as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. His service is an example of excellence for young people finding their thirty-five grandchildren. I congratulate him and I applaud him for 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 Ken Hamilton’s eloquent tribute be printed 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 that 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” left behind. Not so, to 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 Democratic committeeman, and I, a registered Republican and former committeeman, strongly believed in. He was a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat, and I, a registered Republican and former committeeman, strongly believed in. He was a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat, and I, a registered Republican and former committeeman, strongly believed in.

Perhaps it was his rural, southern upbringing and the associated hardships and attitudes that were endemic in a then-segregated South, that led him to believe that ideal. He often spoke, and was qualified to do so, of those who had died—of all races—but he never went out to vote. Walk boldly into those polls.

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 Working Women’s Excellence Award for 2001. Kari’s farm-based business, Earthkind, Inc., was determined to have demonstrated the most outstanding entrepreneurial achievement for a woman-owned business in a region that covers eight States.

Earthkind, Inc. sells potpourri, candied, air freshener, and other products using plants from her garden. Kari spent five years developing her products, which she distributes through word of mouth and perseverance, she has made her business a success. Currently these products are sold in 5,000 stores throughout the U.S., Canada, and Europe. She also sells 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.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE 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.

(Messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:58 p.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. 8. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period, and for other purposes.


MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H. R. 642. An act to authorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:


MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 700. A bill to establish a Federal interagency task force for the purpose of coordinating actions to prevent the outbreak of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (commonly known as “mad cow disease”) and foot-and-mouth disease in the United States.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H. R. 93. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted on April 5, 2001: