

who worship at the New Light House of Prayer in Greenville, TX, as well as the people who worship in the Church of the Living God in Greenville, TX, which was not destroyed but which was burned and is badly damaged, I am here to say to them that all of America cares, that this is not right, and we must condemn the burning, the desecrating and the destruction of religious property.

In fact, I am reading from the resolution that condemns the burning, desecrating, and destruction of religious property. We urge Federal law enforcement authority to expeditiously and vigilantly investigate and appropriately punish the perpetrators of these heinous crimes.

Mr. President, this is something that we can all come together and fight for. We will work with the President. We will work with the entire U.S. Senate and the entire U.S. Congress to say that we want to put teeth in the laws that would keep this from happening, because you are tearing down the very spirit of a community when you desecrate a place of worship. We do not want to do that. We want to speak out against it.

So I say to Pastor Thomas and to his whole congregation, to the people who also worship at the Church of the Living God in Greenville, TX, that we must stand together against this, and by doing so, we will learn the lesson from Pastor Thomas. We will be stronger. We will be stronger as communities. We will be stronger as a country.

Mr. President, I wanted to read the list of the cosponsors of this resolution. Besides myself, they are Senators GRAMM, FAIRCLOTH, MCCONNELL, COCHRAN, THURMOND, COVERDELL, HELMS, D'AMATO, MURKOWSKI, WARNER, NICKLES, and ABRAHAM.

#### COMMENDING BECKY CAIN

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to commend the efforts of a fellow West Virginian, Becky Cain, for her enormous contribution to her State and country. Since Ms. Cain's days as a high school civics and American government teacher, she has worked to reverse the trend of low voter turnout and the lack of citizens' participation in politics.

In the 1970's, Ms. Cain began to volunteer for the League of Women's Voters, a nonprofit organization aimed at increasing the political participation of American women. Constantly on the search for new voters, she did not leave her days of manning voter registration tables behind when she became president of the League in 1992.

Mr. President, as president of the League, a volunteer post, Ms. Cain decided that the organization should undertake projects that would rebuild voters' faith in the political system. She has made it her mission to attack the apathy and distance between citizens and their government, a recurring

problem that the League hopes to cure. Becky Cain and the League of Women Voters of the United States have made great strides toward this goal with the passage of the National Voter Registration Act, or the "motor-voter" law, in 1995. The "motor-voter" law has generated the greatest increase in voter registration since the late 19th century, registering some eleven million voters.

Ms. Cain and the League are now focusing on encouraging registered voters to take the second step and to responsibly vote. They have joined the Ladies' Home Journal in an effort to educate women voters by running political features aimed at women's issues.

Ms. Cain has been active in West Virginia for more than 20 years, working on numerous advisory boards to the government on issues such as environmental protection and health care reform. Her experience in grass roots movements has helped her to keep in touch with the voters as she fulfills the responsibilities of her national position in the League.

Mr. President, Ms. Becky Cain has ably served her fellow West Virginians and the American people through her participation on advisory boards, as well as her volunteer work for the League of Women Voters for the United States. She is a West Virginian who embodies the qualities and character of a leader, and I salute her for her commitment to the American political process. I ask unanimous consent that a recent article in the National Journal, entitled "She's in a League of Her Own," be printed in the RECORD.

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

[From the Natural Journal, May 4, 1996]

SHE'S IN A LEAGUE OF HER OWN

(By Eliza Mewlin Carney)

When Becky Cain started staffing voter registration tables for the League of Women Voters of the U.S. in the 1970s, she frequently ran into people who were embarrassed to admit that they had failed to sign up to vote.

Now that she's president of the league, one of the nation's oldest nonprofit dedicated to citizen political participation, Cain still goes to malls and state fairs in search of new voters. But these days the public reaction is different.

"We get people saying: 'No. No way. I don't want to legitimize that system with my participation.' That's a whole different change in attitude," Cain said. "They are choosing—deliberately choosing—not to participate in a system that they think is broken."

To Cain, a former teacher of high school civics and American government, that change is alarming. Cain's concern has helped prompt the league this year to pursue several projects aimed at rebuilding voters' faith in the political system and at closing the gulf between citizens and their government.

Since 1992, when Cain became president, a volunteer post, the league has scored one of its most important victories: the passage of the National Voter Registration Act, or "motor-voter" law, which took effect last year. Some 11 million citizens registered to vote in 1995, and another 9 million are ex-

pected to do so by November—the largest increase since the late 19th century, the league maintains.

