

For decades, Bishop Brazier fought gangs and crime and pushed for more affordable homes and better schools.

As founding president of The Woodlawn Organization—a group aimed at shepherding his South Side community through racial unrest and neighborhood upheaval—he opposed plans by the nearby University of Chicago to expand, which would have displaced residents and use land he anticipated developing into low-income housing.

Bishop Brazier taught the people of Chicago and perhaps the people of the United States to always look forward instead of looking back, saying: “I do not think it behooves us well to keep talking about the past. The American theme is not the America of history.”

All Americans can benefit from such a profound legacy. The life of Bishop Brazier is a story of expanding equality and opportunity, of people and institutions grappling with social change and striving to live up to the promises of equality they innately know belong to them.

Because of Bishop Brazier we are reminded to care for the poor, to focus on spiritual strength rather than material wealth, and that we too can make a difference in our communities.

Bishop Brazier’s passing has no doubt left a void in the American landscape. But because of his life, his sacrifice, and his great service, we have the foundations for a better tomorrow.

My prayers are with his wife Isabelle Brazier; his son Bryon Brazier; his three daughters, Lola Hillman, Janice Dortch and Rosalyn Shepherd; and the countless family members and friends who loved and followed this great man.

Mr. President, it is a great honor and privilege that I stand on the floor of the Senate and speak on behalf of these two great Americans, these great Chicagoans and Illinoisans who have done so much for our city, our State, and our Nation. It is my hope and prayer, as my parting words to this U.S. Senate, that these individuals will be memorialized in the archives of this great body.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION AND CREDENTIALS

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate the certificates of election to fill the unexpired terms for the States of Delaware and West Virginia. The certificates, the Chair is advised, are in the form suggested by the Senate.

If there is no objection, the reading of the certificates will be waived and

they will be printed in full in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

STATE OF DELAWARE  
Executive Department  
Dover  
CERTIFICATE

*To All Persons To Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greetings:*

Whereas, an election was held in the State of Delaware, on Tuesday, the second day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand ten, that being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, in that behalf, for the purpose of choosing by ballot a Senator for the people of said State in the United States Senate for the unexpired term caused by the resignation of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., said term ending at noon on the 3d day of January, 2015.

And Whereas, the official certificates or returns of said election, held in the several counties of the said State, in due manner made out, signed and executed, have been delivered to me according to the laws of the said State, by the Superior Court of said counties; and having examined said returns, and enumerated and ascertained the number of votes for each and every candidate or person voted for, for United States Senate, I have found Christopher A. Coons to be the person highest in vote, and therefore duly elected and chosen United States Senator of this State.

I, the said Jack A. Markell, Governor aforesaid, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of this State in that behalf, do hereby, therefore, declare, make known and certify that the said Christopher A. Coons has received the highest vote at the election aforesaid and therefore is the legally elected United States Senator for the State of Delaware.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the said State, the 10th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand ten and in the year of the Independence of the United States of America two hundred thirty-five.

By the Governor:

JACK A. MARKELL,  
Governor.

JEFFREY W. BULLOCK,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
Office of the Executive

CERTIFICATE

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the Second day of November, 2010, Joe Manchin III was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of West Virginia a Senator for the unexpired term ending at noon on the 3rd day of January 2013, to fill the vacancy in the representation from said State in the Senate of the United States caused by the death of Robert C. Byrd.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Joe Manchin III, and our seal hereto affixed at Charleston, West Virginia this the Twelfth day of November in the year or our Lord 2010.

By the Governor:

JOE MANCHIN III,  
Governor.

NATALIE E. TENNANT,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

The VICE PRESIDENT. If the Senators-elect will present themselves at the desk, the Chair will administer the oath of office as required by the Constitution and prescribed by law.

The Senator-elect, escorted by Mr. CARPER and Mr. KAUFMAN, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to him by the Vice President; and he subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The Senator-elect, escorted by Mr. GOODWIN and Mr. ROCKEFELLER, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to him by the Vice President; and he subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

Mr. NELSON of Florida. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BEGICH). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be recognized in morning business for such time as I shall consume.

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

Mr. INHOFE. Thank you, Mr. President.

(The remarks of Mr. INHOFE pertaining to the introduction of S. 3939 are printed in today’s RECORD under “Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.”)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BURRIS). The Senator from Oregon is recognized.

#### TAX REFORM

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, The Senate has come back to a full-throated debate about the comparative benefits of the tax policies of George W. Bush and Barack Obama. We turn on our cable TV these days and hour after hour there is a great deal of analysis of which approach is better on one factor or another. I want to take a few minutes today to point out that I think that debate misses the point because either of those tax approaches—of George W. Bush or President Obama—in my view would anchor our country to an insanely complicated, job-killing, thoroughly discredited tax system. I think what is important is that the Senate begin work moving toward a tax system that can create, as I put up here and will walk the Senate through, at least 2 million new jobs per year.

The fact is, in this discussion comparing the George W. Bush policies and