

# IN MEMORY OF IVAN FRANK KARDOS

• Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to Ivan Frank Kardos, an attorney, formerly of Washington, DC, who died in his home in Grove, OK, April 2, 1996, with his family and friends in attendance, after a 2½-year battle with cancer. He was cremated and his ashes were inurned in a ceremony on May 21, 1996, at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

Mr. Kardos, born August 2, 1920, in Budapest, Hungary, was the son of William and Olga Kovacs Kardos, who preceded him in death. The family emigrated to New York City when Frank was 2 years old.

He graduated from New York University Law School in 1948. His bar admissions included New York, Maryland, District of Columbia, Oklahoma, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2d, 10th, and District of Columbia Circuits, U.S. district courts for the Southern District of New York, Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma, and for the District of Columbia, U.S. Courts of Military Appeals, U.S. Court of Claims, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

His legal career in the public sector included service with the United States Postal Service, United States Army Corps of Engineers in New York and Washington, DC, and Karachi, Pakistan. He was the Principal Deputy to the General Counsel of the U.S. Postal Service, responsible for writing and administering the Department's Code of Ethical Conduct and Conflicts of Interest Programs.

He was liaison with the Department of Labor for the Service Contract Act of 1965 and other labor requirements under Federal contracts and was also liaison with the Department of Justice concerning various criminal matters and the Public Information Act, and with the then Civil Service Commission for Inter-Agency Committee for Procurement. He served as a legal advisor concerning equal opportunity employment, and administered on behalf of the general counsel the Release of Information Program under the Freedom of Information Act.

Frank's Military service began in the ROTC in 1937. He was on active duty with the United States Army in the armored branch when Pearl Harbor was bombed and served 42 months in the Southwest Pacific theater, including the Philippines and New Guinea. In 1980, he retired from the military with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

In addition to his successful professional career in public service, Frank also was generous with his time in the private sector. He strongly believed in giving back to society by being actively involved with such organizations as SCORE, the American Legion, Masonic Bodies, and Literacy Programs.

A man of great intellect who lived his life with integrity and honesty, he will be sorely missed by his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Bettie Crumpler Kardos of Grove, OK; sons Christopher and his wife Sherry

and their son Jonathan of Cedar Rapids, IA; Michael and his wife Kay of Austin, TX, Gregory and his wife Brenda with their daughter Kelly and son, Scott of Farmington, NM, and daughter, Pamela Kardos-Gordon and her husband, Wayne Gordon, of Upper Marlboro, MD.●

## REPUBLIC OF ITALY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, 1996 marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Republic of Italy. Fifty years ago, Italy escaped the dark hold of fascism and began the process of becoming the important democratic nation it is today. Modern Italy was created out of the tumultuous aftermath of World War II. The system of governing for the new republic received its mandate from the people of Italy, and it has continued in that fashion for the past 50 years. On May 9, 1946, Victor Emmanuel III gave up his claim to the Italian throne. On June 2, 1946, Italians officially replaced the monarchy with a republic when Italy held its first free elections in 20 years. The purpose of the Constituent Assembly that was elected was to prepare a new democratic constitution to guide a free Italy in the future. The Assembly adopted a new constitution 1 year later. As Italy's democratic tradition has grown stronger and older over the years, the nation has continued to exert its leadership in world affairs. Today, Italy is a respected ally of much of the industrialized world and a leader in many of its organizations. I know that my Senate colleagues join me in celebrating the great strides that the Republic of Italy has made over the past 50 years.●

## CONGRATULATING STEVE STRICKER'S 1996 KEMPER OPEN VICTORY

• Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Edgerton, WI, resident, Steve Stricker, on winning the 1996 Kemper Open. Known to many on the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) tour as the best player not to have won on tour, Stricker shed that distinction with his commanding 3-stroke victory at the Tournament Players Club (TPC) at Avenel in nearby Potomac, MD.

Stricker demonstrated the skill and confidence of a champion throughout the 72-hole tournament. Whether it was a 5-foot par putt to maintain his lead, or the decision to attack the par 5 sixth hole rather than hold back, Steve's long hours of practice and overall commitment to excellence paid off, literally.

Steve Stricker was not alone on the damp and drizzly 7,005 yard, par 71 course, however. Stricker's caddie, Nicki, who also happens to be his wife, was there every step of the way, encouraging him to be aggressive, yet acting as a steadying presence over any anxious moments during the tournament. A competitive golfer in her own right, Nicki's wise counsel and ex-

perience added to the victory, making it truly a team effort.

Those of us who have followed his short career know that this is just the tip of the iceberg for Steve Stricker. With his exceptional work ethic and dedication to making himself the best, Steve's successes have only just begun. With this in mind, I congratulate Steve Stricker on his 1996 Kemper Open victory and look forward to more of the same.●

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations en bloc, on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar Nos. 482, 521 through 528, 530, 554 and 555.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, that any statements relating to the nominations appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pascal D. Forgione, Jr., of Delaware, to be Commissioner of Education Statistics for a term expiring June 21, 1999.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Lawrence Neal Benedict, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cape Verde.

The following-named Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period: J. Stapleton Roy, of Pennsylvania

Harold Walter Geisel, of Illinois, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Mauritius and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal and Islamic Republic of The Comoros.

Aubrey Hooks, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of the Congo.

Robert Krueger, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Botswana.

David H. Shinn, of Washington, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Ethiopia.

#### AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Ernest G. Green, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors