

Les McCraw, who succeeded Buck as head of Fluor, summed up Buck's position in his field. "To say that he was a giant in the construction industry is a gross understatement," Mr. McCraw said. "He clearly was one of the all-time leaders in that industry and had been for 40 years."

But Buck's friends know his greatest passion was not commerce. He was consumed by a desire to enrich and expand the economic and cultural life of South Carolina, and he devoted every waking minute to those twin tasks. Robert Royall, South Carolina's Secretary of Commerce, said Buck "loved South Carolina as much as anyone I have ever known and contributed more to developing the state than anyone in my lifetime. . . . He was constantly thinking about ways to help the state."

Buck stayed in regular contact with almost everyone in public life in South Carolina. I spoke to him just last week, and as always, he was spinning ideas about how to help the state. In fact, Mr. President, the universal reaction among public figures in South Carolina since Buck's death has been disbelief. It's just hard to believe that a man so vital, so full of ideas and concern for others, could pass from among us. It may take awhile for us to realize the full import of his death, but when we do, I believe Buck's death will hit us as hard as any in our state's history.

Highest on the list of Buck's achievements is the revitalization of downtown Greenville, SC, and the tremendous development of the region's economy. As the Greenville News wrote, Buck "put his imprint on virtually every civic project in Greenville for almost half a century." Buck was instrumental to Greenville's building its Peace Center for the Performing Arts, which has won national acclaim as a venue for the live arts; restoring numerous dilapidated buildings in Greenville proper; luring important businesses back to the downtown area; and raising funds for a new sports arena. These developments have transformed Greenville in a way impossible to imagine if you haven't lived there, Mr. President.

Of course, Buck's beneficence and energy were by no means limited to Greenville. He helped attract Michelin, BMW, and other international businesses to the state. Buck supported secondary education—his support helped make the Governor's School for the Arts possible—and higher education. He and his wife, Minor, were active with Furman, Clemson, and Wofford Universities, as well as with

the University of South Carolina. Buck rose from humble origins and relied on a scholarship to Georgia Tech University, so he knew the importance not only of education but of financial support for those in need of aid. He and his wife gave generously of their time and money to South Carolina colleges and endowed many scholarships.

Buck Mickel's life has touched almost every life in my state. Because Buck was so humble and modest, most of those he helped do not even realize the debt they owe him. With Buck Mickel's passing, South Carolina has lost one of its greatest civic and business leaders. Quite honestly, Mr. President, I don't know how we will replace him.●

HONORING TRACIE MITCHELL

● Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, in 1995, when I was privileged to serve as President of the Oregon State Senate, I was invited by State Representative Margaret Carter to tour Portland Community College, which was located in her district, in the heart of Oregon's largest city. As I represented a rural Eastern Oregon district, I looked upon this tour as a valuable learning opportunity. And what I learned was that PCC was offering a lifeline for many economically disadvantaged students who were seeking to build a better future for themselves and their family.

I was so impressed with the work of PCC, that when I was elected to the United States Senate, I approached PCC with the idea of each year giving one of their students the opportunity to serve as an intern in my Washington, D.C. office.

The student selected to serve as the first PCC intern was Tracie Mitchell, whose final day in my office is today. I just want to take a minute to salute Tracie, not only for her outstanding work in my office, but also for the outstanding accomplishments at home and in her career. Through the programs at PCC, Tracie, a mother of two wonderful children—Ruben and Shea, earned a degree in Microelectronics, and has gained employment at Tektronix, one of Oregon's outstanding high tech companies.

I know that Tracie is anxious to return to her children, her job, and her classes at PCC, and I thank her for her service to my office and to all Oregonians. If she has learned as much from her internship as my office as learned from her, then I know this summer has been a very rewarding experience.●

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JULY 27,
1998

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 12 noon on Monday, July 27, and I further ask that when the Senate reconvenes on Monday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and the Senate begin a period of morning business until 1 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that following morning business the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 1151, the credit union bill.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, when the Senate reconvenes Monday, there will be a period for morning business until 1 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the credit union bill. Several amendments are expected to be offered and debated. It is expected that Senator HAGEL will be on the floor ready to offer his amendment regarding credit union loans at 1 p.m. on Monday. It is also hoped that the debate could conclude by 2 p.m. on the Hagel amendment, and Senator MACK will then be recognized at approximately 2:40 p.m. for a 20-minute statement. Senator SHELBY is expected to offer his amendment regarding the CRA at 3:30 p.m., and we hope to conclude that debate by 4:30 when Senator GRAMM's amendment recurs under a previous consent. Therefore, additional votes, other than the previously ordered 5:30 p.m. vote, can be expected.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
JULY 27, 1998

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 3:30 p.m., adjourned until Monday, July 27, 1998, at 12 noon.