

questions. His work as an ambassador of cinema will be remembered gratefully by all those whose lives he touched. He touched mine, and he will be deeply missed.

Sydney is survived by his wife Claire Griswold, and their two daughters, Rachel Pollack Sorman and Rebecca Pollack Parker.●

#### THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. AMBROSE HOUSING AID CENTER

● Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I congratulate the St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center on its 40th anniversary. Since 1968, it has grown from its original mission to confront the "blockbusting" practices harming Baltimore's neighborhoods to providing a myriad of services to more than 100,000 Baltimoreans as our oldest nonprofit housing provider.

St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center was founded in 1968 by the dynamic and tenacious Father Vincent Patrick Quayle, known to all as Vinny. The center is dedicated to creating and preserving affordable housing in Baltimore. Its many successes are due to the charismatic and effective leadership of Vinny Quayle and the tireless efforts of a dedicated staff.

In the 1970s, St. Ambrose initiated a rental program and converted several vacant Catholic school buildings into affordable apartments. This effort led to neighborhood revitalization in many Baltimore communities. Today, St. Ambrose owns and manages 350 single and multifamily affordable housing units serving very low-income households, households with special needs, and the elderly.

When Baltimore experienced a gentrification movement in the 1980s, many low income families, especially those renting their homes, feared they would be displaced. St. Ambrose led the way in helping tenants convert to homeownership and was instrumental in convincing Baltimore City to establish a "Tenant's Right of First Refusal" bill.

Two other programs were established that have become core services at St. Ambrose. The Homesharing Program, the only one in Maryland, matches householders with room to share with homeseekers who need affordable housing and are willing to provide help with household tasks or financial support. The Legal Services Program helps homeowners and tenants combat home improvement fraud and predatory lending practices.

St. Ambrose partnered with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD, and bought, renovated and sold Federal Housing Administration, FHA, properties to first-time homebuyers. Through its Homeownership Counseling Program, St. Ambrose serves more than 700 prospective homebuyers every year, with 100 of them purchasing a home within 6 months of completing housing counseling.

As the numbers of subprime mortgages and foreclosures have increased, St. Ambrose has stepped forward to help homeowners save their homes. Expert housing counselors provide assistance to homeowners in a number of ways and staff attorneys are available to provide legal review and action.

I am most proud to extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes to St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center on its 40th anniversary and ask my colleagues to do the same.●

#### REMEMBERING LIEUTENANT GENERAL WILLIAM ODOM

● Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today I would like to commemorate the life of a great soldier, strategic thinker and American, LTG William Odom. I was deeply saddened to learn of his recent sudden death.

General Odom served our country with honor and distinction throughout his life. During his time serving as a military adviser in the White House, Director of the National Security Agency, and West Point and Yale professor, General Odom demonstrated an uncanny talent for assessing and advancing U.S. interests in a complex and challenging world.

Over the years, the U.S. Congress has benefited greatly from General Odom's clear vision of U.S. interests in the Middle East. General Odom was a strong critic of the Iraq war even before it began. It is unfortunate that more Members of this body did not heed his insightful and prescient warnings of the perils of invading Iraq. His steadfast commitment to ending the war and restoring a balanced and focused national security strategy has been an inspiration. So, too, was his strong opposition to the President's illegal warrantless wiretapping program.

Our thoughts are with his wife, son, and family during this difficult time. I hope that they can take some comfort knowing that he will be deeply missed by a grateful Nation.●

#### REMEMBERING BILL CLARK

● Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, today I honor the life of a great Arkansan, William E. "Bill" Clark, who passed on May 15, 2007. Bill was respected as a great philanthropist, sportsman, business leader and citizen of Arkansas. He was seen as an unparalleled advocate for the needs and welfare of his State and its citizens. He dedicated his life to serving his community and supporting individual lives in the public and private sector.

Bill graduated from Little Rock Central High School in 1961 and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. Thereafter, he joined his brothers at C&C Electric Construction Company in Little Rock, working there until 1981 when he acquired Bragg's Electric Construction Company. In 1987, Bill partnered with

Dillard's Incorporated and founded CDI Contractors, which grew to be one of the largest construction firms in the South. High-profile projects completed by CDI under Bill's leadership include the Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, the headquarters for Heifer International in Little Rock and Immanuel Baptist Church in West Little Rock, of which Bill was a devout attendee for over 27 years. Bill's impact on the business community of Arkansas is evident by the numerous business and professional awards he received, including Arkansas Business Executive of the Year, Rotary Club of Little Rock's Business and Professional Leader of the Year Award, Paul Harris Fellow as given by Fifty for the Future, election to the Arkansas Construction Hall of Fame, and admission to the University of Arkansas Engineering Hall of Fame and the Arkansas Academy of Electrical Engineering.

Respected and admired throughout Arkansas for over three decades, Bill took on countless worthwhile projects with optimism and enthusiasm; he was an inspiration to many. The positions he held relating to public service are evidence of his commitment to his community. His awards reflect his professional successes as well as his avid public service. These awards included the Arkansas Arts Center's Winthrop Rockefeller Memorial Award, the Boys and Girls Club of America National Service to the Youth Award, the Edwin N. Hanlon Memorial Award for Contribution to the Arts, and the Arkansas Children's Award from the Arkansas Sheriff's Youth Ranches.

Bill was a past president of the board for the University of Arkansas board of trustees, the Arkansas Arts Center, the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Country Club of Little Rock. Bill served as a board member of the Little Rock Boys and Girls Club, the Arkansas Arts Center Foundation, Baptist Health, the UAMS Foundation, Ouachita Baptist University Business Advisory Council, and the Episcopal Collegiate School Foundation.

During his lifetime, Bill was an enthusiastic outdoorsman. He loved hunting, fishing, and golf, while remaining committed to conservation endeavors. A final gesture honoring Bill and benefiting his community is the establishment of the William E. "Bill" Clark Presidential Park Wetlands, a 13-acre tract located on the banks of the Arkansas River running adjacent to the Clinton Presidential Library. This natural wetland area provides an educational exhibit that can be enjoyed by State, national, and international visitors for generations to come. As contractor for the Clinton Presidential Library, Bill believed in the library's mission to strive for educational advances within Arkansas, including the history of the United States, the institutional roles of the Presidency and the American political system as applied to President William J. Clinton.