

Eddie first entered the county's top job in 1999, and he worked closely with the members of the fiscal court to address the challenges facing the area. He made some difficult choices, but as he looked back on his career, Eddie said he always did what he thought was best to help attract new jobs to Taylor County and provide new opportunity for Kentuckians.

Serving in office a second time beginning in 2006, Eddie's leadership secured several major accomplishments for the county that will continue to be enjoyed for years to come. During Eddie's tenure, he oversaw the opening of the Taylor County Judicial Center and the construction of a new fire department. The county also built a new animal shelter, and in the near future, a technology center will open as a result of Eddie's work. These buildings will stand as lasting landmarks to Eddie's service and his success in Taylor County.

At his final fiscal court meeting as judge-executive, the county's other elected officials thanked Eddie for his leadership, his collaborative nature, and his record of achievement. They also noted his work with the Kentucky Association of Counties, helping other communities across the Commonwealth. In addition to his tireless work for Taylor County, Eddie's colleagues also thanked him for his personal friendship. I can echo those sentiments and say I have enjoyed working with Eddie on a broad range of projects for the community and our home State. Joined by members of his family, Eddie adjourned his last meeting with the appreciation of many throughout Taylor County.

At the end of his 16 years of dedication, Eddie has a lot to be proud of, and I would like to thank him for his hard work. With his children, Michele, Wynn, and Natalie, and his grandchildren, Dalton and Laine, I hope he will enjoy a well-earned retirement. I ask my Senate colleagues to join me in congratulating Eddie for his years of service to Kentucky.

(At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

VOTE EXPLANATION

• Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent from this evening's vote on cloture on the motion to proceed to the Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act of 2019, S. 1.

On vote No. 3, had I been present, I would have voted nay on the motion to invoke cloture.●

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO WOODY CRAWFORD

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize the retirement of Mr. Millard "Woody" Crawford of Colebrook, NH.

Since 1975, Mr. Crawford has worked for the Colebrook District Office of the New Hampshire Electric Co-operative in the New Hampshire North Country.

The Colebrook District Office distributes power to about 1,500 co-op members in Columbia, Colebrook, Dixville, Stewartstown, Clarksville, and Pittsburg, NH and maintains miles of overhead lines.

Returning to New Hampshire after college in 1971, Mr. Crawford took a job digging and setting poles for the co-op, before making a pitch to the district representative as to why they should hire him as a utility lineman. He learned line work on the job, and bringing power to a household by connecting someone to the grid remained his favorite part of the job throughout his career.

In 1997, Mr. Crawford was responding to an outage with his partner, Mark Monahan, when they witnessed the shooting of a New Hampshire State Trooper. The gunman, having already killed another state trooper, a district court judge, and a newspaper editor, threatened Mr. Crawford and Mr. Monahan, but they drove to the main road to stop traffic and prevented the loss of more life.

Mr. Crawford's colleagues praise his professionalism and care for others, and I am proud to join them in congratulating him on his retirement.

I hope you will join me in honoring a dedicated Granite Stater, Woody Crawford.●

REMEMBERING GERALD BOSCHWITZ

• Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, today I wish to honor and pay tribute to Gerald Boschwitz, who passed away on December 30, 2018.

Gerry's life was defined by his enduring kindness and commitment to his family. The son of Ellen and former U.S. Senator Rudy Boschwitz, Gerry came from a family that valued service and decency. During his life, he embodied these values and passed them on to his children as well.

I went to Wayzata High School with Gerry. An accomplished student, he then attended Carleton College where he studied political science, a subject for which his family life prepared him very well.

Gerry, or "the Gerb" as he was known to his family, was the first of Rudy and Ellen's four sons and the leader of his pack. Gerry was a quintessential oldest son and big brother, serving as both a mentor and a sounding board for those he loved. Whether it was helping his father on the campaign trail, or his brothers make career decisions, Gerry always showed up, ready to give his support.

Gerry also worked alongside his siblings at the family's Plywood Minnesota/Home Valu Interiors business for 25 years, stepping in as CEO when his father was ready to pass the torch. He later cofounded a business of his own.

His commitment to his work often made him the first one up in the morning and out the door, but that didn't stop him from putting his family first, including leaving voicemails for his wife Janet at her work so that his voice was the first she would hear in the morning.

Gerry's family—his wife Janet and their sons David, Benjamin, and Michael—was truly the centerpiece of his life. Gerry was deeply committed to the Boy Scouts and served as an assistant scoutmaster for more than a decade. The Scouts played an important role in the lives of his sons as well—all three Eagle Scouts—something Gerry was very proud of.

Gerry fought valiantly against his multiple myeloma cancer for 4½ years, undergoing numerous treatments including a stem cell transplant and a natural killer cell transplant. In keeping with the kindness and generosity that defined so much of his life, Gerry's final gift to others was the knowledge researchers will gain from his experience.

That final act is no surprise to those who knew him best.

May his memory be a blessing.

Thank you.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 3:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 24. An act to provide for the compensation of Federal and other government employees affected by lapses in appropriations.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

At 3:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 221. An act to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to monitor and combat anti-Semitism globally, and for other purposes.

H.R. 266. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 221. An act to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to monitor and combat anti-Semitism globally, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time: