

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND  
THEODORE JUDSON JEMISON

Ms. LANDRIEU. Madam President, today I wish to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing one of Louisiana's courageous civil rights leaders, the Reverend Theodore Judson "T.J." Jemison, who passed on November 15, 2013, at the age of 95 in Baton Rouge, LA. Reverend Jemison, the youngest of six children, was born in Selma, AL in 1918.

Reverend Jemison attended Alabama State College for his undergraduate degree and received a master's of divinity degree from Virginia Union University. He became a heroic leader in the civil rights movement, served as pastor of Mount Zion First Baptist Church for nearly a half century, and was president of the National Baptist Convention for 12 years.

Reverend Jemison orchestrated the Baton Rouge bus boycott of 1953—a model that would later be adopted by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in Montgomery, AL. Reverend Jemison actively pressured the Baton Rouge City Council to ensure equal treatment for African-American passengers who were barred from seating in areas designated White-only. Through this work Reverend Jemison helped expand the civil rights to many of the citizens of Louisiana.

Reverend Jemison served as president of the National Baptist Convention, the largest Black Baptist organization in the United States, from 1982–1994. As the organization's president, Reverend Jemison worked to promote the principles of the social gospel. He also oversaw the construction of the Baptist World Center in Nashville, TN. Reverend Jemison worked tirelessly to fight for equality, education, and opportunity not only for African Americans in Louisiana but across the country as well.

Reverend Jemison was a true inspiration to all that had the great privilege to know him. I am grateful and honored to have known him. My deepest condolences go out to his family and all of those whose lives he touched. My deepest condolences go out to his family and all of those whose lives he touched. He will be greatly missed.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

ABRAMSON CANCER CENTER

• Mr. CASEY. Madam President, today I wish to recognize the 40th anniversary of the Abramson Cancer Center of the University of Pennsylvania.

Since its founding, the University of Pennsylvania has been at the forefront of education. It is one of the oldest universities in the United States, founded in 1740 by Benjamin Franklin who later went out on to found the Nation's first hospital, Pennsylvania Hospital. From its inception the university was a leader in medical care and research which culminated in the creation of the Na-

tion's first school of medicine in 1765 and then the first teaching hospital, the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in 1874. Today, the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania is ranked in the top 5 best medical schools in the country and the hospital is ranked in the top 15 best hospitals.

With the growing diagnoses of cancer throughout the world, in 1973 a dedicated team of specialists established a center that would bring together all cancer research at the university, which one year later was designated a comprehensive cancer center by National Cancer Institute, NCI, one of only 41 in the country. In 2002, the center changed its name to the Abramson Cancer Center after the generous donation from Leonard and Madlyn Abramson. This gift allowed the center to conduct innovative cancer research and improve the quality of care for patients.

The Abramson Cancer Center is composed of 318 faculty members from 37 departments and 8 schools within the University of Pennsylvania. In 2010, the NCI described the quality of care at the center as "exceptional." One of the reasons the Abramson Cancer Center is ranked among the top 15 cancer centers in the country is because of its outstanding faculty collaboration. Healthcare professionals including medical and radiation oncologists, counselors, dietitians, and rehabilitation specialists work together to ensure that patients receive the most comprehensive care possible.

Having the Madlyn and Leonard Abramson Family Cancer Research Institute as a part of the university research facilities ensures that the transition between the laboratory and the clinical care setting is expedited. This guarantees that patients are able to receive the cutting-edge treatment and prevention options they need.

Since its establishment, the Abramson Cancer Center has been essential in the fight to cure cancer. The center works to achieve this through extensive research, innovative clinical trials and exceptional cancer care.

I am proud that the Abramson Cancer Center is located in the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and wish to congratulate and recognize them on their 40th anniversary.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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 2:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 25. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for activities associated with the ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Native American code talkers.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 272. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense joint outpatient clinic to be constructed in Marina, California, as the "Major General William H. Gourley VA-DOD Outpatient Clinic".

H.R. 2061. An act to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3343. An act to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to clarify the rules regarding the determination of the compensation of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia.

H.R. 3487. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act to extend through 2018 the authority of the Federal Election Commission to impose civil money penalties on the basis of a schedule of penalties established and published by the Commission, to expand such authority to certain other violations, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2061. An act to expand the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to increase accountability and transparency in Federal spending, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1737. A bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

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-3601. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of