

well. National and local media stars, from Walter Cronkite to J.P. McCarthy have made themselves available to help. And sports stars, from Hockey Hall of Fame player Gordie Howe to current Detroit Pistons star Grant Hill, pitch in as needed. But as impressive as this list of famous people is, United Way representatives will tell you that it is the dedication and heart of the people of metropolitan Detroit which make the Torch Drive a success year after year. Thanks to them, the United Way is able to support more than 130 agencies in metropolitan Detroit, providing assistance to people in need and solutions to long term problems like homelessness, substance abuse, hunger and mental illness.

Mr. President, I have many reasons to be proud to be a Detroiter. One of the strongest reasons for my pride is the generosity and warm-heartedness of my neighbors. I hope my colleagues will join me in thanking the tens of thousands of people who have made the annual United Way Torch Drive such an overwhelming success over the past 50 years, and in looking forward to the next 50 years of giving help and hope to people in need in metropolitan Detroit. ●

IN MEMORY OF MEG DONOVAN

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, last Thursday, Meg Donovan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, passed away after a painful struggle with cancer. Her death, far too early at age 47, has dimmed the light for all those who loved and knew her: her husband, Stephen Duffy, her three children Colin, Liam and Emma, her father, Daniel Donovan, her sisters, Paula and Mary Ellen, her brother, Patrick, and her many friends and colleagues in Washington.

Meg was a Washington veteran, having worked in the nongovernmental affair community for the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, in the Congress for nearly twenty years, and most recently in the Department of State. Through all those years she has consistently been an advocate for the downtrodden, for those who live in countries where the basic human rights and freedoms which we take for granted are denied. They could have had no better champion than Meg Donovan.

Meg was invaluable to me and my staff during the years that I served as Chairman of the International Operations Subcommittee, which had jurisdiction over the authorization bill for the State Department, USIA and the international broadcasting agencies. When we needed information, she ensured that we got it. She was an articulate advocate for the Administration's positions and an effective deal maker when the time was right. And as Secretary of State Albright, former Secretary of State Christopher, and all those who have been confirmed as Ambassadors during the Clinton Administration's tenure will tell you, Meg

Donovan knew better than anyone how to help a nominee navigate the shoals of the confirmation process in the Senate.

On Saturday, Secretary Albright delivered the eulogy at Meg's funeral. Her heartfelt words aptly captured the many sides of Meg Donovan—a devoted wife and mother, a dedicated and passionate government servant, and a woman whose zest for life was boundless.

Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere sympathies to Meg's family. I also ask that Secretary Albright's eulogy for Meg be printed in the RECORD.

EULOGY FOR MEG DONOVAN

By Secretary of State Madeleine Albright
Father D'Silva; Duffy, Colin, Emma, Liam, Mr. Daniel Donovan, Patrick, Paula, Mary Ellen, and other members of Meg Donovan's family; colleagues, friends and acquaintances of Meg:

There are times when it seems more fitting just to stammer with emotion than to speak with finely turned phrases.

It does not seem fair; it is not fair that Heaven, which already has so much, now has so much more. And that we here on Earth, who need so much, have lost someone who is irreplaceable in our hearts.

This we know. Meg could not pass from one world to the other without changing both.

We are crushed with grief. But the scriptures say that those who mourn are blessed for they shall be comforted; and we are comforted by the knowledge that, somewhere up above, God is getting an earful on human rights.

I did not become acquainted with Meg Donovan until I went to the State Department in 1993. Like her, I was a mother of three, including twins. I felt I understood better than some others might the choices and challenges she faced. But many of you knew her longer and more intimately than I. I cannot capture her personality or her career in full.

To me, if there is one word that sums up Meg, it is "completeness."

There are others in this town who are smart and good at their jobs; others with a commitment to causes that are right and just; others who bargain shrewdly and hard; others with a warm and wonderful sense of humor; others who understand the obligations of friendship; others who are devoted and loving to their families; others who have the discipline to live their faith.

There may even be others with Christmas sweaters that light up and play jingle bells. But rarely have the elements of true character been so artfully mixed as they were in Meg Donovan. Van Gogh is arriving in Washington; but a human masterpiece is gone.

When I was designated by President Clinton to serve as Secretary of State, I did what my predecessor, Warren Christopher, did. I turned to the person with the best instincts in Washington on how to deal with our friends on Capitol Hill. That was Meg. We began preparing in December.

Now, naturally, I thought the President had made a brilliant choice for the job, but I had to wonder, as we went along in practice, and Meg corrected and improved upon my every answer on every subject, whether there was anyone more qualified to be Secretary of State than she.

Of course, that being December, the birthday of the twins came along. And naturally, Liam and Emma didn't understand why their mother couldn't promise to attend the party. Their proposal, passed on and advocated by

Meg, was that we adjourn our practice session and re-convene at Chuck E. Cheese. It is typical that, when the hour of the party drew near, Meg excused herself, and did not ask but told her new boss, that she was heading for Chuck E. Cheese.

When he was Secretary of State, George Marshall used to tell his staff "don't fight the problem, decide it, then take action." I suspect he would have liked Meg a lot because, all her life, Meg was a doer.

Like quite a few others, she came to Washington committed to the fight for tolerance and respect for basic human rights for all people. What set her apart is that she could still make that claim after having worked here 25 years.

Whether at the Helsinki Commission, or the House Committee on International Relations, or the Department of State, Meg was one of the good guys. She could out-talk anyone, but talk isn't what she was after. She wanted change.

She wanted Soviet Jews to be able to exercise their right to emigrate. She wanted Tibetans to be able to preserve their heritage. She wanted prisoners of conscience to breathe the air of freedom. She wanted women to have the power to make choices that would determine the course of their lives.

Above all, she wanted to draw on and draw out the best in America: the America that would use its resources and power to help others achieve the blessings we all too often take for granted.

These were her ideals, but Meg was more than a dreamer. No one was more effective than she at creating the coalitions, marshaling the arguments and devising the strategies that would yield concrete results.

One of Meg's big problems was that she knew the system better and played it better than anyone else. So, whenever we found ourselves in a real legislative mess, which was not more than three or four times a week, we turned to Meg to help get us out.

Around the Department and earlier in her years on Capitol Hill, Meg's energy and wisdom added sparkle to every meeting. When she spoke, people listened. When she listened, people chose their words with care. She was thoughtful and patient with those who, by virtue of experience or ability, needed her help. She brought out the best in others; just as she demanded the best from herself.

In our collective mind's eye, we can still see her striding purposefully down a hall with her arms full of folders, trailed by some hapless Ambassadorial nominee whose future had been entrusted to Meg's capable hands.

We see her, hugely pregnant, maneuvering around swivel chairs and outthrust elbows on the cramped dais of the House International Relations Committee.

We see her serious and firm, forearms chopping the air for emphasis, persuading us with eloquence and passion that doing the right thing is also the smart thing.

We see her relaxing at an office party, gold bracelets flashing, surrounded by flowers from her garden, a cherub's face aglow with health and life, and her 100 megawatt smile turned on full.

We see her where she most belonged, with Duffy, her partner of 24 years, and with their children.

And as we see her, we also hear that inimitable laugh, which was not exactly musical, but which conveyed a love and enjoyment of living that somehow makes what happened even harder to believe and accept.

Meg knew the impermanence of life. She lost her mother to cancer and a sister to cystic fibrosis. So she made the most of every single day.

The poet, William Blake, wrote that:

He who binds himself to a joy
Does the winged life destroy
But he who kisses the joy as it flies
Lives in eternity's sunrise.

No force, not even life itself, could bind Meg Donovan or ground her flight. She was only 47. But, in that time, her gifts to those of us who are gathered here and to those from around the world who have benefited directly or indirectly from her commitment, were full and rich.

This morning, as she looks down upon us, I know that she would expect us to cry and that, if she could, she would herself hand us the tissues. But she would also want us to be thankful for our time together, and to dedicate ourselves to improving our own lives by helping others.

We are sad today, but our sorrow is accompanied by the abundance of joy in the memories we share, the life we celebrate and the love that surrounds us.

May that joy melt, over time, the clouds of our grief. May Meg's family, especially, draw comfort from our affection and from the deep respect we held for her.

And may Meg Donovan rest in peace, for we will never, never forget her. •

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA INTERNS

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, the South Carolina Semester in Washington Program, hosted by the Institute of Public Affairs at the University of South Carolina, provides outstanding Honors College students at the state's public universities an invaluable opportunity to work as fellows in Congress, the Administration and in the private sector while pursuing an academically rigorous program of study and examination in Washington, D.C.

This program joins a number of other prestigious offerings sponsored by many of the finest colleges and universities from across the Nation. Not only do these fellows assist in taking care of the business of the Nation, providing a tremendous service to Congress, the Agencies and the entities supporting them, by doing so these exemplary young people represent the best for the future of government at the local, city, county, state, regional, national and international levels.

As the South Carolina Semester in Washington completes its seventh year, the program continues to demonstrate that these students and the campuses they represent are some of the finest in the country. To date students have participated from USC Columbia, Clemson University, the College of Charleston, the Citadel, South Carolina State University, University of South Carolina Aiken, Winthrop University, Lander University and the University of South Carolina Lancaster. For the Fall of 1998, the program will add its first student from Coastal Carolina University. Certainly few states can demonstrate a more comprehensive involvement from its higher education community.

The offices which participate are essential to the quality of the program. The time spent by professional staff in the office setting mentoring these students is a contribution to success; not

only in this program but to these young people for a lifetime. Over the years the following offices have been gracious host learning sites for the South Carolina Semester in Washington fellows: Senator STROM THURMOND, Senator FRITZ HOLLINGS, Congressman FLOYD SPENCE, Congressman JOHN SPRATT, Congressman JIM CLYBURN, Congressman BOB INGLIS, Congressman LINDSEY GRAHAM, Congressman SANFORD, Congressman ED WHITFIELD, Congressman CLIFF STEARNS, former Congressman Butler Derrick, former Congressman Robin Tallon, former Congresswoman Liz Patterson, former Congressman Arthur Ravenel, the Senate Commerce Committee, the White House, the Department of Education, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Office of the United States Trade Representative, the South Carolina State Washington Office, Barron Birrell and the American Council of Life Insurance.

The participants during the 1997-1998 academic year further enhanced the reputation of the program for reliable, diligent and intelligent contributions to their workplace. These students, their university, hometown and placement include for the Fall 1997 semester: Mary Borowiec, USC Columbia, Columbia, S.C., Congressman LINDSEY GRAHAM; Cara Carter, USC Columbia, Spartanburg, S.C., Congressman MARK SANFORD; Katherine Graham, USC Columbia, Charleston, S.C., Office of the United States Trade Representative; Scott Harris, Lander University, Batesburg, S.C., Congressman JOHN SPRATT, Kim Hartwell, USC Columbia, Lexington, Kentucky, the White House; Charlene Miller, USC Columbia, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Senator HOLLINGS; John Sallee, USC Columbia, Lexington, Kentucky, U.S. Department of Education; Beth Sims, Winthrop University, Darlington, S.C., Congressman BOB INGLIS; Amber Stamegna, USC Columbia, Mount Pleasant, S.C., Barron Birrell.

For the Spring 1998 semester, the participants include: Heather Brooks, USC Columbia, Charlotte, North Carolina, Congressman JOHN SPRATT; Derham Cole, USC Columbia, Spartanburg, S.C., Congressman BOB INGLIS; Ryan Lindsay, USC Columbia, Clemson, S.C., American Council of Life Insurance; Anne Knight, USC Columbia, Columbia, S.C., Congressman JIM CLYBURN; Amy Milligan, College of Charleston, Mount Pleasant, S.C., Congressman FLOYD SPENCE; Becky Sibilia, Clemson University, Bridgewater, New Jersey, Senator STROM THURMOND; Josh Staveley-O'Carroll, Clemson University, Charleston, S.C., Senate Commerce Committee.

Mr. President, I wish to commend the Institute of Public Affairs at the University of South Carolina for implementing and coordinating such a fine program. Dr. Doug Dobson and Dr. William Mould have been instrumental in the successful tenure of this offering. I

also wish to salute the other campuses and offices which make the effort to give quality to this endeavor. Finally to say well done to these outstanding students in hopes we will enjoy their contributions to society from positions of leadership in the years to come. •

RECOGNITION OF EVELYN DUKES

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a true urban innovator, a woman who has devoted her "retirement" years to solving the many challenges that confront urban communities across the nation, Ms. Evelyn Dukes.

The urban community of northeastern Detroit has greatly benefitted from the work of Ms. Evelyn Dukes. Her involvement with urban and neighborhood renewal began with the "Adopt-A-Park" program. In her neighborhood, Ms. Dukes daily observed gangs, drug users, and loiterers frequenting a parcel of land that was formerly a small community park, but had become a symbol of fear and apathy. Fortunately, Ms. Dukes did not view Brookins Park in the same manner. As an organizer for numerous Block Clubs and Neighborhood Watch Groups, Ms. Dukes saw the area as an opportunity to bring the community together and reclaim a vital recreational park. By calling on organizations from the city's Park and Recreation Department to the Detroit Piston Basketball Organization, Ms. Dukes' vision for Brookins Park became a reality. Today the land is used by community residents for picnics, reunions, and birthday parties, and Ms. Dukes is on to her next project, Skinner Park.

Ms. Dukes is also involved in her neighborhood organization and is an active member in the Citizen Band Radio Patrol organization. While on patrol, she documents dangerous situations and possible criminal actions. Evelyn is President of the Ninth Precinct Community Relations Board and is very involved in the City Wide Roundtable, an organization of Detroit leaders who meet on a regular basis to discuss issues and solutions involving public service, safety, and awareness.

At 73, Evelyn Dukes' personal commitment to her neighborhood and city are an inspiration to everyone. She is truly a model for community involvement, and her efforts and achievements clearly set Ms. Dukes apart as an exemplary citizen. She has been honored by being selected as only one of seven people in the country to receive the National Crime Prevention Council's Ameritech Award of Excellence in Crime Prevention.

I know my colleagues join me in congratulating Ms. Evelyn Dukes on receiving this award and thanking her for the stalwart dedication she has shown to improving her community. •