

Carole's cheerful disposition, effervescent personality, and her famous cakes have made her the Perle Mesta of the Appropriations Committee. Her cakes and pies are so well known that TOM HARKIN, who is quite the chef himself, has asked for her recipes—especially her Coca-Cola cake. It should also be noted that her award-winning cheesecake is featured at a well-known restaurant in her home State of Maryland.

Carole has many other talents as well. She and her husband, Ron, are championship bridge players and have played in many national tournaments. In fact, that is how she met Ron, at a bridge tournament in 1975. They were married in 1977 and raised a beautiful daughter, Lori. They are now blessed with three grandchildren who we can all hope will inherit their grandmother's knack at cooking. My best wishes to Carole and her family on this occasion of her retirement.

Mr. HARKIN. I join my colleague in thanking Carole Geagley for her service to the U.S. Senate and wishing her well as she embarks in a new phase of her life.

Carole is an institution on the Appropriations Committee and not one that will soon be forgotten. She spent the longest period of her Appropriations life assisting the group of offices that staff call "the Bullpen," a crowded space in the Hart Building that holds anywhere from five to seven subcommittee staffs. With different bills moving at different paces through the Senate, that area is often the locus for much activity, and Carole managed those interactions with a calm demeanor.

In that capacity, Carole came into contact with many Senators and many Senate offices. She is a storehouse of institutional knowledge, which she imparted to younger staffers when perspective and history needed to be their guides. And just as importantly, she fed them. Every staff birthday was celebrated with a Carole Geagley creation. One thing is certain: Appropriations Committee staff will never eat as well as they did when they worked with Carole.

I know that Carole will treat retirement with the same gusto with which she performed her various duties in the Senate. So today we congratulate Carole. We thank her for her longtime service to this institution and we wish the whole Geagley family the best.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO A GREAT NEW MEXICAN: J. PAUL TAYLOR

• Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to come to the floor today to express my gratitude to J. Paul Taylor—a man of great passion for his wife

and children, art and culture, education, border health, progressive politics, and last but definitely not least, improving the economic, social, and spiritual well-being of the people in the Mesilla Valley in southern New Mexico.

J. Paul Taylor has touched the lives of so many of the people throughout our great State of New Mexico, but what is most remarkable is that he has done so in so many different facets of life. News articles about him have never really captured but one small piece of his life, as they focus on: J. Paul Taylor: The Artist; J. Paul Taylor: The Historian; J. Paul Taylor: The Educator; J. Paul Taylor: The Politician; J. Paul Taylor: The Father of Border Health; J. Paul Taylor: The Advocate for the Poor; J. Paul Taylor: Children's Advocate.

Only J. Paul Taylor could be honored in the wide array of ways he has, including having New Mexico State University establish the J. Paul Taylor Endowment in the College of Education, the New Mexico Human Needs Coordinating Council establishing the J. Paul Taylor Legislative Champion Award to honor other legislators, the New Mexico Library Association naming him a "New Mexico Library Treasure," getting the Lifetime Achievement Award with his wife from the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division, receiving the Voice for Children Award from the New Mexico Voices for Children, and the awards go on and on.

Representative Taylor was recently honored by his legislative colleagues in the New Mexico Roundhouse, both Democrats and Republicans. As the Las Cruces Sun-News reported, "Taylor was described as 'the great gentleman of New Mexico politics,' and 'a populist advocate for the poor and disenfranchised.' He was also lauded for his effort to create the Office of Childhood Development and for the donation of his home in Mesilla, to be converted into a museum following the death of Taylor and his wife, Mary."

Earlier this month, J. Paul Taylor was unanimously confirmed as a member of the New Mexico National Hispanic Cultural Center and the awards and recognitions just keep on coming.

I am so pleased to have worked closely with J. Paul Taylor for the good of New Mexico and the people of the Mesilla Valley throughout my career and think words are impossible to express my gratitude to him for all that he has done for the people of New Mexico. He embodies the very best of our State—its culture and its heart and soul.●

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS TRACK AND FIELD PROGRAM

• Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the University of Arkan-

sas Track and Field Team on earning their 40th NCAA Title last weekend. This win also marks the team's 18th indoor track title, the most of any Division 1 athletic program in the Nation.

Saturday's win continues a long tradition of excellence for a program that boasts some the best attendance at track events nationwide. A crowd of 5,461 faithful fans cheered them on to victory in Fayetteville, AR last Saturday. The success of our talented athletes and coaches is a source of pride for all Arkansans.

Under the leadership of Head Coach John McDonnell, the Razorbacks have been a consistent powerhouse in collegiate athletics, earning him the honors as the Nation's winningest track and field coach. In his 33rd year as head coach, McDonnell has won 74 conference championships, 31-straight cross-country conference titles, and 5 NCAA triple crowns.

In fact, Coach McDonnell's team has won at least one national title in cross country, indoor or outdoor track in 20 of the past 21 years. It is no wonder that he has been named National Coach of the Year a total 27 times for his work with Arkansas athletics. Indeed, his record of success reads like a page out of the Guinness Book of World Records. His ability to recruit and hone the talents of the most outstanding athletes in collegiate track and field rightly identifies him with the greatest names in the history of college sports.

The young men that join the University of Arkansas track squad are models of athletic excellence. Their hard work and dedication to the sport are a source of pride and inspiration for Arkansans and sports fans everywhere. Among them are 156 All-American athletes who have won a total of 585 All-American honors for individual events, and the members of the Arkansas track and field team have earned a remarkable 102 national championships for individual events. In fact, the official web site of Razorback Athletics, www.hogwired.com, boasts that "[track and field] athletes who letter four years are likely to leave with more rings than fingers." Additionally, twenty-five U of A track athletes have gone on to compete in the Olympic Games, the highest honor for an amateur athlete.

I would be remiss if I neglected to mention the essential contribution that the University of Arkansas's Athletic Director, Frank Broyles, makes to the success of the track program. Frank is a steadfast supporter of track and field, and by appointing Coach McDonnell to head the program in 1977 and funding the track program at an optimal level for the many years thereafter, this 40th National Title is a tribute to him and his work to make Arkansas athletics what it is today. A