

Helen Delich Bentley, who had been named by President Nixon to chair the Federal Maritime Commission. I served with Helen in the House of Representatives and know her to be an ardent supporter of the U.S. Merchant Marine and the Port of Baltimore. Mrs. Tosi remained at the Federal Maritime Commission for nearly 6 years, which means she gained invaluable experience and insight into the maritime industry at the national level. Upon leaving the Federal Maritime Commission, Mrs. Tosi was employed by the International Longshoremen's Association as the union's director of governmental affairs from 1976-1981. In 1981, she joined her current organization as its legislative and corporate affairs director. In time, her expertise and leadership qualities were recognized and she was selected to be the organization's president. This marks her 25th year with the American Maritime Congress.

I have known Gloria for many years. There has not been a significant piece of maritime legislation that has been considered by the Congress during the past dozen or so years that has not benefitted from her counsel. From the Maritime Security Act of 1995, to the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998, to the Maritime Security Act of 2003, and including many provisions included in other laws, she helped ensure that the U.S. maritime industry's concerns were addressed. Equally important, she ensured that the industry's concerns were understood when legislation was proposed that would have had a negative impact on the industry.

Gloria is trusted as an honest voice for all of America's maritime world. She has devoted her professional life to enhancing the American fleet, improving its business opportunities, and establishing a better regulatory regime under which to operate the fleet. She may be retiring, but I expect she will be called on from time to time to offer her expertise as the need arises. In the meantime, she will have more time to spend with her husband Jeff.

Mr. President, I congratulate Gloria for her exemplary career and salute her contributions to the maritime industry. She is to be commended for the productive use of her insights and talents and appreciated for her years of service to the U.S. maritime industry.●

#### 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF GRANDIN, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize a community in North Dakota that recently celebrated its 125th anniversary. On July 14-16, the residents of Grandin gathered to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Grandin, set in the fertile Red River Valley, is a thriving community in southeastern North Dakota. Grandin was also home to American painter and artist, Clyfford Still. Still, who used rich, vibrant colors and imagery, is just one of the many great talents that

the small communities of rural America have produced to enrich our culture.

The citizens of Grandin take pride in their quiet and comfortable community that still welcomes guests with a friendly smile and wave. Grandin had an exciting anniversary that included an all-school reunion, parade, tractor pull, dinner, and street dance.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join in me congratulating Grandin, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Grandin and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Grandin that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Grandin has a proud past and a bright future.●

#### REMEMBERING BILL HANCOCK

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the memory and work of Mr. Bill Hancock, a constituent of mine who led a most selfless and compassionate life. Several weeks ago, Bill lost his long struggle with AIDS. The story of his life demonstrates just how much progress we have made in our efforts to stem the tide of this disease, and how much work remains to be done before we find a cure.

Bill led a very rich and full life—one that should fill his family and friends with a sense of overwhelming pride. While he accomplished much, I am most moved by his tireless work to improve the lives of those who suffered from the very illness he had. Many of us might have given up if we found ourselves in Bill's position—choosing to allow a set of unfortunate circumstances to stagnate our lives. Instead, Bill fully realized his life's purpose through his sincere dedication to supporting and advancing the needs of the HIV/AIDS community.

Since the early days of the AIDS epidemic, Bill was involved in building the grassroots momentum needed to generate a national response to the public health crisis that was emerging in many of America's cities. His own health problems led him to Our House of Portland for hospice care and with the support he received there, he was able to begin to manage the symptoms of his illness. Amazingly, he was the very first resident of Our House to leave alive. I believe this is a clear testament to the tenacity of Bill's character.

Shortly after leaving Our House, Bill returned—not as a patient but as a member of its fundraising board and as a personal care assistant. His compassion prompted him to reciprocate the care he was provided by becoming a caregiver himself. His involvement in HIV/AIDS advocacy only grew from that point. He became the chair of the

Multnomah County Community Health Council and the Citizen's Advisory Board to the local health department. He also served on Multnomah County's Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee and the board of the Tri-County Safety Net Enterprise.

In addition to his service in local government, Bill represented the needs of those living with HIV/AIDS as public policy coordinator for the Cascade AIDS Project. Cascade AIDS is Oregon's leading provider of community-based medical and social services, offering access to health care, temporary housing, career assistance, and education and prevention programs. My staff had the pleasure of working closely with Bill to more effectively coordinate State and Federal resources aimed at supporting individuals with HIV/AIDS. He truly served the members of Oregon's HIV/AIDS community with dignity and compassion.

On marking the occasion of Bill Hancock's passing, I can't help but ask myself what more we as public servants can do to prevent the untimely death of individuals living with HIV/AIDS. The Federal Government has made great progress in the battle against this horrific epidemic, but there is much more we can do. It is essential that we move forward with reauthorizing the Ryan White CARE Act and appropriately funding the medical and social support programs that help individuals lead more full and productive lives. It would be a testament to Bill's life's work and dedication if we could do our part to help address the medical and social needs of the HIV/AIDS community. Bill never gave up, and neither should we.

In closing, I would like to offer my condolences to the family, friends, and fellow advocates whom Bill touched with his compassion and love of life. They have much to be proud of, and I hope their memories will be filled with the many great accomplishments he achieved as a dedicated community servant.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under authority of the order of the Senate of July 28, 2006, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 31, 2006, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4. An act to provide economic security for all Americans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5970. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit against the estate tax to an exclusion equivalent of \$5,000,000, to repeal the sunset provision for the estate and generation-skipping taxes, and to extend expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by