

taken a position at LeMoyne Junior College and resumed teaching at LeMoyne while Eleanor was still young. She continued to teach there, although circumstances compelled her to undertake courses that she did not feel qualified to teach. In 1934, this frustration came to a head when gender issues and the Great Depression forced LeMoyne to terminate her employment. After volunteering with the NAACP and the YWCA, Grace took a position with the Works Progress Administration (WPA) conducting a survey on The Urban Negro Worker in the United States 1925–1936.

In 1941, the Hamilton family returned to Atlanta where Grace's husband became principal of Atlanta University's Laboratory High School. Grace had never set out to be a leader, but at this point she was thirty-four years old, had an advanced education degree, and had worked steadily at professional jobs for more than a decade. She knew the value of community activism and education and set out to take part in the fight. This led her to the Atlanta Urban League.

From 1943 until 1960, Grace Hamilton served as the Executive Director of the Atlanta Urban League. During her tenure, she shaped the path of the League to better serve Atlanta, which was increasingly being seen as the South's "hub city." She moved the focus away from the national organization's emphasis on philanthropy and job procurement to a more Atlanta-focused program of housing, equality in school funding, voter registration and better medical care. Her biographers, Lorraine Nelson Spritzer and Jean B. Bergmark, wrote of her legacy that it ". . . was better appreciated by whites than blacks. The white world glorified her, clothing her in virtue without flaws. The black community viewed her with greater ambivalence, seeing blemish as well as the best and came closer to discerning the real and important person she was, probably because she was truly one of their own."

After Mrs. Hamilton resigned in 1960, she set out on her path to political success. She ran in a special off-year election in 1965 which brought her and six other black Democrats into the Georgia state legislature. The first black woman in the Georgia State Legislature, Hamilton was called "Atlanta's only real integrationist," "a leader," and a "bridge-builder." It was here where she made her most lasting contribution to her city and state, and all agreed she was that rare person who gave politics a good name. I remember fondly serving with her while I was in the Georgia state senate from 1970 until 1974.

While serving in the state legislature, Grace Hamilton sought to strengthen local government, particularly the Mayor's role. She also worked towards equal justice for blacks, and the elimination of wasted tax dollars by seeking consolidation of Georgia's numerous counties. In 1971, she persuaded

her colleagues in the Legislature to approve a sales tax increase to finance a city-wide rail and subway system—now known in Atlanta as MARTA, a crown jewel among the nation's urban mass transit systems. Her time in the Legislature was infinitely successful and in 1984, at the age of 78 she began to consider retirement. She decided for "one last go-around" but failed to detect the political risk she faced. She was defeated by a 26 year-old graduate student in public administration at Georgia State named Mable Thomas. After almost twenty years in public office, Grace Hamilton set out for the next phase of life.

Grace Hamilton lived on another eight years, overseeing the care of her ailing husband and guiding the search for a suitable depository for her papers and effects. She collected numerous accolades and awards before she finally succumbed to illness in 1992, survived by her daughter Eleanor.

As we come to the end of Black History Month, I respectfully submit this insert into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in honor of one of my personal heroes, Grace Towns Hamilton. Her service has been an inspiration to me and many others who have known her. I am proud of her legacy in Georgia and pleased to have this opportunity to share it. I would also like to thank Mrs. Hamilton's biographers, Lorraine Nelson Spritzer and Jean B. Bergmark, for their contribution to Grace's legacy—Grace Towns Hamilton and the Politics of Southern Change.

Thank you Mr. President. ●

JAKE D. ROBEL

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to extend my heartfelt sympathies to the family of 6-year-old Jake D. Robel of Blue Springs, Missouri.

One week ago Jake died after being dragged for almost five miles at high speed by a man who had stolen Jake's mother's car in Independence, Missouri.

Jake's mom had stopped at a sandwich shop to run in and pick up her order. She left her car running and Jake was waiting in the car.

This town and area should be safe. Many would say tragedies like this one happen everywhere else, but not here. In this area, there are people who always leave their car doors unlocked and their keys in the ignition. Many leave their homes unlocked and have no idea where to find the house key.

Unfortunately, that sense of security is now shattered.

