

whom I have watched over the many years I have been here. He has a wonderful personality. He is someone who helps keep order in this institution, and his presence in the Senate is one that is calming. Everyone who knows him likes him. It just will not be the same without him.

While I will miss him, I know he will be glad to spend more time with his wife Jean Carolyn, as well as his children Mark and Mitchell and their granddaughter Nila.

We talked earlier in the day when I learned he was retiring, and I have already spoken about what a fine gentleman he is. But here is one thing he and I joked about today. I was here handling the floor as I did for Senator Daschle for many years, and there was this big crash. Everyone said: What has happened? What happened was Myron was rushing around doing the work he did, and he could not have done a better pirouette if he been a ballerina. He flipped in the air and came crashing down. Everybody thought something bad had happened, and Myron just got up, smiled, and walked away. He and I joked about that earlier today. I will always remember that. I asked Gary to find somebody on the staff who was there when Myron fell, and no one remembered, but Myron and I remembered. So I went and talked to him myself.

Myron is leaving next week to go on a cruise to Cancun, Mexico, with his wife and his granddaughter. I thank him on behalf of the entire Senate for his faithful service to our country and to the U.S. Senate. I wish him well in the future.

TRIBUTE TO JANICE MILLER

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize one of my longest-serving and loyal staffers, Janice Miller. After more than a quarter of a century in my Las Vegas office, Janice retired on February 22, 2013. She has earned a happy and restful retirement from public service, but she will be deeply missed.

Just six months after I had been elected to serve my first term in the U.S. Senate, Janice joined my staff. A self-described cat lover, Janice soon came to be known for her laughter and her sharp wit. Along with her no-nonsense attitude, she showed true compassion for the countless Medicare and Social Security recipients she assisted throughout her career.

Janice is a true Nevadan. She attended the Western High School in Las Vegas, and then went to the University of Nevada, Reno. Although Las Vegas is her home, she continues to be an avid Wolf Pack supporter. In her youth, Janice had a tremendous activist spirit. That was tapped into by one of her mentors, my good friend and former chief of staff, Rey Martinez. Rey taught Janice at Western High School, and he also introduced her to politics, where she stayed until her recent retirement. Janice has always

cared deeply about women's issues, ranging from women's health care to access to education and equality in the workplace.

Janice Miller, during the time she worked on my campaigns, was an all-star. Janice also had tremendous compassion for senior citizens who were often struggling with Social Security issues. In the more than 25 years that Janice was with me, she never lost her concern for the seniors who needed her help. She always went above and beyond, helping to develop invaluable resources for Nevada's seniors in need. She helped to write the first "Retiree Guide" for my office. Thousands of copies of this guide are still used as a catalog of information and resources for seniors in southern Nevada.

Janice developed a deep understanding of the medical field through her work and her continued outreach to the community. Cindy Lubiartz, vice president of business development at Care Meridian, credits Janice with helping to facilitate the development of the CareMeridian Pediatric Facility, the only free-standing, post-acute inpatient pediatric facility in Nevada, which is set to open its doors later this year.

While fighting to ensure that Nevadans in need got the benefits they deserved, Janice also battled breast cancer. As a survivor, she serves as a source of strength for so many women who are facing the same challenge. She took this role in her personal life as well as in her professional life. Her support has meant so much to Mary Liveratti, retired administrator for the Nevada Division of Aging and Disability Services, who is a breast cancer survivor herself. When Janice first learned of Mary's diagnosis, she pulled her aside at a meeting to tell Mary that she had also battled breast cancer and to offer Mary support and encouragement. When Mary talks about this incident, it brings her to tears because she knew she was not alone in her fight.

Janice's kind spirit, in-depth knowledge of Medicare and Social Security, and commitment to public service will be truly missed. I thank her for her tireless service, and wish her well in her retirement.

REMEMBERING LIEUTENANT VALERIE DELANEY

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I want to express my deep condolences to the family of LT Valerie Delaney who was a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in 2009, whose life was cut short by jet crash in Washington State.

Lieutenant Delaney graduated from the Naval Academy and was a wonderful young lady. She was not my appointment but appointed to the Academy by Congressman ELIJAH CUMMINGS. She was a great naval officer who married 1 year ago. She had a promising life and a promising career ahead of her.

To her family who resides in Howard County in the wonderful community of Ellicott City, I, Senator CARDIN, and the other Senators wish to extend our heartfelt condolences.

Valerie did everything well. She was popular with other officers and well regarded. When she sought nomination, she needed to take 1 year off for prep school, which she did. She was diligent, persistent and terrific.

We deeply regret this tragic accident which occurred. I wanted to inform the Senate of this accident and let her family know we extend our sympathy.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING DR. DONALD ZACHARIAS

● Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, Mississippi State University and my State of Mississippi lost one of its most outstanding leaders with the passing of Dr. Donald Zacharias on March 3 at the age of 77. Dr. Zacharias served as the president of Mississippi State University from 1985-1997. His name became synonymous with the highest qualities of leadership, vision, and humanity. He was blessed with gifts that enabled him to make important contributions to higher education throughout the country.

I ask that a March 3, 2013 article from the Clarion-Ledger newspaper titled "Former MSU president Donald Zacharias' legacy one of transformation," be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows.

[From the Clarion-Ledger, Mar. 3, 2013]
FORMER MSU PRESIDENT DONALD ZACHARIAS'
LEGACY ONE OF TRANSFORMATION
(By Therese Apel)

Former Mississippi State University President Donald Zacharias is being remembered among friends, family and MSU faithful as a man with a vision for the university—and a man who left a legacy of growth and progress at the school he loved.

