

Gabbard, Jason Ralph Gabbard, James Matthew Gabbard and Jesse Eden Gabbard; his mother, Maggie Eden Gabbard; and a sister, Charlotte Moore, all of Lexington.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington. Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at W.R. Milward Mortuary—Broadway. Burial will be in Lexington Cemetery.

RALPH GABBARD SHAPED AND EXPANDED TV'S INFLUENCE

Lexington broadcasting executive Ralph Gabbard was a bona fide success story, rising from his Berea boyhood to a position of national leadership in the television industry.

His untimely death this week at 50 leaves his many friends and colleagues in shock, but the end of a life lived so fully and energetically leaves an example worth heeding.

As the driving force behind WKYT-TV (Channel 27) in the Lexington market, Mr. Gabbard realized early on that the advent of cable TV was a threat—or perhaps an opportunity. His response was typically savvy and creative.

Mr. Gabbard believed that his station would thrive the more it stressed its local identity. Thus he built a strong news team, became the TV flagship for University of Kentucky sports and made sure that WKYT played a role in every possible civic activity.

He extended this philosophy when WKYT bought and beefed up its sister station in the mountains, WYMT-TV. The stations enhanced each other naturally, giving each a toehold exactly where needed, and extending their company's influence throughout Kentucky.

By serving his community and region the best way he knew, Mr. Gabbard also bolstered a thriving business. He had been the station's president and general manager when it was part of the old Garvice Kincaid empire, and when WKYT was sold to Gray Communications Inc. in 1994, he was named president of the new parent company.

By then, Mr. Gabbard was a respected national figure in the TV industry, a true accomplishment for someone outside the big-city markets. He served as chairman of the CBS-TV affiliates and was a director of the National Association of Broadcasters.

Mr. Gabbard played a key role in the recent compromise between the TV industry and the Clinton administration to improve children's programming.

Throughout his career, Mr. Gabbard forged ahead with boldness, tenacity and innovation. He treated the Lexington TV market as if it were in the big leagues, and that's where he ultimately put himself.

That's a notable legacy and the reason that Ralph Gabbard will be sorely missed.

HONORING THE SCHEPKER'S ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. ASHCROFT. Madam President, families are the cornerstone of America. The data are undeniable: Individuals from strong families contribute to the society. In an era when nearly half of all couples married today will see their union dissolve into divorce, I believe it is both instructive and important to honor those who have taken the commitment of till death us do part seriously, demonstrating successfully the timeless principles of love, honor, and fidelity. These characteristics make our country strong. For these important reasons, I rise today to honor Jacob and Sophie Schepker of St.

Louis, MO, who on August 10, 1996, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. My wife, Janet, and I look forward to the day we can celebrate a similar milestone. Jacob and Sophie's commitment to the principles and values of their marriage deserves to be saluted and recognized.

INTELLIGENCE REAUTHORIZATION BILL

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise in support of S. 1718, the intelligence reauthorization bill, with the understanding that one inequity contained in the bill will be corrected in conference.

The bill in its current form contains what I believe is an inappropriate encroachment on the authority of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to staff its position of Assistant Director, National Security Division.

The current bill requires that the FBI consult with the DCI prior to this appointment. The FBI, like any other agency, should be vested with the sound discretion to fill its ranks in a manner that is not burdened by outside Agency influence. I perceive this proposed requirement as an infringement by the foreign intelligence community upon domestic law enforcement.

I recognize that, with respect to the FBI's National Security Division, there is some overlap between intelligence and law enforcement, but that alone does not justify the necessity of this measure. Let's not place an unnecessary check upon the FBI by imposing this additional requirement.

Remember, it was the National Security Division which, notwithstanding bureaucratic hostility within the CIA, vigorously pursued the Aldrich Ames case. How zealous will future NSD higher ups be if they feel their career may turn on CIA approval?

I urge each of you to support language which we have negotiated with the Intelligence Committee and the administration, which deletes the requirement that the FBI Director consult with the DCI prior to the appointment of its Assistant Director, National Security Division.

Replacing this requirement is a provision whereby the FBI Director notifies the DCI of its selection to this vital position. The DCI may then, but is not required, to consult with the FBI Director concerning the selection.

It is my belief that this provision more clearly recognizes the separate and distinct missions, as well as the differing standards by which the intelligence and law enforcement communities must operate. I urge each of my colleagues to endorse this proposed change.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MARY SINGLETARY TAYLOR

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, I rise today to extend my birthday wishes to Mrs. Mary Singletary Taylor, a native

of Henry County, AL. She was born 98 years ago today—September 18, 1898. I understand that with the exception of some hearing loss, Mrs. Taylor is in good shape and still reads the Dothan Eagle newspaper each morning before working on her tatting. She calls her tatting, which is a handmade lace and somewhat of a lost art, her therapy.

Mary's parents were W.B. and LaNora Singletary and her husband was Jasper Taylor, a farmer. Her niece is our own LaRose Taylor Shirley, who most of us know as a 16-year member of the U.S. Capitol Police Force. LaRose also hails from Henry County, which is located in the southeastern corner of Alabama.

Mary S. Taylor was a lifelong resident of Newville, AL, in Henry County, and now resides in the Henry County Nursing Home in Abbeville. She attended a one-room school in Caps, AL, until she finished the fifth grade and then transferred to the Abbeville Normal School, where she completed her education. She was an active and dedicated member of the Tolbert Baptist Church for approximately 70 wonderful years.

Mary was a homemaker and was known far and wide as an excellent and talented seamstress. She was especially known for her handmade baby clothes and her tatting.

I am pleased to congratulate Mrs. Taylor for reaching this milestone in her life and wish her many, many more happy birthdays.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:57 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 533. An act to clarify the rules governing removal of cases to Federal court, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1507. An act to provide for the extension of the Parole Commission to oversee cases of prisoners sentenced under prior law, to reduce the size of the Parole Commission, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1684. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the death of Dolly Madison.

H.R. 1776. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Black Revolutionary War patriots and the 275th anniversary of the 1st Black Revolutionary War patriot, Crispus Attucks.

H.R. 1886. An act for the relief of John Wesley Davis.