is heading off to Colby College in September, and I have no doubt that our loss is their great gain.

While in high school, Patrick organized and led a student rally to save the Rapid City School District counselors who were in jeopardy of losing their jobs. Patrick represented South Dakota on a trip to Japan as part of the Sony student project abroad. Patrick began work as an intern in my Rapid City Office in mid 1998, and eventually joined my staff full time in November of that same year. In September 1999, Patrick moved to Washington, DC, and has been a critical part of my staff ever since.

Patrick has always been wise beyond his years, and he has built up the trust and confidence of the entire staff. Patrick has worked his way up to a Research Assistant position, and has been an invaluable resource in handling matters related to banking, telecommunications, labor, campaign finance reform, election reform, federal employees and the Postal Service. He has mastered a vast amount of technical knowledge in all of these areas. When people find out Patrick is on his way to college, they can't figure out how someone with such knowledge and judgment can possibly be only 19 years old.

While we will sorely miss Patrick, I join with my entire staff and my wife, Barbara, in expressing our pride in Patrick's achievement and promise, and our thanks for his years of service to South Dakota. However Patrick chooses to apply his formidable intellect and talents, we will all be the better for it.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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