Now it's time to make sure that those voters take the next step and actually pull the lever, Cain said. In addition to a full roster of league get-out-the-vote and voter education activities, Cain's group has teamed up with the Ladies' Home Journal on a massive "Power the Vote!" campaign to increase women's political participation, which poll show has recently declined. (For more on the drop in women's voting, see NJ 4/13/96, p. 824.)

The league and the New York City-based Journal have set up a toll-free number to help people register and vote, as well as a World Wide Web site that offers how-to tips on rating debates, understanding political polls and interpreting campaign ads. Between now and November, the Journal, which has a circulation of 4.5 million, will also run political features aimed at women.

It's one of dozens of ambitious league partnerships formed under Cain, 48, who has been working her way up the group's ranks since 1975. A citizen activist in West Virginia for more than two decades, her eclectic background includes grass-roots political work and a stint as West Virginia's deputy secretary of state. She's also served on dozens of government advisory boards set up to tackle issues ranging from environmental protection to health care reform.

Her hands-on political savvy has helped Cain win powerful allies and raise the league's profile. The nonprofit, nonpartisan organization enjoys credibility on both ends of the political spectrum, and a healthy budget adds to its clout. The organization and its educational affiliate, the League of Women Voters Education Fund, spent upwards of \$5 million last year.

But Cain's down-to-earth, ebullient personality has never allowed her to lose touch with voters and their day-to-day concerns, her colleagues say. Cain still lives in West Virginia, in a town outside the capital called St. Albans, and commutes by plane two or three days a week to the league's Washington headquarters. (The league reimburses her for the propeller plane rides, which officials say are cheaper than if Cain rented an apartment in Washington.) Much of her time is spent on the road visiting the league's 1,200 affiliates.

"She is very much in touch with not only what league members are doing, but with the politics of the country, which I think is an extremely important thing to bring into an organization," said Ann McBride, president of Common Cause, which is collaborating with the league and other like-minded groups on a grass-roots lobbying drive to promote campaign finance reform.

The league's education fund is helping to host a series of "citizen assemblies" nationwide that explore the relationship between money and politics. Dubbed "Money + Politics: People Change the Equation," the project is a team effort with the Harwood Group, a Bethesda (Md.)-based research firm. The idea is to improve public understanding and to brainstorm new solutions to the campaign reform quandary.

If the league can help fight the malaise that's driving citizens from politics, Cain said, the 76-year-old organization will, in a sense, have come full circle. Originally launched by women who'd recently won the right to vote, the league has long sought to educate voters about citizenship and coax them to the polls. To Cain, that mandate is timelier than ever.

"We're seeing this erosion of people's trust and faith in the democratic process, in the health of our democracy," Cain said. "Right now, Americans are opting out of the system. That's new, and that scares us. Because

we believe in the common good. And you can't get the common good if we're not all at the table."

#### HONORING SENATOR MARK HATFIELD

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, on June 11, 1996, a dinner honoring Senator MARK HATFIELD, who will be retiring from the U.S. Senate in January, was hosted by Senator STEVENS and myself in the National Archives Rotunda. I was privileged to make remarks at this salute to my good friend and colleague, Senator HATFIELD. I ask unanimous consent that my remarks, as delivered, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the remarks were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

##### REMARKS OF SENATOR BYRD

The great Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes once observed that, "Life is painting a picture, not doing a sum."

And, indeed, the transcendent life requires much, much more than a mere balance sheet of wins versus losses. Just as shade, hue and the subtle use of light distinguish great art, delicate nuances of character, honor and intellect provide the defining elements of a sublime human existence.

The man we honor here tonight has painted a life portrait worthy of Rembrandt. A deeply religious man, Mark Hatfield has done one of the hardest things in life for mere mortals to do. He has actually lived, and even more incredibly conducted a political career in near-perfect accordance with the teachings of his personal faith.

Mark Hatfield has been a faithful disciple of his own conscience. He has maintained that fidelity despite intense pressure sometimes from his own party. He has gone against the grain of popular public opinion. He was right about Vietnam when most of the rest of us, including myself, were wrong. He has sailed his boat against the wind time and time again, and only grown stronger from the experience. He has been called a "maverick;" yet, the quiet demeanor and ever gentle way of his conversation belie none of the steel in his spine.

The blind poet, Milton, wrote, "Give me the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely, according to conscience above all liberties." We celebrate tonight the life and achievements of a man who has always known, and uttered, and argued freely from the dictates of his own keen inner voice. He is an inspiration to anyone who has been fortunate enough to watch him or to serve with him in public life. His kind is rare and growing rarer still in this vast city of towering egos, silly pretensions, and paper-mache values. Senator Hatfield is, in the words of Edwin Markham, "a man to hold against the world, a man to match the mountains and the sea."

