

Governor of New Mexico, Gary E. Johnson, in recognition of the 75th Anniversary of women's suffrage.

Whereas, since the founding of our nation women have played a vital role in the formation of the United States of America; and

Whereas, women have fought battles, built homes, set up governments and donated many hours to help make this nation the great nation that it is today; and

Whereas, despite all of their support and hard work, women were denied the right to vote; and

Whereas, it is proper and fitting to recognize the 75th anniversary of the struggle for women's suffrage;

Therefore, I, Gary E. Johnson, Governor of New Mexico, do hereby order that on August 26, 1995, at twelve noon Mountain Standard Time, bells shall be rung in recognition and celebration of the adoption of the 19th amendment to the United States Constitution.

Through the efforts of a committed group of New Mexican citizens, organized by Elizabeth Iolene McKinney-Brown, an organization was established to pay special tribute to the 75th anniversary of the 19th amendment, Celebrate Partners United. As the group said about August 26, "This is a special day and we need to recognize it as such so that all can participate in the celebration." As a result of this group's efforts, New Mexico issued its executive order to set aside 12 noon on August 26, 1995 for the ringing of bells in celebration of the adoption of this important amendment. I understand that New Mexico is the first State to set aside a certain time of day as a special tribute to the amendment.

The members of Celebrate Partners United and the Governor of New Mexico are to be commended for their dedicated efforts to recognize this special day. As Lieutenant Governor Bradley stated in the letter of transmittal of the executive order:

The people of this nation are indebted to those who fought bravely in the face of adversity for the right of women to vote. This all important right is at the heart of our democracy. As we continuously strive for equality in this great nation, we must never forget the struggles of the past. We can only learn from the historic efforts of women fighting for suffrage and will continue to tell their story and celebrate their victory.

Elizabeth Iolene McKinney-Brown brought the Celebrate Partners United activities to my attention. It is her and the group's hope that all the States' Governors will consider the New Mexico example and issue similar proclamations. She pointed out that the ringing of bells "is reminiscent of the simple act, first done by our forefathers when they rang the Liberty Bell." She suggests that if there are no bells in the little towns and communities, that horns or sirens are just as good because "anyone, anywhere, can make a sound in remembrance of the 75th anniversary of the 19th amendment."

I am pleased that New Mexico has taken the initiative to honor August 26 in this unique way. I am also equally proud that many men and women of

New Mexico, at the grassroots level, have led this statewide effort to make a sound for this very important amendment to our U.S. Constitution. I urge my colleagues to share a similar challenge within their own States—it is a unique way for all Americans to acknowledge their appreciation for the special significance of this date in history.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN M. CURRAN

● Mr. BUMPERS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to John M. "Mike" Curran, an outstanding public servant from my State, who will soon retire from Government service after a distinguished 32-year career with the U.S. Forest Service.

Mike began his career with the U.S. Forest Service in 1965 as a landscape architect in the Intermountain Regional Office in Ogden, UT, and was later reassigned to the Ashley National Forest. In 1968, he moved to the Rocky Mountain Regional Office in Denver, CO. From there he went to the San Juan National Forest in Colorado where he served as forest landscape architect for 5 years. Mike held District Ranger positions from 1975 to 1981 in Wyoming, Buffalo Ranger District, and Colorado, Taylor River Ranger District. In 1981, he was selected as a Loeb Fellow at Harvard University. He then spent 4 years in the Forest Service's Washington office in programs and legislation where, during 1984, I was privileged to have Mike assigned to my staff as a Legislative Fellow to the U.S. Senate. In working with Mike on a daily basis, I developed a great respect and appreciation for his intelligence, his integrity, his judgment, and his sensitivity to the many complexities of environmental issues. Imagine my delight when, in 1986, Mike became the Forest Supervisor of the Ouachita National Forest, headquartered in Hot Springs, AR.

During his tenure in the Ouachitas, Mike has worked hard to forge a unique partnership between research and the forest which fosters the advancement of ecosystem management. His vision, initiative, and tireless efforts have earned the Ouachita National Forest national and international recognition for leadership in the evolving concept of sustainable forestry. He also made involvement of the public in the decisionmaking process a priority, always striving for new and innovative ways to improve this relationship. Significant recognition of his efforts include the Chevron Conservation Award, the Oklahoma and Arkansas Wildlife Federation Forest Conservationist of the Year Awards, the United Nations Environment Programme Award, the Chief's Ecosystem Management Award, and the Charles L. Steele Award by the Arkansas Nature Conservancy.

On a personal note, it was a unique set of circumstances which combined to forge the decade-long relationship

Mike and I have enjoyed. From a valued staff member to an agency head in my home State, Mike has also become a personal friend. We have argued over issues and worked together to preserve and protect the beautiful land surrounding Lake Ouachita, and we have celebrated together those accomplishments which have added to Arkansas' deserved reputation as the Natural State. After he retires, Mike and his wife, Leslee, will be dividing their time between Arkansas and Colorado. I am pleased that although my State and our Nation are losing an exemplary public servant, I will be keeping a valued friend and constituent.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN FRAZER

● Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to John Frazer, a resident of Frankfort, KY, who is being recognized as a man who has contributed more than two decades of his life to the lobbying and leadership of Kentucky's coalition of private colleges.

At 66 years of age, this man retired in July after serving 21 years as the president of what is now referred to as the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities. Mr. Frazer served as lobbyist and leader of the coalition which comprises 20 Kentucky schools, including Alice Lloyd, Bellarmine, Centre, Thomas More, Transylvania, and Union. Together, these colleges represent about 20,000 students, which is about 12 percent of Kentucky's college students and about 20 percent of its annual graduates.

Mr. President, this man's dedication to the liberal arts education and the institution of the private college is admirable. Mr. Frazer used funds from the Kentucky General Assembly to provide a private school education to students who were unable to afford otherwise. In addition, he coordinated libraries and created a central information system for the 20 colleges. A future problem solver, he started a joint insurance program that saves the colleges more than \$300,000 each year.

In an age where educational reform has become one of the leading concerns among Kentuckians, Mr. Frazer's dedication to ensuring the tradition of excellence of the liberal arts education and the accessibility of such an education lives on. This lobbyist, leader, and good friend is being recognized today not only for this earnest dedication, but for the admirable way he represented these colleges.

Gary Cox, executive director of the Kentucky Council on Higher Education, recently described Mr. Frazer's honorable character this way in a recent Louisville Courier-Journal article: "He's a gentleman, a fella above reproach. That has added to his credibility, and to the stature of the schools he represents."

It is my honor to pay tribute today to this representative of Kentucky—this fine example for the future educators of our Nation.●