

"We always talked about what was happening, around here and in Frankfort. He always seemed to know what was going on," Myers said.

Although Myers admitted he never thought then of Rudy as a future politician, he's confident the freshman lawmaker will prosper in his new position.

"I knew his daddy and his granddaddy and Steven is just like them, good and honest and fair," Myers said. "Those are the kind of people we need in Frankfort."

The store—which offers farm, home, hardware and industrial merchandise—is a family business started in 1986 by his parents, Jack and Jeanette Rudy. His brother, Matt, also works at the store. Another brother, Jeff, is a seminary student.

Steven Rudy handles the center's industrial sales, which keeps him on his cell phone and behind a computer for much of his work day.

Rudy took his agriculture education degree from Murray State University in 2000 and became an agriculture instructor at Lyon County High School in Eddyville. He used parliamentary procedure to start the same kind of classroom debates that he loved as one of Elliott's students.

But his father had always told Rudy there was an opening for him in the family business. After much prayer and realizing he could jump-start the store's industrial sales, Rudy left the classroom, came home and never looked back.

The store lies on the border in both McCracken and Ballard counties. The front acreage is lined with large merchandise, but there also is room for a soccer field, complete with two goals, which the Rudys set up for a local youth league.

Transactions at the farm store typically are finalized with a bag of freshly popped popcorn, Jack Rudy's favorite snack. A theater-style popper stands behind the counter, and the Rudys hand out 50 pounds of the snack every two to three weeks.

"Everyone tells me that I eat more than half of it, but it's a way of saying thanks," Jack Rudy said.

GOING TO WORK

Since his election, Rudy splits his time by attending sessions in Frankfort for freshmen legislators, working at the farm store and helping plan the wedding.

The General Assembly will convene Feb. 1 for 25 working days to consider and act upon legislation.

"I'm proud of him and I hope he does well," Elliott said. "The state needs people in Frankfort who care about people."

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

CORPORAL TIMOTHY GIBSON, USMC

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I rise today to remember and honor Cpl Timothy Gibson of Hillsborough, New Hampshire for his service and supreme sacrifice for his country.

Corporal Gibson demonstrated a willingness and dedication to serve and defend his country by joining the United States Marine Corps. Just as many of America's heroes have taken up arms in the face of dire threats, Tim dedicated himself to the defense of our ideals, values, freedoms, and way of life. His valor and service cost him his life, but his sacrifice will have spared millions from lives of tyranny and sorrow.

Tim graduated from Merrimack High School in Merrimack, NH in 2000 and enlisted in the Marine Corps on April 9, 2001. He then reported to Marine Corps recruit training and subsequently received further training as a rifleman in the infantry. Upon completion of this training, he became a member of 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Hawaii. From this unit's home base in Hawaii, he would later deploy to Iraq in pursuit of those who would threaten our way of life.

Tragically, on January 26, 2005, Cpl Gibson gave his last full measure for our Nation when the CH-53E helicopter he was in crashed near Ar Rutbah, Iraq. Throughout his short career, Tim earned a series of accolades which testify to the dedication and devotion he held for the Marine Corps, his fellow Marines, and his country. Tim's hard work and dedication contributed greatly to his unit's successes and placed him among many of the great heroes and citizens that have given the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Tim was recognized for his service by the Combat Action Ribbon, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Second Award, and the National Defense Service Medal. He was also the recipient of a Certificate of Appreciation, a Letter of Appreciation, and Meritorious Mast for his performance above and beyond expectations while in the Marine Corps.

My condolences and prayers go out to Tim's family, and I offer them my deepest sympathies and most heartfelt thanks for the service, sacrifice, and example of their Marine, Cpl Timothy Gibson. Tim exemplified the words of Daniel Webster who said, "God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it." Because of his efforts, the liberty of this country is made more secure.

SHIRLEY CHISHOLM TRIBUTE

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to a devoted public servant and a former Member of the U.S. Congress, Shirley Chisholm. As a passionate activist, the first African-American woman to be elected to Congress, as well as the first African-American to seek the Presidential nomination from a major political party, Congresswoman Chisholm was a person of exceptional courage and profound impact. She will be missed.

Before her election to the New York State Legislature in 1964, she was a dedicated educator in New York City, serving as a teacher as well as a daycare director. Elected to national office in 1969, Congresswoman Chisholm worked for both gender and racial equality. She was cofounder of New

York NOW, the first chapter of the National Organization for Women. In 1969, she became a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus, and in 1971 she cofounded the National Women's Political Caucus.

She continued her fight for minority representation when she sought the Democratic nomination for President of the United States in 1972. Although many criticized her campaign as a futile effort, she tenaciously continued her fight for the nomination and laid the groundwork for future minorities to run for the Presidency. In her own words, she "ran for the Presidency, despite hopeless odds, to demonstrate sheer will and refusal to accept the status quo." And indeed she was instrumental in opening the door for women and minorities to enter Presidential races in the future. As she noted in her autobiography, "The Good Fight," "the next time a woman runs or a black, a Jew or anyone from a group that the country is 'not ready' to elect to its highest office, I believe he or she will be taken seriously from the start. The door is not open yet, but it is ajar."

Throughout her lifetime, Shirley Chisholm worked to open doors for women and minorities inside and outside of the political arena, and in the process gained the respect and acknowledgement of even her most ardent political foes. By remaining loyal to her own beliefs and steadfastly working to accomplish her goals, Shirley Chisholm truly was what the title of her autobiography declared: "unbought and unbossed."

Her vision, her ideals, and her courage are certainly not to be forgotten. I extend my deepest sympathies to her family and friends.

RULES OF PROCEDURE—COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, today the Committee on Rules and Administration approved the following rules for the committee. I ask unanimous consent that they be printed in today's RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION (Adopted Feb. 8, 2004)

TITLE I—MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The regular meeting dates of the committee shall be the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, at 9:30 a.m., in room SR-301, Russell Senate Office Building. Additional meetings may be called by the chairman as he may deem necessary or pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 3 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

2. Meetings of the committee, including meetings to conduct hearings, shall be open to the public, except that a meeting or series of meetings by the committee on the same