

Throughout his three decades of service, Lieutenant General Blackwell provided flawless moral character and vision for our Army. He led by example and significantly contributed to the transformation of the Army from a cold war, forward deployed force, into a power projection force, ready to defend the national interest in any corner of the world, whenever the Nation called. While meeting the challenges of today, he prepared the Army for tomorrow as well, with a farsighted and far-reaching vision of the conduct of future war. His determination to keep the Army "trained and ready," his sense of responsibility to his soldiers and the Nation, and his understanding of both our history and the future of armed conflict have given this Nation an Army capable of achieving decisive victory now and into the 21st century.

Lieutenant General Blackwell's career reflects selfless service to our Nation and the essence excellence we expect from our military leaders. Through the decades of service and sacrifice, he has been supported by a loving family. Lieutenant General Blackwell's family is a critical part of his success. Janet Blackwell and his son, Paul, have served the Nation by providing unconditional love and support through numerous deployments and countless family moves to maintain the homefront for this dedicated soldier.

Lt. Gen. Paul E. Blackwell is the quintessential professional, loyal servant of the Constitution, and caring leader for America's sons and daughters, on behalf of the Congress of the United States and the people we represent, I offer our sincere thanks for your service.

#### BILL LEE

Mr. JOHNSTON. Mr. President, today, I join thousands of Americans and other admirers around the world in paying tribute to Bill Lee, retired chairman of Duke Power Co. and a personal friend, who died on July 10, 1996, in New York at age 67.

To eulogize William States Lee as Duke's former chairman, while accurate, does not begin to do justice to the scope of Bill's talents, vision, and accomplishments. In a career at Duke that spanned four decades, Bill presided over one of the most successful electric utilities in the Nation. He provided the leadership for the most successful nuclear power program in the Nation. It was his determination to bring safe, clean, and reliable power for North and South Carolina electricity consumers that resulted in the construction of the Oconee, McGuire, and Catawba nuclear powerplants, which have admirably served the people of the region for many years.

Bill Lee's achievements do not stop at the bounds of Duke's service territory. He is revered as the driving force behind the national and international organizations that today do so much to

ensure the safety of the United States and world nuclear powerplants. It is those contributions, perhaps even more than his contributions at Duke Power, that constitute his true legacy and assure his place in the history for the electric power industry.

After the 1979 accident at the Three Mile Island, Bill Lee, then president and chief operating officer of Duke Power, was called in to lead the recovery effort. It was Bill who spawned the idea that the nuclear industry needed its own watchdog organization to assure excellence in operation at every plant. He went on to create the Institute for Nuclear Power Operations, headquartered in Atlanta, which includes every nuclear utility in the Nation as its members. He served as INPO chairman from 1979 to 1982.

The news of the Chernobyl accident was only days old in 1986 when Lee launched a personal diplomatic crusade to bring the former East bloc countries into an organization like INPO. In his often-stated belief that "radiation knows no national boundaries." Thanks largely to his personal ability to persuade and the respect he commanded on both sides of the Atlantic, the World Association of Nuclear Operators [WANO] was founded in 1986. Lee served as WANO president from 1989 to 1991. Today, WANO continues to be a major force for global nuclear safety, as a vehicle for sharing Western safety and performance expertise throughout the world.

Bill Lee was a native of Charlotte, NC. He was graduated from Princeton in 1951, with a degree in civil engineering, and after a stint in the U.S. Navy, joined Duke Power as a junior engineer in 1955. He was named vice president of engineering in 1965, and a board member 3 years later. He became chairman and president in 1989, and remained in that position until his retirement in 1994, when he became Duke's first chairman emeritus.

The business magazine Financial World named Bill a winner in its CEO of the Year competition for 4 consecutive years. In 1989, the magazine named him "Utility CEO of the Decade."

Bill also was active in numerous civic organizations, especially as an advocate for education reform. He is survived by his wife, Jan, his son, States, his two daughters, Helen and Lisa, his mother, Sara Toy, and five grandchildren. He will be greatly missed—and long remembered—by both family and his many admiring associates.

I will personally miss his boundless enthusiasm. This enthusiasm was always there, whether he was raising money for charity, keeping Duke Power on the cutting edge of excellence, or taking up some new adventure-like skiing at the age of 40. I worked with Bill on some of the toughest legislative issues the Energy and Natural Resources Committee faced. He was a great ally: Tough, razor sharp, sophisticated, always able to see

the big picture. He was a leader who was a gentleman, a man with great integrity and a keen sense of the public interest. In an industry obsessed with the bottom line and next week's stock price, Bill was a visionary who took responsibility for the future. We need more Bill Lees, but were not likely to find any like him.

Bill Lee did it all, and he enjoyed all. I know my colleagues join me in paying tribute to this remarkable man and extending condolences to his family and many friends.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

##### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 193. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the cost of Government spending and regulatory programs should be reduced so that American families will be able to keep more of what they earn.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3754. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 419. An act for the relief of Benchmark Rail Group, Inc.

H.R. 701. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey lands to the city of Rolla, Missouri.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3754. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

The following concurrent resolution was read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 193. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the