

after her graduation from Converse College in Spartanburg. She drove a camper, nicknamed "Strom Trek," over 10,000 miles in 10 weeks, recalled Nancy Thurmond, the senator's now-estranged wife.

Her first job in Thurmond's office was to answer phones, greet visitors and help out with constituents' problems. She also oversaw the office's intern and page programs, which gave high school and college students opportunities to learn the workings of a congressional office.

Generations of interns, staffers and members of Congress recall her courtesy and work ethic.

"Holly Richardson was one of the most personable and efficient people I've ever known," said N.C. Sen. Jesse Helms. "She was unfailingly pleasant and devoted to Strom Thurmond—a feeling that was mutual."

"She treated everyone the same way, with dignity and respect," said Cimko.

She is survived by her husband, Phil, and two children, Emmett, 12, and Anne 9, and her parents, Joanne and Coy Johnston of Summerville.

Richardson, an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Va., her adopted hometown, had a strong faith that supported her and others. She was also an active member of the Junior League.

"When we lost our daughter, Holly's vigilant faith helped to sustain all of us," Nancy Thurmond said.

But as devoted as she was to the Thurmond's her own family still came first, said Nancy Thurmond. She and staffers said they marveled at Richardson's ability to balance her family life and her work on Capitol Hill.

She was diagnosed with breast cancer less than a year ago, and rebounded after rounds of chemotherapy. But the disease spread, and she had to stop working several months ago.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Columbia.

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THURMOND STAFFER DIES OF CANCER AT 47

(By Charles Hurt)

WASHINGTON.—Holladay Richardson, one of Sen. Strom Thurmond's top aides for nearly a quarter century, died Monday morning after a year-long, fight against breast cancer. She was 47 and the mother of two children.

"Words cannot begin to express my deepest sadness and pain with the loss of Holly," Thurmond wrote in a statement.

In a statement made part of the Senate's public record, South Carolina's senior senator said many aides over the years had his ear, but that only Richardson "had my heart." He called her his "unofficial third daughter."

Richardson's most recent post was scheduler, the person who sets up Thurmond's calendar.

She first worked for him in South Carolina on his 1978 Senate campaign. Since 1979, she has shared Thurmond's Washington office, where she has seen eight chiefs of staff come and go.

Nationally syndicated political columnist Armstrong Williams recalled Richardson's importance from his days on Thurmond's staff more than 20 years ago.

"I can't remember the senator without Holly," he said. "I knew she had cancer, but this is terrible. She was always there."

As Thurmond's health faded in recent years, Richardson and other top staffers assumed greater roles in the office of American history's oldest and longest-serving senator.

"Holly protected him, would finish sentences for him and knew what he was think-

ing," Williams said. "She was everything that anybody would ever want in a daughter. She was like a child protecting her parent."

In May, Richardson and her family walked in the National Race for the Cure in Washington.

She described to a reporter for Roll Call at the time how she and her family had coped with her diseases by helping people less fortunate, such as a bed-ridden neighbor for whom they cooked.

"You go through a few minutes of self pity before you realize that you can either sit here and feel sorry for yourself or you can put it aside and move on," she was quoted as saying. "That's how my family has gotten through this, by focusing on others who are in bad situations. Extending a hand to others, that's what life is all about."

Richardson is survived by her husband, Phil, their children Anne, 9, and Emmett, 12, and her parents, Joanne and Coy Johnston of Summerville, S.C.

#### TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSWOMAN PATSY T. MINK

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, on Saturday, September 28, 2002, Hawaii lost a beloved and extraordinary daughter, PATSY TAKEMOTO MINK, who represented Hawaii in the U.S. House of Representatives for 24 years. I extend to her husband, John, and daughter, Wendy, my sincerest condolences.

The passing of Congresswoman MINK is a great loss for our Nation and our State, and it is a personal loss for me. She was an honorable colleague and a dear friend throughout our political careers.

I was privileged to work with PATSY in 1956, when we were both members of the Hawaii Territorial House of Representatives. She was the first Asian-American woman elected to the Hawaii Legislature. In the 1960s, we both gave speeches at Democratic National Conventions. She was Chairwoman of the Honolulu City Council. In 1964, she joined me as a member of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation when she became the first Asian-American woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. For 24 years, she was an integral part of the Hawaii Delegation. I appreciated her honesty, I respected her thoughts, and I admired her resolve.

Throughout her public service, PATSY concerned herself with making our country a better place for all people. She will be remembered for her powerful and passionate voice as she championed causes for women, children, the elderly, and the needy. For those who were vulnerable or mistreated, she was their able and loyal defender.

Born Patsy Takemoto in a plantation community in Paia, Maui, on December 6, 1927, PATSY had the intelligence and work ethic to succeed in any profession. However, medical school eluded her and the legal community did not embrace her after she received her law degree from the University of Chicago in 1951. The reason she was rejected by medical schools and legal circles? Her race and her gender.

Rather than accept defeat, the strong-willed PATSY set out to elimi-

nate the societal barriers of the day, and ran for office in the U.S. House of Representatives, which at that time was comprised of mostly white and mostly males members. She won the election and went on to pave the way for new generations of women to more fully enjoy their rights as citizens of a great nation.

PATSY co-authored and spearheaded the difficult passage of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination in educational opportunities based on gender at institutions receiving federal funds. It opened academic opportunities for women, and revolutionized the world of sports. Since the passage of this landmark legislation, participation by girls in high school athletics nationwide has increased nearly tenfold, and college participation has grown almost five times. College scholarships awarded to women in 2002 were worth \$180 million. Title IX serves as the foundation of the careers of today's top professional U.S. female athletes. The U.S. women soccer team's 1999 World Cup triumph, U.S. women's domination of Olympic sports, and the birth of the women's professional National Basketball Association are rooted in Title IX.

To fully appreciate the significance of Title IX, compare women's sports in 1972 to today as reported by the Honolulu Advertiser. In 1972, the only woman with an athletic scholarship at the University of Hawaii was a drum majorette. Of UH's \$1 million athletic budget, \$5,000 was given to women's club sports. Today, UH spends \$4 million annually on 11 women's teams.

PATSY's reputation as a relentless and formidable lawmaker extends beyond the passage of Title IX. She advocated for civil rights, peace, education, health care, and the environment with equal eloquence and effectiveness.

I last spoke with my friend, PATSY, in August at a fund-raising event in Hawaii. She mingled and talked with constituents with her trademark vim and vigor. Her deep love for her constituents and her nation was evident. She was focused on the future and continuing her service to the people of Hawaii.

PATSY answered the call to public service to the end, and her work immeasurably improved America's landscape for the under-represented and down-trodden for whom she had so much compassion. As my colleagues and I continue our work, we will long be able to look to Mrs. PATSY MINK's life of service for inspiration and hope.

#### REFLECTING ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. President, one year ago, this Nation stood united. Together we mourned, prayed, and hoped. We hugged our loved ones a little bit longer and a little bit tighter. Our hearts wept for the thousands of families who unexpectedly and unbelievably lost a husband or wife, a