

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.