

maintenance free, and most importantly, unobtrusive in its environment. Dr. Issam E. Harik, a professor of civil engineering, along with graduate students Pete Szak and Brad Robson of the University of Kentucky, were the research team that designed and constructed this visually appealing and structurally sound bridge.

The research and development of the technology which allowed the construction of this pedestrian bridge are essential for a competitive and strong economy, particularly with respect to the use of composite materials. The lightweight, maintenance-free bridges of the future are a welcomed change to current engineering practices, which will save taxpayers money.

Construction material and maintenance costs surrounding today's infrastructure needs are significant, and increasing rapidly. Particularly in this year, as Congress begins discussion of the reauthorization of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, it is important to identify new processes which will allow the Nation to maintain our roadways and bridges at a more affordable rate than is currently possible.

It is my understanding that a major reason for the creation of this pedestrian bridge was to validate the concept of construction of composite vehicular bridges. I encourage the dedicated engineers who worked on this project to remain committed to their research and it is my hope that the people of Kentucky and throughout the country, will be driving over composite bridges sometime in the very near future. These will truly be the bridges of and to, the 21st century.

Other special recognition goes to Northwestern University in Evanston, IL; the Morison Molded Fiber Glass Co. of Bristol, VA; Owens Corning of Toledo, OH; Ashland Chemical in Columbus, OH, and Zoltek Corp. of St. Louis, MO. This is an example of the private sector, universities, and Federal Government working together to form a strong and successful partnership.

I commend and thank the University of Kentucky team and U.S. Forest Service for their determination and hard work in building this historic bridge. Outdoor enthusiasts from communities all over the Commonwealth of Kentucky will now be better connected to the wilderness.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

The Senator from Texas is recognized.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. I thank the Chair. (The remarks of Mrs. HUTCHISON pertaining to the introduction of Senate

Resolution 49 are located in today's RECORD under "Submission of concurrent and Senate resolutions.")

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. In my capacity as a Senator from Missouri, the Chair asks unanimous consent that the quorum call be rescinded.

Without objection, it is so ordered.

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the hour of 12:30 p.m. having arrived, the Senate will now stand in recess until the hour of 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:31 p.m., recessed until 2:14 p.m.; whereupon, the Senate reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer [Mr. COATS].

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, in his capacity as a Senator from the State of Indiana, suggests the absence of a quorum.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I make a parliamentary inquiry.

Are we under specific orders at this point?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is informed that at 2:45 p.m. today the Senate will, in accordance with the previous order, move to Senate Resolution 47 offered by the Senator from Maine, for herself and the Senator from Maryland, and that debate will proceed for the next 40 minutes.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I will just speak for maybe a minute or so.

TRIBUTE TO ANNE DIBBLE JORDAN

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, it is easy for both elected officials and commentators to refer to all knowledge as residing outside the beltway.

It has been my experience that some of the greatest wealth of knowledge, experience, and ability represented in this country is inside the beltway. Rarely enough does that talent get recognized.

An exception, is the recognition in the Washington Post of the extraordinary talent of Anne Dibble Jordan. Mrs. Jordan was the cochair of the last Presidential inaugural of the 20th century.

It is my privilege to know this extraordinary woman and her noted husband, Vernon Jordan. Anne Jordan is one of those people who makes it possible for Washington and our Govern-

ment to present a face worth seeing by the rest of the world. In fact for those who have come to know her, it is hard to think of anything she could not achieve.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the article be printed in the RECORD.

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

[From the Washington Post, Jan. 18, 1997]

THE WOMAN BEHIND THE CURTAIN—MONDAY IS ANN JORDAN'S BIG DAY—YOU WON'T EVEN KNOW SHE'S THERE

(By Roxanne Roberts)

It's the middle of a news conference at the Foreign Press Center. Ann Dibble Jordan and Terry McAuliffe, the chairmen of the Presidential Inaugural Committee sit on a stage briefing dozens of reporters from around the world about the seemingly endless list of celebratory events.

McAuliffe pops off with enthusiastic sound bites, jumping in to answer virtually every question. Jordan sits quietly, carefully offering written remarks. If there were an award for the inaugural chairman with the lowest possible profile, Jordan would win—hands down.

Her face is dominated by her red-framed glasses. She wears simple gold jewelry, a plain black dress and carries an inexpensive Le Sportsac purse.

"I hate interviews. I hate publicity," she says later. "My husband tells me I'm the most private person he knows."

Herein lies the intriguing contradiction of Ann Jordan: a very private person who lives a very public life. Her husband is the much-respected and much-feared lawyer Vernon Jordan, power broker extraordinaire. The Jordans are on the A-list of every Washington social event, serve on numerous corporate and charitable boards, and count a vast number of powerful people as friends—including the president and first lady. Indeed, Vernon Jordan is a favorite golfing buddy of Bill Clinton; the couples are so close they had Christmas Eve dinner together.

Shortly after the election, Clinton picked up the telephone and called Ann Jordan. "I need your help," said the president, who asked that she accept the unpaid co-chairmanship. It was an offer she couldn't refuse.

"I didn't think I'd be doing all of this, I tell you," she says. "I thought I'd just be a worker. But I had worked in the previous inaugural, and I'd seen a lot of the things that probably would be helpful in doing this."

Jordan, 62, came aboard just before Thanksgiving, with an eye to creating a structure that was "open and honest." This year, there are no fund-raising responsibilities, so the job of chairman is primarily one of oversight: meetings every morning to go over all the plans, defining goals, and signing off on major decisions and expenditures. When a final decision had to be made, said committee members, it was often Jordan whose judgment carried the day.

And there are also news conferences—Jordan's least favorite part of the job.

"She doesn't crave the limelight," says co-chairman McAuliffe. "She's just been a joy to work with. She and I have not had one disagreement in the past two months."

"I am absolutely, totally impressed and in awe of her," says Harold Ickes, who is coordinating inaugural plans from the White House. "It is not unusual for someone of her social position to take the job and be sort of honorary about it, sweeping in and out. She does not throw her weight around, although—God knows—she knows *everyone* in