

and community. She deserves to be recognized for her many contributions as she turns 90 years young.

Ms. Duke joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1915. For the past 79 years Ms. Duke has devoted much of her time to religious service throughout western Kentucky. Among her accomplishments are serving as the first president of the Local Missionary Society and Organization, her appointment by the Bowling Green district as the Rural Woman of Kentucky, and presiding as the church choir director and pianist from her youth until 1980.

Ms. Duke's musical talent allowed her to pursue a career in teaching public school music and directing high school choir in several schools throughout Butler County. Ms. Duke has also directed countywide cantatas that encompassed a group of singers from all denominations.

Ms. Duke has been actively involved in many civic organizations. She is a member of the Historical Society of both Butler and Ohio Counties. She was involved in the Women's Civic League. She has contributed her energy and talents to many other organizations and projects in which she volunteered tirelessly.

Mr. President, Ms. Duke's church and community should be very pleased to have such an outstanding member. Her community owes her a debt of gratitude and I feel that she deserves much recognition for her accomplishments and contributions. It is impossible to list everything Ms. Duke has done to make western Kentucky a better place, but she is truly an outstanding person and I extend to her my congratulations on her many accomplishments. ●

SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENTS

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I believe that many senior citizens will be confused by the floor debates and amendments on Social Security offered last week during debates on the unfunded mandates legislation, and in the future in regard to the balanced budget amendment. Such confusion is understandable. Both sides tend to claim to be protecting Social Security.

Last week, I voted for Senator HARKIN's amendment to the S. 1, the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act of 1995, instead of Senator KEMPTHORNE's amendment, because I believed that the language of the Harkin amendment was much stronger language to protect Social Security trust funds if a constitutional amendment to balance the budget is adopted.

Personally, I oppose a balanced budget amendment, and I hope that over the course, of time people will understand how such an amendment will affect programs that are vital to the citizens in their States and that such a balanced budget amendment will not be added to the Constitution.

But because the fate of a constitutional amendment to balance the budget remains unclear, the Harkin amend-

ment is a very important symbol of the intention of the Senate not to jeopardize or play games with Social Security or use the Social Security trust fund in calculations to balance the budget.

I voted last week for Senator HARKIN's amendment which says that Social Security should be exempt in any calculations required by a balanced budget. I did it to protect the Social Security trust funds and to reassure senior citizens who rely on Social Security benefits. My record in fighting to protect Social Security and senior citizens is clear. ●

HITTERS HALL OF FAME

● Mr. MACK. Mr. President, last year I had the privilege of speaking before the Senate on the occasion of the dedication of the Ted Williams Retrospective Museum and Library. I rise to speak today because on February 8 and 9 the Ted Williams Museum is opening the Hitters Hall of Fame and an 85-seat theater. Ted has specifically chosen the 20 greatest hitters of baseball to be inducted in the inaugural class. Each subsequent year, two more hitting greats will be inducted into the Hitters Hall of Fame. The inaugural class of inductees includes:

Babe Ruth, New York Yankees.
 Lou Gehrig, New York Yankees.
 Jimmie Foxx, Boston Red Sox.
 Rogers Hornsby, Saint Louis Cardinals.
 Joe DiMaggio, New York Yankees.
 Ty Cobb, Detroit Tigers.
 Stan Musial, Saint Louis Cardinals.
 Joe Jackson, Chicago White Sox.
 Hank Aaron, Milwaukee-Atlanta Braves.
 Willie Mays, New York Giants.
 Hank Greenberg, Detroit Tigers.
 Mickey Mantle, New York Yankees.
 Tris Speaker, Cleveland Indians.
 Al Simmons, Philadelphia Athletics.
 Johnny Mize, New York Giants.
 Mel Ott, New York Giants.
 Harry Heilmann, Detroit Tigers.
 Frank Robinson, Baltimore Orioles.
 Mike Schmidt, Philadelphia Phillies.
 Ralph Kiner, Pittsburgh Pirates.

In addition to the annual induction of two new members, the Hitters Hall of Fame will recognize four active players, two from the National League and two from the American League, for their hitting prowess. This year the Hall would like to recognize Tony Gwynn, San Diego Padres, Jeff Bagwell, Houston Astros, from the National League; and Frank Thomas, Chicago White Sox, and Ken Griffey, Jr., Seattle Mariners, of the American League.

As you know, Mr. President, my family has a long history of association with major league baseball. It is a great honor for me to be able to recognize these heroes of America's national pastime, and I am proud that their memories will live on in the Ted Williams Museum in Hernando, FL. ●

EVERETT MCKINLEY DIRKSEN: PRAGMATIC CONSERVATIVE

● Mr. SIMON. Mr. President, Everett McKinley Dirksen of Pekin, IL, who served this body so well as the Republican leader of the U.S. Senate, was one of the most capable political figures of his time and of the modern era.

Historians generally acknowledge, for instance, that without Everett Dirksen's backing, such landmark legislation as the 1964 Civil Rights Act almost certainly would not have passed.

Thomas McArdle, offers an insightful profile of Everett Dirksen in a recent article published by Investor's Business Daily.

Mr. President, I call the attention of my colleagues to this article and ask that it be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

SEN. EVERETT DIRKSEN: HE EPITOMIZED THE NOTION OF "PRAGMATIC CONSERVATISM"

(By Thomas McArdle)

Today, the country's most influential Republican leader, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., proclaims that he will cooperate with President Clinton, but is unwilling to compromise.

What a contrast to the late Senate Republican Leader Everett McKinley Dirksen, who was fond of replying to detractors who accused him of not standing for very much, "If there were no compromise, there might not have been a Constitution of the United States."

Dirksen is remembered as a honeytoned orator who could endear himself even to a hostile audience. His baggy clothes and unkempt hair were legendary, but it was a rumpled, folksy image he deliberately cultivated.

Moreover, he was far from being just the colorful, lovable clown political cartoonists loved to peg him as. He may have been the senator who delivered an annual speech in praise of the marigold, but there was substance underneath of idiosyncracies.

Dirksen was both in Pekin, Ill., part of Rep. Abraham Lincoln's congressional district in the 1840s. As a boy, Dirksen knew some old-timers in the town who actually knew Lincoln personally. His sentimentality towards Lincoln would pervade his speeches and statements all of Dirksen's career.

His parents were immigrants from Ostfriesland in northern Germany. His father, like many of his fellow German-immigrant and native-born neighbors in Pekin, had an unquestioning loyalty to the Republican Party unheard of today. Dirksen's middle name came from then-Ohio Governor William McKinley, soon to become the next Republican president. His twin brother was named after the sitting GOP speaker of the House and his older brother after the last Republic president, Benjamin Harrison.

When he was five, Dirksen's father suffered a debilitating stroke and the young sons were forced to work hard on the family's small farm. Rising before dawn each workday was a habit Dirksen would maintain all his life.

He displayed extraordinary political acumen early on, gaining his first term in the House of Representatives by beating a multimillionaire, five-term GOP incumbent in the party primary. He then handily defeated the Democratic challenger—in 1932, the year voters were so mad at Republicans for the Great Depression that Franklin Roosevelt won the presidency in a landslide and a national realignment in favor of the Democratic Party began. Dirksen won the district by almost as great a margin as Roosevelt.