

the life of Betty J. Martin. Mrs. Martin passed away on August 30, 2006, at the age of 68. Throughout her life, Betty was a dedicated public servant who dedicated her life to serving less fortunate individuals in the Saginaw community. Her efforts over the years have brought aid and comfort to so many, and we should all be grateful for her work.

Betty made a meaningful impact in the city of Saginaw. Her life's work stands as a testament to her many successes. In 1979, she became the director of the Good Neighbor Mission in Saginaw, a food pantry that serves the local needy. In 1991, Betty founded the Restoration Community Outreach Center. This center has enabled thousands struggling with substance abuse, mental illness, or physical disabilities to get the necessary assistance to begin to repair their lives.

Over the years, Betty has received numerous awards for her efforts, including the 1996 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Certificate of Recognition for Dedicated Service to the Homeless, the 2002 Salvation Army Appreciation Award and the 2005 Saginaw City Council Certificate of Recognition. She has created a legacy that will reverberate in the city of Saginaw for many years to come, and her commitment to serving the needy should serve as an example for us all.

Betty is survived by her husband of 42 years, Judge Martin, one son, Bernard Smith Abernathy, one step-daughter, Joyce Ann Martin, and nine grandchildren. I know my colleagues in the Senate join me in offering my condolences to her family, colleagues, and friends. I hope they take comfort in the amount of good she has done over the years.●

RETIREMENT OF JOHN STENCEL

● Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, today I honor John Stencel, who will soon retire as president of the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union. John has been a tireless advocate for rural America, and he can retire with the comfort that he has profoundly influenced an entire generation of farmers and ranchers in Colorado and across the Nation.

For almost 50 years John has worked with the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, during which time he has served as a steady and pragmatic compass. He early on saw the benefits of cooperatives so that small farmers could add significant value to their products. He has embraced the potential of biobased fuels as an innovative pathway to power production and transportation fuel needs. He has recognized that responsible stewardship of the land should be a top priority for farmers and ranchers, as clean water, energy conservation, and biodiversity all enhance our society.

John is a tireless advocate for the future sustainability of the rural way of life. His leadership has shaped the next

generation of rural citizens, serving as the president of Colorado 4-H Foundation, vice president of the Colorado Future Farmers of America, and as a board member of the Colorado State University Board of Agriculture. His leadership in these organizations ensures that the traits that have characterized him, that of perseverance, dedication, and moral fiber, will manifest themselves in future generations of agricultural leadership.

However, my deep respect for John Stencel isn't only based on his involvement with these organizations; it is based on the common values that underlie those efforts and have driven his policies and agendas. My respect is based on his commitment to sustain and strengthen family farm and ranch agriculture, and to preserve the rural way of life we know and love. These values are embodied by John Stencel.

John has been an influential and indispensable guide, and though he is retiring from his service to the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, I take comfort in the longevity of our friendship and his steadfast leadership for rural America, and I wish him nothing but the best.●

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF JIMMY WILLIAMSON

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, today I honor Mr. Jimmy Williamson, who will become the first Alabamian to serve as chairman of the board for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

This is a tremendous honor, both for Jimmy and for Alabama. The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants serves as the national professional association for more than 350,000 certified public accountants. Jimmy's education, experience, and passion for finance make him the best choice to take the helm of the organization.

Jimmy, a past president of the Alabama Society of CPAs, is a senior partner and stockholder in the MDA Professional Group accounting firm where he specializes in profit sharing plans, fringe benefits, nonqualified deferred compensation plans, estate and personal financial planning, business acquisitions, and investment review and analysis. I am also proud to say that Jimmy and I share an interest in fraud prevention and detection, one of the most important financial issues we face today. His professional work and leadership on committees, that are too plentiful to name, make him uniquely qualified and prepared for this position. I am proud to recognize his professional achievements and congratulate him on this important post.●

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF BILL CHANDLER

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, today I honor William "Bill" Chandler, a pillar of the Montgomery, AL community. Bill devoted 50 years of his life to de-

veloping the YMCA in Montgomery and influencing the lives of thousands of youth.

Bill, known as "Mr. YMCA" in Montgomery, was a father figure to many young men and women in need of guidance. Bill believed that civic education and open discussions were important to developing youth into productive citizens. He was instrumental in creating and implementing innumerable youth programs focused on leadership development including the Alabama Youth Legislature, the YMCA Youth Conference on National Affairs, Lions International Youth Camp, and the Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y programs. Without a doubt, many of Montgomery's, Alabama's, and the Nation's leaders have been directly influenced by Mr. Chandler and the programs he championed.

Mr. Chandler also proved himself to be an effective leader and businessman as president of the Montgomery YMCA. Under his leadership, Montgomery's single YMCA grew into the multiple branches operating across the city. His commitment to service was also recognized when he was chosen to serve as the president of Lion's Club International.

Mr. Chandler also served as an important leader in Alabama throughout times of racial tension in Montgomery and the State. He worked to open facilities in all parts of the Montgomery community to serve people from all walks of life and was at the forefront of providing integrated services. In 1983, when racial discord was near its boiling point in Montgomery, Mr. Chandler worked with community and civil rights leaders to develop the biracial Youth One Montgomery organization to allow Black and White youth to conduct an open dialog and better understand the issues surrounding race.

Bill Chandler, a graduate of Rice University and the University of Georgia, served with distinction as an officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II. An accomplished athlete himself, Bill was also responsible for the creation of a city sports league and the Jimmy Hitchcock award to honor character in high school athletes.

Bill was an inspiration to many, and I am truly grateful for the endless contributions he made to the youth in Alabama. He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Spidle Chandler and will be missed by his three children, Carroll Chandler Phelps, Elizabeth Chandler Walston, and William Robert Chandler; his seven grandchildren; and his sister, Evelyn Chandler Berg. His dedication to community service will be remembered and shared by those whose lives he touched for generations to come.●

TRIBUTE TO 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOLT INTERNATIONAL

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, in the mid 1950s, Harry and Bertha Holt of Eugene, OR, saw a film about children in Korean orphanages who were in desperate need of help. Touched by what