In those few moments it took Jake's mom to run into the sandwich shop, an assailant jumped in her vehicle and sped away. Jake, with his mother's help, tried to escape from the vehicle, but became entangled in the seat belt. In a heartbeat, the car door closed—with Jake tangled in the seat belt—being dragged behind.

I can't imagine the loss felt by the family and friends of Jake Robel. How-

ever, I want to join with the countless families in Missouri and across the nation in sending my thoughts and prayers to those in grief.

Mr. President, in addition, it is important to recognize the bravery, heroism, and citizenship of those that tried to come to Jake's rescue.

The man who stole the car took off on Interstate 70 at high speed. All along the way, people honked and shouted from their cars for him to stop. The driver was stopped and apprehended, not by the police, but by approximately four gentlemen who managed to surround the vehicle after the man left I-70 and turned onto a busy street in Independence, Missouri. The man tried to escape on foot, but was stopped by these heroes who tied his feet together and sat on him until the police arrived. These men acted swiftly and responsibly.

Once again, Mr. President, my thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Jake Robel as well as to all those who witnessed such a tragedy. I also want to recognize the gentlemen who apprehended the driver. These honorable citizens have shown us firsthand that heroes do exist. ●

RETIREMENT OF CHIEF ANGELO TOSCANO

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I am delighted to rise today to pay tribute to a well-respected and remarkable officer, Chief Angelo Toscano, whose retirement from the Wilton Police Force marks the end of 43 years as a Connecticut law enforcement officer. Day in and day out, Chief Toscano ensured that safety and peace prevailed in the Wilton community. I am honored to extend thanks and appreciation to him. On behalf of the people of Wilton and the entire state of Connecticut, whom I am privileged to represent in the United States Senate.

Chief Toscano was born and raised in Darien, Connecticut. After graduating from Darien High School he attended Norwalk Community College and the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy. In 1957, after serving in the United States Marine Corps for three years, he began his career in law enforcement as a patrolman. His dedication earned him the respect of his colleagues, and his leadership propelled him up the ranks—from patrolman, to sergeant, to detective, and finally, to Chief of Police.

Throughout his career in public service, Chief Toscano remained on the cutting edge of law enforcement techniques, always believing that there was more for him to learn. Chief Toscano continued his training up until the very end of his career, including participation in the Connecticut Police Academy, the Darien Power Squadron, and a wide range of F.B.I. training programs.

Chief Toscano embodied everything a community could hope for in a Chief of Police. He was a veteran of the streets

whose years of experience became the source of his good judgment and dependability. He was a well-trained cop whose background and skill ensured that, as Chief, he led with a steadfast and reliable hand. Moreover, Chief Toscano was an innovative leader, with the uncanny ability to incorporate his specialized skills with his personal insight and creativity. Under his leadership, the Wilton Police Force introduced such initiatives as D.A.R.E. and C.O.P.S., as well as the installation of defibrillators into every patrol car.

The job of a chief of police is a demanding task that requires strength of character and good judgment. One need not look far for proof of Chief Toscano's success and ability, for it is visible in the safety that Wilton residents relish everyday.

Today, it is my pleasure to join the Town of Wilton and the State of Connecticut in thanking Chief Toscano for his many years of dedicated service and wishing him well in the future. ●

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following armed services nominations on the Executive Calendar: 415, 416, 418 through 422, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk.

I finally ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations appear at this point in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations, considered and confirmed, are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Sylvia V. Baca, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. William N. Searcy, 0000

IN THE ARMY

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be major general, Medical Corps

Brig. Gen. Kevin C. Kiley, 0000

Brig. Gen. Darrel R. Porr, 0000

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Gordon S. Holder, 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the

grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Ralph S. Clem, 0000

Brig. Gen. John M. Danahy, 0000

Brig. Gen. Joseph G. Lynch, 0000

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey M. Musfeldt, 0000

Brig. Gen. Robert B. Siegfried, 0000

To be brigadier general

Col. Gerald A. Black, 0000

Col. Richard B. Ford, 0000

Col. Jack C. Ihle, 0000

Col. Keith W. Meurlin, 0000

Col. Betty L. Mullis, 0000

Col. Scott R. Nichols, 0000

Col. David A. Robinson, 0000

Col. Richard D. Roth, 0000

Col. Randolph C. Ryder, Jr., 0000

Col. Joseph L. Shafer, 0000

Col. Charles E. Stenner, Jr., 0000

Col. Thomas D. Taverney, 0000

Col. James T. Turlington, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Curtis M. Bedke, 0000