Mark Hatfield's decision to return to the peaceful Oregon countryside leaves the United States Senate and this great country with a special kind of uneasy void. The political landscape of this nation will be suddenly starker for his leaving. Markham's words come once again to mind:

"... He held the ridgepole up, and spiked again

The rafters of the Home. He held his place—

Held the long purpose like a growing tree—  
Held on through blame and faltered not at praise.

And when he fell in whirlwind, he went down

As when a lordly cedar, green with boughs,  
Goes down with a great shout upon the hills,

And leaves a lonesome place against the sky."

#### RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLOSE UP FOUNDATION

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Close Up Foundation on the celebration of its 25th anniversary.

I would like to start this tribute by recognizing Close Up's Oklahoma roots. A fellow Oklahoman, Harry Janger, encouraged and guided his son, Steve, in the creation of the Close Up Foundation. While we are saddened by Harry's passing earlier this year, his legacy lives on. Steve Janger, the president and founder of Close Up, is a native Oklahoman. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, the former president of the university's alumni association, and a continuing supporter of the university. Steve's family still resides in Oklahoma and he visits home as often as possible.

The strength Oklahoma gives to Close Up does not end with Steve Janger. He has involved many other Oklahomans on the foundation's board of directors. From the beginning, Close Up has benefitted from several distinguished graduates of the University of Oklahoma—Tom Kenan, Max Berry, and Gordon Zuber. Several years later, Joel Jankowsky, another distinguished Oklahoman, joined the Close Up board. These Oklahomans and the other board members serve without compensation and devote many hours of work to ensure the well-being of the foundation.

Their hard work and commitment has paid off. Close Up is the Nation's largest civic education organization, bringing approximately 25,000 participants a year to Washington for its various citizenship education programs. Close Up has participants from all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Pacific Island territories. Their principal program is the Washington High School Program. In addition, Close Up has developed programs for various special constituencies, in keeping with their mission of trying to reach at-risk or underserved students. This commitment has resulted in the creation of the program for new Americans, the program for Older Americans, a program for American Indians and Alaska Natives, and a program for Pacific Islanders.

Close Up's participants include all kinds of kids, from the academically gifted to those who struggle to stay in school. There are students with disabilities, students from inner cities, rural areas and suburban areas. There are students from all ethnic backgrounds and from all economic situations that are served by Close Up's efforts. Congress has appropriately recognized the importance of Close Up Foundation's work with students from virtually every background imaginable.

The uniqueness of Close Up is that it takes all of these students and puts them together for a week of learning. What results are strangers becoming best friends, young people breaking down stereotypes, and all of them learning the important lesson that as different as we all are, we all share the common bond of American citizenship and the responsibility for ensuring its continued greatness.

Mr. President, I want to congratulate Steve Janger, all of the other Oklahomans, and the thousands of people who have been associated with Close Up for the past 25 years. I wish them great success as they begin their work for another 25 years.

#### FOREIGN OIL CONSUMED BY THE UNITED STATES? HERE'S WEEKLY BOX SCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the American Petroleum Institute reports that for the week ending June 7, the United States imported 8,000,000 barrels of oil each day, 1,100,000 barrels more than the 6,900,000 barrels imported during the same week a year ago.

Americans relied on foreign oil for 56 percent of their needs last week, and there are no signs that this upward spiral will abate. Before the Persian Gulf war, the United States obtained about 45 percent of its oil supply from foreign countries. During the Arab oil embargo in the 1970's, foreign oil accounted for only 35 percent of America's oil supply.

Anybody else interested in restoring domestic production of oil? U.S. producers provide jobs for American workers. Politicians had better ponder the economic calamity sure to occur in America if and when foreign producers shut off our supply—or double the already enormous cost of imported oil flowing into the United States—now 8,000,000 barrels a day.

#### INDIANAPOLIS 500 WINNER BUDDY LAZIER

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, as a sports enthusiast, I take great pride on coming to the floor today to acknowledge the extraordinary accomplishments of members of the sports community from my home State of Colorado.

To begin, I would like to pay tribute to Buddy Lazier, winner of the 80th annual Indianapolis 500 which took place this past Memorial Day. Buddy, a resident of Vail, CO, comes from a family with a history in race car driving, his father also being an Indy car competitor and finisher.

Winning this event would be a tremendous achievement for any race car driver. What makes Buddy's victory so special is the personal courage and strength that it took for him to even compete in the race, for it was only this past March that Buddy suffered a broken back as the result of a crash that occurred in Phoenix, AZ.