

PRESIDENT HARRY S TRUMAN

Mrs. CARNAHAN. Mr. President, as you know, the Senate seat I currently hold was previously occupied by a distinguished man from Independence, MO, President Harry S Truman. So it is with great enthusiasm and pride that I take this opportunity to recognize the Grand Rededication of the Harry S Truman Presidential Museum and Library on December 9, 2001.

This weekend, the Truman Museum and Library will open a remarkable new permanent exhibit, "Harry S Truman: The Presidential Years." This compelling installation provides current and future generations with an interactive experience that allows them to fully immerse themselves in the Truman Presidency. Visitors will feel the pressure on Truman and his administration during the formative post-World War II years as President Truman and his advisors debated crucial decisions, such as use of the atomic bomb and recognition of the state of Israel. Those decisions continue to shape the world we now live in. This exhibit comes after the addition of the new White House Decision Center, which opened in October. The White House Decision Center is a replica of the West Wing and provides students with the opportunity to take on the role of President Truman or of his advisors during the Truman Presidency.

Since its opening in 1957, the Truman Museum and Library has remained true to the wishes of President Truman, who felt his papers should be the property of the people and accessible to them. With this directive in mind, the Truman Museum and Library house and preserve White House files as well as papers that document President Truman's life and career. These new projects are just the latest innovative exhibits, seminars, and public programs that have engaged and educated the public for over 40 years.

I commend all who have made this renovation and grand rededication possible, particularly the staff at the Truman Museum and Library. Their remarkable work and dedication to public service exemplify the integrity that Harry S Truman brought to the office of the Presidency. Each day as I represent the people of Missouri in the United States Senate, I am humbled by the honor to succeed this great man and Missouri's own, Harry S Truman.

FATHER MYCHAL F. JUDGE

Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, I ask for unanimous consent that the following statement, which I was honored to deliver at the funeral mass for Father Mychal F. Judge in New York City on September 15, be printed in the RECORD.

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

REMARKS BY SENATOR HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON AT THE MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL FOR FATHER MYCHAL F. JUDGE, O.F.M., CHAPLAIN FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK CITY, CHURCH OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2001

Your Eminence, members of Father Mike's family, especially his sisters Erin and Dymna, his nieces and nephews, members of his beloved Franciscan community:

Father Mike left us one last earthly gift with Father Duffy's homily. That will long be remembered for its humanity, its love, and its humor.

My husband and I first heard of Father Mike during the White House years. We kept hearing about this charismatic Franciscan who ministered to the homeless, to AIDS victims, to immigrants, with perhaps a special touch for Irish immigrants and who loved his firefighters. So we invited him to the White House for our annual prayer breakfast, and because I was so intrigued by everything I had heard about him, and because I knew that in a big event like that I might not get much time to spend with him, I took the hostess' prerogative and put him at my table. What a beacon of light. He lit up the White House as he lit up every place he ever found himself.

We had just purchased our home here in New York so, of course, we first spoke about his love for this city, and he told me the stories of growing up and shining shoes and exploring on his own. And we talked about what drew him to become the chaplain for the fire department and how grateful he was because he felt, as you know so well, that it was a mission he'd been called to do.

On Tuesday, when the worst of evil struck our city, I was heading toward my office at the Senate, and I heard first of the crash into the tower and, like so many people, thought it must have been a terrible accident and, shortly thereafter, the second. As I frantically began making phone calls, we were evacuated because of the third crash into the Pentagon. I called the Mayor and the Governor and the President. And I think for so many people in those initial hours it was unimaginable except for those of you and your comrades who were there in the midst of it. And then I was called and told that Father Mychal Judge had died doing what he was called to do, and all of a sudden the enormity of the tragedy became very personal.

It will take a very long time before any of us can even find the words to express what this cowardly evil act meant and did to people we knew and loved, to our city and to our country. But as a Christian, I think often of another terrible day, a Friday of despair, darkness and death, a Friday that left behind so much pain and hopelessness and yet Sunday was coming and Sunday did come.

As we continue the work of rescue, recovery, rebuilding, reconstruction, we have to remember the spirit, the life, and the love that Father Mike left us. Pulling us one to the other, giving us strength where it seems hard to imagine it could ever come again. And being resolute in our commitment to do everything we can to ensure that not one person that lost his or her life on our Tuesday of death and darkness will have died in vain.

So thank you Father Judge. Father, you gave us so many gifts when you were alive. Gifts of laughter and love. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, and you came to us. And now you've gone ahead, but you will never be forgotten, and we are grateful for the blessings of your life. Thank you.

HONORING WILBUR FAISS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, recent weeks, one of Nevada's leading families, the Faiss Family, has marked important milestones. The patriarch, Wilbur Faiss, observed his 90th birthday and the matriarch, Theresa Faiss, observed her 86th birthday. In doing so, they and their children and grandchildren could reflect on 57 years of contributions to the growth and success of Nevada.

Wilbur and Theresa Faiss and their three sons, Bob, Don, and Ron, arrived in North Las Vegas, NV, in 1944. North Las Vegas then was an unincorporated city. Wilbur opened a small business and devoted a great deal of his time to his community, including service as a volunteer firefighter.

Wilbur became one of the first workers at the Nevada Test Site in the 1950s. He later retired from work as a member of the Teamsters Union on the Las Vegas Strip.

Upon retirement at the age of 65, when many of us might think of slowing down a bit, Wilbur answered the call of his constituents to become a Democratic candidate for the Nevada State Senate. He won that first effort for public office by one of the highest margins in the State.

Wilbur served two distinguished terms in the Nevada Senate, giving priority to the areas of working men and women, senior citizens, education, civil rights, and protection of the environments.

Theresa's achievements were recognized in 1996, when she was selected as Clark County's Pioneer Mother of the Year. Of Theresa it was written that she "has not won any public honors or held any office, but she held her family together through adversity and provided her sons a model of caring, support, hard work, sacrifice, commitment, integrity and compassion."

Their sons have followed the example of their parents.

Bob Faiss is a senior member of Nevada's largest law firm, Lionel Sawyer & Collins. Prior to joining his firm, Bob served as Executive Assistant to Governor Grant Sawyer of Nevada and staff assistant to President Lyndon B. Johnson in the White House. The National Law Journal in 1997 named him one of "The 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America."

Don Faiss recently retired as an executive of Bally's Resort in Las Vegas, formerly the MGM Grand Hotel. Among his public contributions was service as a member of the Clark County School Board.

Ron Faiss recently retired as General Manager of the Horseshoe Hotel/Casino in Las Vegas, after 30 years of involvement in the spectacular growth of the Nevada gaming industry.

The Faiss grandchildren are also making their ways as responsible and productive citizens, as follows: Mitch Faiss is the co-founder of a leading electrical contracting company in Gardnerville, NV; Michael Faiss, after