

While these achievements are impressive and commendable, his family stated that he "will be remembered most of his generous spirit."

As hard as you try not to become too attached to your patients, it happens all the same. As a physician or a nurse, you will pull for them, you cheer them on, you attend to their needs—physically and emotionally, and in the end, they make an impression on you that isn't erased just because the surgery is completed. Ron's passing is a great loss to so many people. It is also a personal loss for me. His loyalty to organ donor awareness is to be commended, and, as a tribute to this man who sought to help others who depend on organ donation for life, we should carry on this work in his memory.

At the successful completion of the "Transplant Bikers Across Tennessee" event, Ron and the other participants were engulfed by the media. Ron responded by saying, "A lot of people have called us heroes this week, but the real heroes are those people, the ones who donate their organs so that out of their tragic deaths people like me can have a life." Ron will be sorely missed by his family, friends, and community. I have made it a goal to continue efforts to increase public awareness and to ensure that we are doing all we can to save lives through organ donation.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1872. An act to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 265. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for performances sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The message further announced that the Speaker appoints the following Members as additional conferees in the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2400) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; and appoints as additional conferees from the Committee on the Budget, for consideration of titles VII and X of the House bill and modifications committed to conference: Mr. PARKER, Mr. RADANOVICH, and Mr. SPRATT.

The message also announced that the Clerk be directed to return to the Senate the bill (S. 414) to amend the Shipping Act of 1984 to encourage competition in international shipping and

growth of United States exports, and for other purposes, in compliance with a request of the Senate for the return thereof.

At 2:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2646) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints for the consideration of the House bill and Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. ARCHER, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. RANGEL, and Mr. CLAY, as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1502. An act entitled the "District of Columbia Student Opportunity Scholarship Act of 1998."

Under the authority of the order of today, May 7, 1998, the enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. COATS).

At 7:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, 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. 6. An act to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3694. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 6. An act to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

H.R. 1872. An act to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3694. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 3717. An act to prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds for the distribution of needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of illegal drugs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-4800. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-275 adopted by the Council on January 6, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4801. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-316 adopted by the Council on March 3, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4802. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-317 adopted by the Council on March 3, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4803. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-318 adopted by the Council on March 3, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4804. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-319 adopted by the Council on March 3, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4805. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-322 adopted by the Council on March 3, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4806. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-323 adopted by the Council on March 3, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4807. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-324 adopted by the Council on March 3, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4808. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-326 adopted by the Council on March 17, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4809. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-331 adopted by the Council on April 7, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4810. A communication from the Executive Director of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Second Quarter Obligations and Expenditures of Non-Appropriated Funds for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4811. A communication from the Manager of Benefits Communication, Farm Credit Bank of Wichita, transmitting, pursuant