

His nonpartisan approach to state government was commendable. "I sincerely believe that during a campaign you ought to be partisan as you can be," he told The State newspaper recently, "and talk about the differences of the two parties. There's plenty there to talk about. . . . But when elected, all this partisan stuff should stop. You ought to work together with whomever the people elected to work with you in government." Democrats far outnumbered Republicans in the South Carolina legislature when Jim was governor, yet representatives from both parties have compliments to bestow upon him to this day. He left the Governor's Mansion with an approval rating of nearly 80 percent.

A year after Dr. Edwards returned to his dental practice, President Reagan asked him to serve as the nation's energy secretary. True to his commitment to public service, Jim answered the call, moving to Washington to tackle an important national issue. During his tenure, the DOE decontrolled oil, stepped up the pace for filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, obtained federal aid for three synthetic fuel projects and shepherded a nuclear waste measure through Congress. In 1982, he moved back to South Carolina and assumed the presidency at MUSC.

Dr. Jim Edwards' retirement marks an end to the career of one of South Carolina's finest. His impact will be felt for many years to come. My wife, Peatsy, joins me in wishing Jim and his wonderful wife, Ann, a happy retirement.●

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

● Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business Friday, October 29, 1999, the Federal debt stood at \$5,679,726,662,904.06 (Five trillion, six hundred seventy-nine billion, seven hundred twenty-six million, six hundred sixty-two thousand, nine hundred four dollars and six cents).

One year ago, October 29, 1998, the Federal debt stood at \$5,559,428,000,000 (Five trillion, five hundred fifty-nine billion, four hundred twenty-eight million).

Fifteen years ago, October 29, 1984, the Federal debt stood at \$1,599,006,000,000 (One trillion, five hundred ninety-nine billion, six million).

Twenty-five years ago, October 29, 1974, the Federal debt stood at \$480,331,000,000 (Four hundred eighty billion, three hundred thirty-one million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion—\$5,199,395,662,904.06 (Five trillion, one hundred ninety-nine billion, three hundred ninety-five million, six hundred sixty-two thousand, nine hundred four dollars and six cents) during the past 25 years.●

IN RECOGNITION OF UNITED AUTOMOBILE WORKERS LOCAL 599

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 60th anniversary

of the chartering of United Automobile Workers Local 599, which is located in Flint, Michigan.

UAW Local 599 received its charter on January 10, 1939. During the 60 years since its founding, Local 599 members have been powerful advocates for the rights of working men and women and their families. Local 599 has helped to improve the living standards of its members by successfully fighting for fair wages; sick, accident and life insurance; workers compensation; unemployment compensation; and education and training opportunities. In addition to the success Local 599 has achieved for its members and their families, the men and women of the Local have been deeply involved in the life of the Flint community by supporting countless civic and charitable activities.

UAW Local 599 has truly played an important role in the history of the labor movement. I know my colleagues join me in extending sincere congratulations to the past and present members of Local 599, as they celebrate the 60th anniversary of its founding.●

RECOGNITION OF MAJOR TIM COY

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, today, I would like to recognize an individual that has been a tremendous asset to my office—Maj. Tim Coy. For the past year, Major Coy has been an Air Force Legislative Fellow in my office. He has proven to be a professional officer, who handles any task he is given with enthusiasm and tenacity.

A year ago I requested a sharp military officer be assigned to my staff because of my new position on the Senate Armed Services Committee. Once we interviewed Tim, we knew that his extensive space and missile expertise would benefit my committee assignments, and his knowledge of Colorado would also be invaluable.

From Tim's first day in the office, he blended in with my talented staff and went to work. He assisted in all areas of the office. He played a major role with our defense team on committee work, floor speeches, and became a point person for missile defense issues. Just as important, he became more than a one year staffer, but a friend to us all.

In closing, Tim is an exceptionally capable and professional military officer. He is the very first fellow I have hired, and one of the reasons I look forward to bringing in another fellow for next year. He has a bright future in the Air Force and I know I will be hearing great things about him in the future. Not only was I proud to have Maj. Tim Coy as a "member" of my staff, but he also did the Air Force proud.●

TRIBUTE TO LEO MARSHALL

● Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, under the daily 24-hour assault of our highly competitive news media, constantly in search of the latest event and the most readily available personality, it would

be easy to confuse leadership with celebrity. However, there are in every community, men and women whose names are rarely found in the headlines and whose faces rarely appear on the television screen, but who nevertheless contribute real leadership day in and day out.

In my state of Delaware, one of those invaluable if rarely recognized leaders is Wilmington City Clerk, and Democratic City Chairman, Leo Marshall. A Wilmington native and a lifelong Wilmington resident, Leo Marshall does not often make the morning headlines or the evening broadcast news, but he is easily familiar to many Wilmingtonians because he never joined the migration to the suburbs that drained the energies and economies of many of our older cities—he has lived and served among them for four eventful decades.

Leo Marshall is, in many ways, the "Mr. Wilmington" of an older and increasingly diverse city he has helped to guide through the social and economic challenges that have marked our urban landscape from the confrontations of the Sixties to, in Wilmington's case, the dawning rebirth of the Nineties. He would be the last to claim major credit for the city's successes; he will tell you that the city has survived and got to its feet again at the hands of a succession of progressive city administrations—but knowledgeable Wilmingtonians will tell you Leo Marshall has built and maintained the strong political structure that has made progress possible in the relatively small city that is nevertheless Delaware's largest and most thoroughly urban community.

Like another Democrat prominently in the news today, Leo Marshall first came to public notice with a basketball in his hands, but as a proud product of Wilmington's still highly coherent Polish-American community, he was not willing to stop there. He turned his attention to city government, and the same intelligence and fiercely competitive spirit that had been so evident on the basketball court soon marked him as a leader in the rough-and-tumble of city politics.

He was and is a frankly partisan Democrat, and he has made Wilmington a Democratic stronghold in most of our elections; but he has always reserved his most intense partisanship for his city itself. He never loses sight of the city's interests, and he will vigorously defend them against all comers, regardless of party. Those of us who encounter him as Democrats learn quickly, if we expect to enjoy the relationship, that Leo Marshall will almost invariably be found among the most progressive of Democrats when it comes to issues or candidates, local, state or national—but only when he is assured that the city's interests have been taken into constructive consideration. In those cases, he is capable of being a statesman who can help pull a party, a city or a state together; but if