After a distinguished business and philanthropic career in his native Michigan, Mr. Hermelin was nominated as envoy to Norway by President Clinton in 1997 and confirmed by the Senate that same year.

Members of this Chamber know that, as might be expected with any large group, over the years the performance of our ambassadors, both career diplomats and political appointees, have varied widely. By any standard, David Hermelin's tenure was spectacularly successful.

In the short space of two years, Ambassador Hermelin managed a remarkable feat: strengthening the already close ties between our ally Norway and the United States. His diplomatic and personal charm led to unprecedented reciprocal visits within three weeks of each other last year—the Norwegian Prime Minister's to Washington, and President Clinton's to Oslo, the first ever visit of an incumbent President to Norway, in this case in pursuit of a Middle Eastern peace settlement.

But Ambassador Hermelin's accomplishments were not limited to such highly publicized events. Through behind-the-scenes daily efforts, he was directly instrumental in the success of Lockheed Martin's bid, as part of a consortium, to sell the Norwegian Navy five new frigates equipped with the Aegis missile system, a sale worth more than one billion dollars.

Ambassador Hermelin was recognized for his many contributions by being awarded the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit, the highest honor the country bestows upon non-Norwegians.

Even after Ambassador Hermelin was diagnosed with a terminal illness, he vigorously played a major role to help others through an international initiative to provide prostheses to victims of civil conflict, such as in Sierra Leone.

On his visit to Oslo in November 1999, President Clinton, in speaking of Ambassador Hermelin, reflected on this kind of behavior: ''I don't know anyone who has such a remarkable combination of energy and commitment to the common good.''

After diagnosis of his terminal illness, he and a group of friends donated ten million dollars to establish a brain tumor center at Henry Ford Hospital in Michigan.

Ambassador Hermelin felt deeply connected to Israel and to Jewish causes, raising millions of dollars for local Detroit and overseas needs.

After the Ambassador's death, the U.S. State Department's Norway desk officer offered this heartfelt testimony: ''David Hermelin was the kind of man who made a friend out of everybody he met, and the people who worked for him at the embassy regarded him with an affection that is unmatched by the feelings I've seen for any other ambassador at any time to any country.''

Ambassador Hermelin is survived by his wife, five children, and eight grandchildren. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him, particularly by his colleagues in the U.S. Government.●

RECOGNITION OF DR. DWIGHT CRIST NORTHINGTON

● Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Dr. Dwight Crist Northington on the occasion of his 9th Pastoral Anniversary at Calvary Baptist Church in Red Bank, New Jersey. Dr. Northington is an extremely gifted individual, and it is an honor to recognize this special moment in his life.

Dr. Northington has served the citizens of New Jersey since 1986, when he was named Pastor of First Baptist Church of South Orange. Since that time, he has also served as president of Westside Ministerial Alliance and currently serves as the Moderator of the Seacoast Missionary Baptist Association. While having done a great deal for the community of Red Bank, Dr. Northington has also served as an instructor at Brookdale Community College and as a member of the Borough of Red Bank Board of Education.

The needs of our Nation can only be met through the industrious efforts of each individual. The work of Dr. Northington and others like him is vital to the continued prosperity of our communities and meeting the needs of people who live within them.

The citizens of Red Bank are fortunate to have a talented and dedicated individual such as Dr. Northington in their community.●

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TRIBUTE TO JOSH HEUPEL

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Josh Heupel, a native of Aberdeen, South Dakota. All of South Dakota, and especially Aberdeen, is extremely proud of Josh, one of four finalists for the Heisman Trophy. The Heisman Trophy is presented annually to the nation's top collegiate football player.

Josh is the starting quarterback of the number one ranked and undefeated Oklahoma Sooners, 12–0. Josh has passed for 3,392 yards and 20 touchdowns this year which makes him one of the Heisman favorites. Josh has led the Oklahoma Sooners through a very difficult schedule, which included two wins against top ten ranked Kansas State and overcame an early 14 point deficit against the then number one ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers. Josh is preparing for the National Championship game on January 3, 2001 against the Florida State Seminoles. No matter what the outcome is, I know the entire state is very proud of Josh and grateful he has conducted himself in a way that shines greatly on South Dakota.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ken and Cindy Heupel, Josh's parents, on Josh's success. As the father of three children who have participated in extracurricular activities, I can imagine how proud Ken and Cindy must feel today. Ken is currently the Head Football Coach at Northern State University in Aberdeen and Cindy is the principal at Aberdeen Central High School.

Again, my congratulations to Josh Heupel and his family on behalf of the entire state of South Dakota.●

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TRIBUTE TO VINCENT CANBY

● Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, in late October, as many Senators will know, Vincent Canby, ''whose lively wit and sophisticated tastes illuminated film and theater reviews in the New York Times for more than 35 years'' died at age 76. Thinking of an appropriate manner in which the United States Congress might honor his most honored memory, there came to mind an observation he made in a review of a film based on E.M. Foster's novel ''Howard's End.''

> It's time for legislation decreeing that no one be allowed to make a screen adaptation of any quality whatsoever if Ismail Merchant, James Ivory and Ruth Prawer Jhabvala are available, and if they elect to do the job. Trespassers should be prosecuted, possibly condemned, sentenced to watch ''Adam Bede'' on ''Masterpiece Theatrer'' for five to seven years.

The legislative drafting service had no difficulty producing legislative language. I had in mind a joint resolution, which is, of course, a statute. However, in view of our oath ''to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States,'' I felt in need of a legal opinion as to whether there might be constitutional impediments to such a measure. I think for example of the ''taking clause'' of the fourth amendment recently much discussed in learned papers associated with the University of Chicago School of Law. And so I set out to obtain advisory opinions. Alas, I had tarried too long. November 7 had passed. The Presidential election was in dispute. All of the constitutional lawyers in Washington had decamped for Florida.

And now, in the closing hours of the 106th Congress, they are still there.

This leaves me with no choice but to withhold the measure for now. Happily I am informed that next April we will witness the premier of The Wandering Company's adaptation of Henry James' ''The Golden Bowl.'' What a splendid way to begin the new millennium. (For that is what the year 2001 will be, and our trio are naught if not scrupulous as to details.) Surely a Senator in the 107th Congress will wish to pursue this matter. The glory of three continents is yet to be proclaimed in law.

I regret the inconvenience this may cause viewers of ''Adam Bede,'' and I surely would not wish to denigrate ''Masterpiece Theatre,'' but Vincent Canvy was a just and moderate man. And, as is proclaimed on the wall above the bench of the Chenango County Courthouse in James Ivory's ancestral home of Norwich, New York ''Fiat Justica Ruat Coelum''.—Let justice be done though the heavens fall.●