

what you are when you are alone in the dark as well as with others in the daylight. Ed Muskie's character was strong. Strong enough to light up other people's lives. He taught us that integrity is more important than winning. That real knowledge counts more than slogans or sound bites. That we should live our values rather than parading them for public approval.

Many years ago, Maine's greatest poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, wrote of another great man these words: "Were a star quenched on high for ages would its light still traveling downward from the sky shine on our mortal sight. So when a great man dies for years beyond our kin, the light he leaves behind him lies upon the paths of men." A great man has died and for years his life will shine upon our paths. Goodbye Ed, may God bless you and welcome you.

Mrs. BOXER. Finally, Mr. President, I would also like to share with my colleagues a beautiful prayer, written by Senator Muskie for the occasion of the Presidential Prayer Breakfast in January, 1969. The message of this prayer—a plea on behalf of all public officials for mutual trust and understanding, cooperation and compassion—is more relevant today than ever. I ask unanimous consent that the full text of the prayer be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

PRESIDENTIAL PRAYER

(Written by Senator Edmund S. Muskie and delivered at the Presidential Prayer Breakfast January 30, 1969—Washington, DC)

Our Father—we are gathered here this morning, perplexed and deeply troubled.

We are grateful for the many blessings You have bestowed upon us—the great resources of land and people—the freedom to apply them to uses of our own choosing—the successes which have marked our efforts.

We are perplexed that, notwithstanding these blessings, we have not succeeded in making possible a life of promise for all our people in that growing dissatisfaction threatens our unity and our progress toward peace and justice.

We are deeply troubled that we may not be able to agree upon the common purposes and the basis for mutual trust which are essential if we are to overcome these difficulties.

And so, Our Father, we turn to you for help.

Teach us to listen to one another, with the kind of attention which is receptive to other points of view, however different, with a healthy skepticism as to our own infallibility.

Teach us to understand one another with the kind of sensitivity which springs from deeply-seated sympathy and compassion.

Teach us to trust one another, beyond mere tolerance, with a willingness to take the chance on the perfectibility of our fellow men.

Teach us to help one another, beyond charity, in the kind of mutual involvement which is essential if a free society is to work.

We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

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THE BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business Monday, April 22, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,101,586,172,580.18.

On a per capita basis, every man, woman, and child in America owes \$19,273.81 as his or her share of that debt.

TRIBUTE TO JIMMY JONES

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, I am proud to pay tribute today to a dear friend to me and several members of my staff, James L. Jones. Jimmy is a long-time employee of the Senate Superintendent's Office of the Architect of the Capitol, where his friendliness, dedication, and warm personality have

become familiar to many of us. On April 26, Jimmy will be retiring from his position with the Superintendent's Office after 31 years of service to the U.S. Senate. He started out working on the grounds and worked his way up to become the Senate garage attendant foreman. For many years, he has headed up the entire Senate parking garage operation.

Jimmy Jones is one of those individuals who takes extreme pride in his work and who truly loves the Senate as an institution. He and his capable staff are welcome sights to those who routinely park in the various garages in the Senate office buildings. He is fun to joke around with and he really goes the extra mile to take care of those who use the parking facilities. He is a Maryland native, and his delicious crabcakes have been most appreciated over the years. He never fails to greet us with a joke or humorous story to brighten our day, and his special brand of generosity and humor never fail to uplift our spirits and provide a welcome reprieve from the rigors of Senate business.

Jimmy Jones is one of those colorful Senate institutions who will be sorely missed after he retires. His friendliness, cheerfulness, and willingness to accommodate are genuine. He is a person of character. I join my colleagues in thanking him, commending him, and wishing him all the best as he embarks upon a well-earned retirement. I do hope he will continue to bring us his crabcakes from time to time. Since he is such an avid stock car racing fan, I also expect to see him at the Talladega International Motor Speedway on occasion after my own retirement.

TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF MEL BAILEY

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, Jefferson County Sheriff Mel Bailey announced earlier this month that he will be retiring after a distinguished 33-year record as the county's chief law enforcement official. This means that for the first time since the early days of the Civil Rights Movement, Jefferson County will have a new sheriff. He is the dean of Alabama law enforcement officers.

Mel Bailey has provided outstanding leadership, guidance, and service to the State of Alabama as Jefferson County's sheriff since 1963. Throughout his terms in office, he has made tremendous strides in preparing the sheriff's department for its fight against crime and in serving the citizens who elected him. In the process, he has become known as a symbol of law and order in Alabama.

Since he has been in office, Mel Bailey has come to epitomize the office in the minds of many citizens. He joined the Birmingham Police Department in 1946 and was promoted to detective in 1953, resigning in 1962 to successfully campaign for sheriff. He didn't draw an opponent until 1978, when he still received 70 percent of the vote.