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. David E. Clary, 0000

Col. Michael A. Collings, 0000

Col. Scott S. Custer, 0000

Col. Daniel J. Darnell, 0000

Col. Duane W. Deal, 0000

Col. Vern M. Findley II, 0000

Col. Douglas M. Fraser, 0000

Col. Dan R. Goodrich, 0000

Col. Gilbert R. Hawk, 0000

Col. Raymond E. Johns, Jr., 0000

Col. Timothy C. Jones, 0000

Col. Perry L. Lamy, 0000

Col. Edward L. Mahan, Jr., 0000

Col. Roosevelt Mercer, Jr., 0000

Col. Gary L. North, 0000

Col. John G. Pavlovich, 0000

Col. Allen G. Peck, 0000

Col. Michael W. Peterson, 0000

Col. Teresa M. Peterson, 0000

Col. Gregory H. Power, 0000

Col. Anthony F. Przybyslawski, 0000

Col. Ronald T. Rand, 0000

Col. Steven J. Redmann, 0000

Col. Loren M. Reno, 0000

Col. Jeffrey R. Riemer, 0000

Col. Jack L. Rives, 0000

Col. Marc E. Rogers, 0000

Col. Arthur J. Rooney, Jr., 0000

Col. Stephen T. Sargeant, 0000

Col. Darryl A. Scott, 0000

Col. James M. Shamess, 0000

Col. William L. Shelton, 0000

Col. John T. Sheridan, 0000

Col. Toreaser A. Steele, 0000

Col. James W. Swanson, 0000

Col. George P. Taylor, Jr., 0000

Col. Gregory L. Trebon, 0000

Col. Loyd S. Utterback, 0000

Col. Frederick D. VanValkenburg, Jr., 0000

Col. Dale C. Waters, 0000

Col. Simon P. Worden, 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

Air Force nominations beginning Joseph G. Baillargeon, Jr., and ending David L. Phillips, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 16, 1999.

Air Force nomination of Mark K. Wells, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 1, 2000.

Air Force nominations beginning William P. Braham, and ending Kenneth C.Y. Yu,

which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of nulldate.

Air Force nominations beginning Laraine L. Acosta, and ending Roger A. Wujek, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 2, 2000.

Air Force nominations beginning Synaya K. Balanon, and ending Edward K. Yi, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 2, 2000.

Air Force nominations beginning Charles G. Beleny, and ending Kristen A. Fultsganey, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 7, 2000.

IN THE ARMY

Army nominations beginning Richard T. Brittingham, and ending William D. Stewart, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 16, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Stephen C. Alsobrook, and ending Henry E. Zeranski, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 16, 1999.

Army nomination of Andre H. Sayles, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 1, 2000.

Army nominations beginning Thomas E. Ayres, and ending Joel E. Wilson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 2, 2000.

Army nominations beginning Wayne E. Caughman, and ending Calvin B. Wimbish, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 7, 2000.

Army nomination of Jeffrey S. MacIntire, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 9, 2000.

Army nominations beginning John J. Fitch, and ending *Timothy L. Watkins, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 9, 2000.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

Marine Corps nomination of Joseph B. Davis, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 16, 1999.

Marine Corps nominations beginning Michael C. Albo, and ending Richard W. Yoder, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 2, 2000.

Marine Corps nominations beginning Christopher F. Ajinga, and ending Joan P. Zimmerman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 9, 2000.

Marine Corps nominations beginning Joe H. Adkins, Jr., and ending Christopher M. Zuchristian, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 9, 2000.

IN THE NAVY

Navy nominations beginning Terry C. Pierce, and ending Frank G. Riner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 16, 1999.

Navy nominations beginning Brad Harris Douglas, and ending Marc A. Stern, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 16, 1999.

Navy nominations beginning Dean J. Giordano, and ending William K. Nesmith, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 7, 2000.