Zacharias, who led the Starkville university from 1985-97, died Sunday of complications from multiple sclerosis after an extended illness. He was 77.

"He had an influence not just on MSU but on higher education at large in Mississippi," said Sid Salter, director of University Relations. "He had some rather tumultuous battles with the Legislature over funding higher education. I think that's really where he could shine in his ability and his willingness to fight for what he believed in."

Roy Ruby was vice president for student affairs when Zacharias joined the MSU family and later was dean of the College of Education and interim president of the university. Until a year ago, when Zacharias was admitted to a nursing home, the two were neighbors.

"He was a man of solid integrity, and he was a man of his word," said Ruby. "He was a man who, in all aspects of his life, tried to do right. He was a good family man, a good citizen of the state, and an exemplary college administrator."

Current MSU President Mark Keenum said Zacharias was someone he looked up to.

"I counted him as a friend, a mentor and an inspiration. Don Zacharias was a man of

great courage and dignity—and he was one of the most influential leaders in the history of Mississippi higher education,” Keenum said.

Salter said he and his late wife, Paula, who also had multiple sclerosis, were friends with Zacharias and his wife of 53 years, Tommie.

“They took an interest in Paula, and, ironically, he would later be diagnosed with MS,” Salter said. “He had a tremendous impact on me. He was a solid guy and a man of great integrity.”

Zacharias brought Mississippi State to a new level of prominence during his 12½ years of service.

He raised MSU’s visibility and reputation nationally, and enrollment climbed to the largest in the state at almost 16,000. African-American enrollment more than doubled to 2,200, 15 percent of the student body and the highest percentage among SEC schools, according to a Sunday news release from the university.

Enrollment, private contributions, research and athletic achievement all grew significantly as part of Zacharias’ legacy.

“Dr. Donald Zacharias was a transformative figure at Mississippi State University,” Keenum said. “He really helped bring MSU into the modern era, and he did so by developing a broad vision for the leadership that Mississippi needed from a land grant university.”

Zacharias, upon his retirement from MSU, said: “I saw things in Mississippi State University that others might not have seen. I felt that I had made the right decision to be at this university because I liked both what it stood for and its overall character. I liked its mission, and I liked the students and alumni. I saw the potential.”

Gary Harris, a coach and educator at Heritage Academy in Columbus who graduated from MSU in the early 1990s, said he remembers Zacharias as someone who was able to connect with everyone, regardless of their backgrounds.

“Because of my involvement in several campus organizations, I was around Dr. Z many times,” he said. “He was a very kind, knowledgeable man who always seemed to know how to make everyone in the room seem important. He was a tremendous leader for our campus during some very difficult financial times.”

Salter said many of Zacharias’ dreams for the university continue to be fulfilled.

“He had a long reach, and his influence extended past his own tenure as president.”

Funeral arrangements are incomplete, but the Zacharias family will communicate details through the university. A public memorial service is tentatively planned for Thursday on the Starkville campus of MSU.●

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE STEVEN ELLIOT

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Judge Elliot as he retires from the bench having honorably served on Nevada’s Second Judicial District Court for 16 years. Judge Elliot’s wisdom and temperance has made him an extremely effective and admirable judge. His distinguished career as an attorney, judge, and public servant in Nevada is worthy of our appreciation.

After graduating from Stanford University and earning his juris doctor from the University of Denver, Judge Elliot was first elected Sparks City Attorney in 1979 and held that position until his election to the district court. While working as city attorney for

Sparks, he founded the Washoe County Domestic Violence Task Force and supported the Washoe County DUI Task Force. Judge Elliot also crafted legislation requiring land developers to dedicate water rights to local governments, saving taxpayer dollars.

In 1997, Judge Elliott assumed his position as district judge where he was assigned in the family division and general jurisdiction dockets working on civil and criminal cases. As chairman of the Employee Relations Committee, he led a year-long task force to revise the employee manual. He also served on the Nevada Statewide Court Security Task Force to improve security for judges and the public in courthouses throughout Nevada.

In addition to his responsibilities in the court, he has also been very active in many community organizations. He has tirelessly worked to improve the life of Nevada’s young people and abused and battered women, as well as promoted clean and safe communities in Nevada. I applaud Judge Elliot’s commitment to upholding the law of the land as well as the betterment of his community. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Judge Elliot for his accomplishments and contributions to Nevada and his retirement from the Second Judicial District Court of Nevada. He is a truly exceptional Nevadan.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:59 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 749. An act to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual privacy notice requirement.

H.R. 1035. An act to require a study of voluntary community-based flood insurance options and how such options could be incorporated into the national flood insurance program, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 592. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify that houses of worship are eligible for certain disaster relief and emergency assistance on terms equal to other eligible private nonprofit facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 749. An act to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual privacy notice requirement; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1035. An act to require a study of voluntary community-based flood insurance options and how such options could be incorporated into the national flood insurance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 558. A bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from awarding any grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or other financial assistance under section 103 of the Clean Air Act for any program, project, or activity outside the United States.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-796. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Maximum Interest Rates on Guaranteed Farm Loans” (RIN0560-AH66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-797. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Selection and Functions of Farm Service Agency State and County Committees” (RIN0560-AG90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-798. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Child Nutrition Programs: Nondiscretionary Amendments Related to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010” (RIN0584-AE14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-799. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Updated Trafficking Definition and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Dual Participation” (RIN0584-AD97) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 7, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-800. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch,