

is gathering next month to say thanks. It is my pleasure to join so many in saying how blessed Louisiana is to have Virginia Shehee's generous service and how fortunate I am to have her friendship.●

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF MR. DONALD W. JENSEN

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Mr. Donald W. Jensen, who is retiring on January 1, 2001, after 13 years of service as a member of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. Since 1987, Commissioner Jensen has represented the citizens of District 15 to the best of his ability, which has been in an exemplary manner.

Commissioner Jensen graduated from the University of Detroit with a degree in Business Administration. He spent much of his work career with Burroughs Corporation, where he served as Director of Advertising and Public Relations. His primary responsibility was the design and production of promotional and technical literature, though he was also responsible for media advertising, the public relations department, and the operation of their international literature distribution facility. While at Burroughs, Mr. Jensen was a Board Member and President of the National Trade Show Exhibitors Association.

Public service has always played an essential role in Commissioner Jensen's life. Prior to being elected to his current position, he served for nine years as a member of the Birmingham, Michigan, City Commission and then later as Mayor of Birmingham. He was a Founder and Board Member of the Foundation for Birmingham Senior Residents, an organization which enables seniors to remain in their homes. He has also served on the Board of numerous other organizations, including the American Cancer Society and the Center for Independent Living.

As a County Commissioner representing the Cities of Berkley and Birmingham and a portion of the City of Royal Oak, Mr. Jensen has served as Chairman of the General Government Committee from 1993-94, as Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee, and has been a member of the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Public Services Committee, and the Health and Human Services Committee. He has also been a Trustee of the County Library Board for 12 years, and served on the Taxation and Finance Committee of the National Association of Counties.

I would like to thank Commissioner Jensen for his dedication and many efforts throughout his career in public service. His leadership during this time has been exceptional and will be dearly missed. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate Mr. Donald W. Jensen on a wonderful and suc-

cessful career, and wish him the best of luck in retirement.●

A TRIBUTE TO JIM HURD

● Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I wish to take a moment to pay tribute to Jim Hurd, the founding CEO of Planar Systems, who passed away this summer after a year-long battle with leukemia. Jim was a pioneering technical and business leader in the U.S. flat panel industry, and led Planar Systems of Beaverton, Oregon to become one of the largest flat panel display companies in the U.S. and Europe. Jim was actively involved at the national level in helping to shape federal policy on flat panel displays, and worked on the national flat panel initiative and in the formation of consortia to address critical issues for the flat panel display industry.

Mr. Hurd was a leader in Oregon's business community, serving as the Chair of the Oregon Council of the American Electronics Association. During his term in 1992, he helped develop the Oregon technical benchmark annual survey and conference. He was also active in supporting technical education efforts in Oregon, and was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Oregon Graduate Institute. For services to the industry and community, the American Electronics Association awarded Jim Oregon's technology executive of the year award in 1993.

A native of the Pacific Northeast, Jim was born in 1948 in Spokane, and grew up in Kennewick, Washington. He received his bachelor's degree in physics from Lewis & Clark College in Portland in 1970, where he met his wife Alice. Jim joined Tektronics Corporation soon after graduation. In 1983, Jim left Tektronics to co-found Planar Systems with Chris King and John Laney. Today, Planar employs over 850 people in the United States. Jim also lent his wisdom to help other start-up companies achieve success by serving on the Board of the Oregon Resource and Technology Development Fund, a state-sponsored venture capital fund.

Jim had a rare ability to balance his successful professional life with an active private life that included mountain climbing, running, bicycling, tennis, scuba diving and a love for auto racing. He was a wonderful husband to Alice and a terrific father to his sons, Owen and Peter.

Mr. Hurd will be missed by all of us who knew him.●

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF MR. GEORGE W. KUHN

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Mr. George W. Kuhn, who is retiring this year after a 60-year career during which he split time between the United States Navy, the Ford Motor Company, and being a public servant. Whatever the forum, he has been a leader and an inspiration to those around him.

Mr. Kuhn graduated from Central Michigan University, majoring in business administration, economics, and political science. In 1943, he entered the Naval Service and served aboard the Tender U.S.S. Pelias as a Finance Officer. He returned to active duty during the Korean War and served at U.S. Naval Stations in New York and in the Panama Canal Zone. Ultimately, he retired as a Navy Captain after completing 39 years of service, both on active duty and in the Naval Reserves.

Following the Korean War, Mr. Kuhn completed Ford Motor Company's Management Training Program. He served on the staff of the Vice President of Product Development for 20 years, coordinating the development phases of styling, engineering, purchasing and manufacturing of future car programs.

Mr. Kuhn's passion has always been in public service, though. He has been a leader within the Oakland County Republican Party for nearly 50 years, since his involvement in Eisenhower's first presidential campaign. In 1959, he was elected Mayor of the City of Berkley, Michigan. He served as Mayor until being elected to serve as a State Senator in 1966. During his four year tenure in the Michigan State Senate, he served as Chairman of the Corporations and Banking Committee, Chairman of the Senate Municipalities and Election Committee, and as Senate Majority Whip in 1970. In November of 1972, he was elected Oakland County Drain Commissioner, and he has served admirably in this position for the past 28 years, making him the longest active member of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mr. Kuhn has often been recognized for his efforts. He has received the Ford Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award, the Distinguished Alumni Award at the 75th Anniversary of Central Michigan University, he has been honored by the Michigan Associated Underground Contractors, Inc., in appreciation of his contributions to the underground construction industry, and is a recent recipient of the Oakland County's annual Quality People, Quality County (Q2) Award which recognizes outstanding service to the community.

I applaud Mr. Kuhn on his extraordinary service to Oakland County, the State of Michigan, and our Nation. His leadership in all phases of his 60 year career has been exceptional and will be dearly missed. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate and thank Mr. George W. Kuhn on a wonderful and successful career, and wish him the best of luck in retirement.●

TECKLENBURG NAMED PRESIDENT OF BELL ASSOCIATION

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize an outstanding South Carolina native, Michael Tecklenburg, who has been named president of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard