

"When he saw Harold, he looked at him and said, 'I'm disappointed in you, because I knew those other two were common, but I expected more of you.'"

"Holt's a good guy, but he's sneaky," Crain said.

Josephine Binkley, who was Holt's secretary when he first went to the General Assembly, said she can still get Holt riled up by saying she is going to tell Buck something about him.

"If I want Harold ribbed about something, I know Frank Buck is the one to do it," she said. "If I just mention telling something on Harold to Buck, Harold will say, 'Now, that's not necessary.'"

Binkley said Holt is fun but has another side, too.

"Harold is a fun person to be around," she said. "But he can be tough if that's necessary."

Buck said the pressure-packed life of a legislator needs to be leavened with humor.

"In the General Assembly, if you can't maintain a sense of humor, especially about yourself, you'll go crazy," he said. "Harold was always able to maintain a sense of humor."

Since retiring from the legislature, Holt has worked briefly as a lobbyist.

"I worked for Kemmons Wilson for about six weeks when we were trying to enhance and extend the logo sign bill to permit them on state highways and not just interstates," he said. "I still go to Nashville pretty often to visit my friends who still are in the legislature."

He also served a term on the state's judicial council, which looks at proposed legislation about the judicial system and makes recommendations. He was appointed to the council by former Gov. Ned McWherter.

Asked if he has any regrets about his years in the legislature, Holt thought a short while.

"I think the drainage situation at the Tigrett Wildlife Management Area could have been handled better," he said. "We didn't fight hard enough to get legislation that would have given us the type of relief on Stokes Creek that I think is necessary. It needs to be restored to the original course so water can rise and recede naturally."

Holt says he remembers the area from his childhood.

"When I was a kid there was bottomland hardwood timber there," he said. "But now it's a stagnant swamp."

"If we let it return to its natural course we can restore at least part of that area to what it was when I was a kid."

LIFELINES

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Harold Henry Holt was born Oct. 1, 1926, at Richwood in western Dyer County. His parents were Buford and Stella Yarbrow Holt. His mother died of complications of childbirth, and his father moved away soon after to seek work during the Depression. Holt was raised by his grandparents. Richard and Lora Holt. "They were 50-years-old when I was born, so they raised me more as their child than their grandchild," he said.

He never lived with his father, who remarried and fathered two more sons. Holt's half brother, Richard Holt, died in 1984. Another half brother, Ralph Holt, lives in Mayfield, Ky.

FAMILY MATTERS

Holt met Bonnie Bivens at a ball game, and the two married on Oct. 2, 1949. They have two sons, Jeff Holt, the current sheriff of Dyer County, and Steve Holt, supervisor of children's services in Tipton, Lauderdale and Fayette counties for the Tennessee Department of Human Services. They have two

grandchildren, Steven, a sophomore at the University of Memphis and Katherine, a senior at Covington High School.

EDUCATION

Holt attended Richwood School and Dyersburg High School, graduating in 1945. He has taken courses at Dyersburg State Community College and the Southeastern School of Banking at Louisiana State University.

EMPLOYMENT

Right out of high school, Holt worked at Rhea Wholesale in Dyersburg for about 18 months. Then he worked at a hardware store for a year before becoming a deputy trustee. He held that job for six years until the trustee retired and he was elected county trustee in 1954. He served until November 1969, when he took a job with First Bank and Trust Co. as public relations director. First Bank and Trust was acquired by First Tennessee Bank in 1971, and Holt remained with the bank in public relations until 1992. "In a small bank, you do a lot of things," Holt said. "I was also a loan officer and other things. I never was janitor, but I was custodian."

HOBBIES

Holt loves to fish and has a cabin on Kentucky Lake for about 20 years. He once was an avid hunter but has given up hunting. "My grandfather taught me to play checkers," he said. "I still like to play checkers and dominoes at the (Dyer County) Office On Aging."

ACTIVITIES

Holt was elected to the county commission in 1970 and served until he failed to seek reelection in 1978. He was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1986 and served until he retired in 1992. He served a term on the Tennessee Judicial Council, which considers proposed legislation relating to the state's judicial system and makes recommendations. During this service in the legislature, he received awards from the State Election Commission, the Dyersburg/Dyer County Chamber of Commerce and the Dyer County Office On Aging for his legislative leadership. He served on the House Commerce, Transportation, State and Local Government and Calendar committees and was secretary of the State and Local Government Committee.

QUOTE

"My grandmother used to tell me, 'If you always tell the truth, you don't have to worry about keeping up with the tales you've told.' That's pretty good advice."

IN HONOR OF THE HONORABLE  
ADDISON MCLEON

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 1998*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to former State Assemblyman Addison McLeon for his innumerable contributions and many years of honorable service to the community. Assemblyman McLeon has been an icon of African American politics in Jersey City, Hudson County and the State of New Jersey for many years.

Addison McLeon's career exemplifies his selfless dedication to the community. Addison McLeon was Hudson County's first African American to serve in the State Assembly (1966-1970). He has served as a member of the Jersey City Board of Education, the Direc-

tor of Housing for the Essex County Urban League, a member of the Jersey City Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and on the Jersey City Housing Authority. He is also a founder of the Civic Awareness Council, a citizen's action organization.

It is an honor to have such an exceptional gentleman working on behalf of the residents of my home state of New Jersey. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the outstanding work of Addison McLeon who exemplifies community service at its best.

IN HONOR OF DR. HAROLD L. CEBRUN, SR., EDUCATOR, 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 1998*

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Harold L. Cebrun, Sr. who has dedicated thirty years of service to education.

During his thirty year career as an educator, Dr. Cebrun has lived his life according to his personal beliefs. He once stated, "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." By deed and example, Dr. Cebrun demonstrates this belief in all his actions.

Dr. Cebrun has been an active participant and leader in education, athletics and youth sports programs. As a young man Dr. Cebrun was an outstanding student athlete at Yates High School in Houston, Texas, and throughout his college career at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

His academic career earned him a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education and Sociology, a Masters degree in Intergroup Education and a Doctorate in Counseling Psychology and Education Administration. He began his educational career in 1967 as a substitute teacher. He retired as the Superintendent of Schools for Compton Unified School District. During his thirty year tenure as a teacher he taught elementary, junior high school and high school. He was also a coach for basketball, baseball, and track, high school principal, and director of student services.

In July of 1997 Dr. Debrun started a new career as athletic administrator. He was selected as Assistant Commissioner of Athletics for the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Southern Section and, notably, is the first African-American Administrator to serve in the CIF office since the organization began in 1913.

Dr. Cebrun is a leader in the war against ignorance striving always to share his wealth of knowledge with schools, school districts, businesses and corporate executives. He is an eloquent speaker and consultant who views are sought by many organizations. His expertise in team building, team management and effective leadership has earned him the respect and admiration of peers and community leaders.

Colleagues, please join me today in paying tribute to an exceptional educator and mentor—Dr. Harold L. Cebrun, Sr.