as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. His service is an example of excellence for a young man growing up with thirty-five grandchildren. I congratulate him and applaud his service.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIE LOUIS KING

Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, Willie Louis King of Niagara Falls, NY, took seriously his role as citizen-activist and acted on the democratic ideals that many of us only talk about. To honor Mr. King’s memory, I ask that we read the eloquent tribute to Mr. King that was in the Record.

The tribute follows:

WILLIE KING WALKED TO THE CIRCLE’S EDGE

I read Willie King's obituary, and it did not say enough. One of the problems with obituaries is that they are hastily written biographies, an attempt to convey to the world who the individual was and whom they leave to mourn. For most of us, that is fine, because our lives are about the who and whom the generations before us, those who will mourn the end of our existence, as we know it.

More often than we know, many of those same people were about much more than just who and whom, and their lives are not simply measured in the many names that are listed in the “survived by” paragraph of their obituaries. Though their lives were not ideal, nonetheless, they lived their lives based on ideals.

It was hard for the principled Willie King to change his mind about the things he strongly believed in. He was a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat and former congressman who believed, among other things, that everyone’s right to vote; it was their responsibility; that it was more than a political party affiliation; that it was their duty; that it was their right. Willie did.

KARI WARBERG WINS ENTREPRENEURIAL AWARD

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I want to congratulate Kari Warberg, a constituent of mine from New Town, ND, who was recently awarded the Regional Women’s Excellence Award for 2001. Kari’s farm-based business, Earthkind, Inc, was determined to have succeeded in producing and selling her wares over the Internet.

Kari's farm-based business, Earthkind, Inc, was determined to have succeeded in producing and selling her wares over the Internet. This well-deserved award is a great honor for Kari Warberg, and I applaud her inventive spirit and her hard work. I hope that my colleagues will join me in sending her our congratulations.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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