

erving his community. Instead of calling it quits at five o'clock, James devotes his time and energy to helping the community through his volunteer activities. He lends his skills to the Parish Council at St. Margaret Mary School, advising them on various education issues. He coaches baseball and soccer and serves as a Parent Teacher Organization officer.

I know that the teachers, parents, and students at Beasley Elementary will greatly miss James. I wish James and his wife Jeanne all the best in retirement, and I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting James Schibig.●

IN MEMORY OF BETTY TIMES

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, it is with both pride and sadness that I ask the Senate to pause briefly so that I may share a little of the remarkable life of Betty Times, a long-serving Marin County civil servant, political activist and human rights advocate, who died last Thursday after an 8-year battle with cancer.

Betty Times was born 62 years ago in Louisiana, and moved at age 5 to Marin City where her father worked at the Marinship shipyard in Sausalito. Mrs. Times lived in and enriched the community of Marin City and the County of Marin for 56 years.

She leaves a lasting legacy of community service that includes 14 years as head of Marin County's Citizens Service Office, 18 years on the Sausalito School Board, one term on the Marin General Hospital district board, and countless years of leadership in Marin City, as a mother of five, a mentor, chairman of the board of the Community Development Corporation and as executive director of the Marin City Project.

I first got to know Betty more than 20 years ago when I served as a Marin County supervisor, and we were both founding members of the local chapter of the National Women's Political Caucus. She also served as vice president of the national NWPC.

Betty somehow also found the time to serve as an active member of the Democratic Party, and was a longtime member of the State and local Democratic Central Committees as well as a 1976 delegate to the Democratic National Convention. In 1991, she was elected to the Marin Women's Hall of Fame.

Just this February and as her health was failing, Betty was honored for her years of service by the Marin County Grass Roots Leadership Network. She is also the recipient of the Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award from the Marin County Human Rights Commission.

I think Betty's daughter, Ida, put it best when she said: "My mother was the strongest person I know. She instilled very strong values in all of us,

even her grandchildren. She was my best friend, and we were all incredibly proud of her. Her impact in this county rippled throughout the State."

I am a better person for having known and worked with Betty Times. I extend my sincere condolences to Betty's husband John, her mother Alice Coleman, and to her large and loving family.●

TRIBUTE TO STATE OF HAWAII REPRESENTATIVE HELENE HALE

● Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I wish to honor Hawaii's tireless public servant, Helene Hale, who recently celebrated her 83rd birthday and is the oldest person ever elected to the State of Hawaii House of Representatives.

I ask that the following proclamation, signed by the Honorable Harry Kim, mayor of the county of Hawaii, be printed in the RECORD.

The Resolution follows:

Whereas, Helene H. Hale has served the people of Hawaii in various elective capacities for almost 50 years, and in at least one office in each of the past six decades: in the 50s and 60s as a County Supervisor, in the 60s as Chairman or Mayor of Hawaii County, in 1978 as a delegate to the State's Third Constitutional Convention, and in the 80s and 90s as the County Council; and

Whereas, at the age of 82 years young, in the year 2000, she was elected to the State House of Representatives on the slogan "Recycle Helene Hale," becoming the oldest freshman ever elected to the State House, and she has taken State government by storm; and

Whereas, far from being a career politician, she has combined government service with other vocations, including wife, mother, college lecturer, bookstore manager, coffee grower, realtor, U.N. supporter, and founder of the Merrie Monarch Festival, and she has brought to each of these the same intelligence, wit, energy and dedication which have marked her service in governments; and

Whereas, Helene Hale has claimed many "Firsts," including first female government official in Hawaii since Queen Liliuokalani, first African-American elected official in Hawaii, first resident of Hawaii on the cover of *Ebony*, first female chief executive of a county in Hawaii, and the first octogenarian in Hawaii to campaign for public office in a bathing suit; and

Whereas, Jeremy Harris, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, proclaimed March 23, 2001, as "Helene H. Hale Day" in the City and County of Honolulu; and

Whereas, Helene Hale is a resident of the County of Hawaii, and her political career has been here, not in Honolulu, and we cannot allow Honolulu to steal credit for our Helene;

Now, therefore, I, Harry Kim, Mayor of the County of Hawaii, do hereby proclaim (belatedly) March 23-29, 2001, as Helene H. Hale Week in the County of Hawaii, and extend belated best wishes for a Happy Birthday and many more in the future.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawaii to be affixed. Done this 10th day of April, 2001, in Hilo, Hawaii.●

NATIONAL CHILD CARE WORTHY WAGE DAY

● Mrs. CARNAHAN. Mr. President, I want to tell you about one of my constituents, Julianne Woodle. Julianne was raised in St. Louis and went to the University of Missouri-Columbia after high school. As she worked toward a bachelor's degree in children and group settings, she planned to take her degree and find a job in the classroom. She dreamed of working with preschoolers in a childcare center, helping them develop the social and mental skills necessary to start school.

When she graduated in 1998, she started looking for a job. There were many available, but none of them paid enough for her to live on. She looked for more than a month, but seven or eight dollars an hour was the most anyone could pay her. Julianne still dreamed of working with young children in a classroom setting, but she had to make a living. It was a hard choice, but Julianne decided to go back to school. She hopes that a master's degree will allow her to find a job where she can work with children and still earn a decent salary.

It is because of people like Julianne that I cosponsored S.R. 79, calling for the designation of May 1, 2001 as "National Child Care Worthy Wage Day." This resolution calls on the President to set aside the first day in May as "National Child Care Worthy Wage Day."

Study after study has shown that good quality infant and toddler care has positive long term effects on children, and that poor quality care can have devastating effects. Despite the extreme importance of their work, child care providers earn an average of only \$7.42 an hour nationally. In Missouri the average is even lower, just \$7.02 an hour. The average housekeeper and restaurant worker make more.

Child care providers are largely responsible for the social, emotional, and mental development of the children in their care, yet we do not pay enough to attract qualified individuals to the field. Instead young graduates like Julianne, who really want to nurture and teach young children, are forced to look elsewhere for jobs. It is a pressing national problem, and it deserves recognition and attention from our national leaders. The resolution is a symbolic action, but it is an important one. We must bring this issue to the forefront of public discussion.

We owe it to our children.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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