

The benefits to the taxpayer through the development of new industries, new products, new services, and improved quality of life represents a substantial return on the national investment in space-related initiatives.

Today, on Space Day, we recognize and honor those visionaries, entrepreneurs, and leaders who have made great accomplishments in the advancement of technology through space-related endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SCHOOL OF LAW AND GEORGIA GOV. CARL SANDERS

Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize The University of Georgia School of Law's many years of accomplishments and achievements, and to honor former Governor of Georgia Carl Sanders, who graduated from UGA's Law School 50 years ago.

I would like to applaud the commitment and hard work of the entire law school community: the faculty, staff, students, and alumni. The reputation of the school continues to grow and prosper each year.

Over the years UGA has produced thousands of successful lawyers, including many leaders and policy makers. Since opening its doors in 1785, the law school has graduated five U.S. Senators, 30 Members of Congress, nine governors, including Gov. Carl Sanders, eight Speakers of the Georgia House of Representatives and 54 Appellate Judges.

I recently had the opportunity to deliver the commencement speech to the 1998 graduating class of The University of Georgia School of Law and was reminded of the impact and value of the law.

In order for the law to be respected, and for us to be respected as authorities on the law—whether as lawyers, law enforcement or lawmakers—there must be a sense of morality behind the law. It is a basic historical fact that people will not obey unjust law.

As I look around Washington I see many reminders of the importance of the law. The inscription on the Supreme Court building is: "Equal justice under law." There is an inscription over the 10th Street entrance of the U.S. Department of Justice Building in Washington which reads: "Justice in the life and conduct of the State is possible only as first it resides in the hearts and souls of its citizens." Justice comes before the law. All of us who touch the law are bound by this justice and honor.

With justice and morality behind the law, we strengthen it. Without it, the law is weakened. If all of us who touch the law do not abide by these terms, the law loses its credibility. Ultimately, those of us who touch the law have a responsibility to lead others to respect it.

The men and women who have graduated from The University of Georgia with law degrees over the past two

hundred years have and will continue to strengthen and uphold the law of this nation. I ask my colleagues in the Senate today to join me in saluting and congratulating The University of Georgia School of Law for instructing and graduating men and women who have shaped our nation's history during the last two centuries, including Gov. Carl Sanders and other Georgia lawmakers.

PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUATION OF SERVICE AND EXTENSION OF TERM OF SERVICE OF MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FINANCE CONTROL AUTHORITY

● Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I ask that a bill that I intend to introduce be printed in the RECORD. I wish to alert my colleagues that I hope the Senate will be able to act on this legislation prior to the Memorial Day recess.

The text of the bill follows:

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CONTINUATION OF SERVICE AND EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF SERVICE OF MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FINANCIAL CONTROL AUTHORITY.

Section 101(b)(5) of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-8; 109 Stat. 100) is amended by—

(1) striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term of each member of the Authority appointed initially under this Act shall expire on September 1, 1998. Except as provided in subparagraph (B), each Member of the Authority appointed after the initial appointments shall serve for 3 years.”; and

(2) adding at the end the following:

“(D) CONTINUATION OF SERVICE UNTIL SUCCESSOR APPOINTED.—Upon the expiration of a term of office, a member of the Authority may continue to serve until a successor has been appointed.”.●

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS P. MONDANI

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the greatest leaders and supporters of public education that the State of Connecticut has ever known: Thomas P. Mondani. This past March, the State of Connecticut was saddened by his passing at the age of 63.

Tom Mondani served as executive director of the Connecticut Education Association (CEA), the State's largest teacher organization, for longer than any individual in the organization's 150-year history.

Mr. Mondani began his career in public education as a social studies and English teacher in Moodus, CT in 1959. He joined the CEA staff in 1963 as a research consultant and was promoted to director of research 2 years later. As director of research, he compiled and published numerous studies of statis-

tical data related to educational expenditures in Connecticut.

When Tom Mondani was appointed executive director in 1971, his work in school finance made him a recognized authority on research and education legislation in the State.

Mr. Mondani also served in Connecticut's State legislature. In 1965, he was elected to the first of his two terms as a State representative, and in 1970, he moved from the House to the State Senate. As a State legislator, Tom Mondani worked diligently on education issues, and he authored legislation that provided maintenance of all accumulated tenure and sick leave rights for teachers who had been incorporated into recently formed regional school districts.

Tom Mondani left public office in 1971 when he accepted his appointment as CEA executive director, and he often utilized the political skills that he developed in the General Assembly during his 22-year tenure. He worked with teachers as well as political leaders to secure the passage of many laws to help Connecticut's teachers, including improvements in teacher freedom of residency and the establishment of binding arbitration for teacher-board of education negotiations. During his tenure from 1972 to 1994, he helped develop major advancements for students and teachers in the areas of teacher standards, public school finance, and collective bargaining.

Most recently, Tom Mondani served as vice chair of the State Board of Governors for Higher Education.

In 1994, the CEA Board of Directors voted unanimously to recognize Tom Mondani's contributions by bestowing him with the organization's most prestigious award: the CEA Friend of Education Award. And not only did CEA present him with the award, but they also renamed the award in his honor.

Upon his passing, countless people, including teachers, parents, and former Governors spoke out in praise of this remarkable man. They spoke of his commitment to the children of Connecticut. They remembered his leadership, wisdom, integrity, intellect and fairness. They said that he elevated the thinking in the State about children, teachers, and public education.

I would like to join the chorus of voices singing the praises of this honorable man. I knew Tom Mondani, and I saw first-hand his commitment and dedication to helping others and improving the quality of our public schools. The people of Connecticut will miss him dearly.●

TRIBUTE TO GENE E. HUCKSTEP

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, a very popular Sunday night television show, entitled, "Touched by an Angel" focuses on stories where people's lives have been affected in a positive way by angels who are sent from Heaven to serve among us.