

the winners time of the first Iditarod in 1973. While Redington never won the Iditarod, he did finish in fifth place, four times—in 1975, 1977, 1978 and 1988. And he was among the top 10 finishers, seven times.

Joe was remarkable off the race course, as well. At age 62 he scaled Alaska's Mount McKinley, keeping up with then 20-year-old musher, and four-time Iditarod champion, Susan Butcher. Redington made it to the peak of the 20,230 foot peak, a monumental task for a person of any age.

After hearing of Redington passing, fellow musher DeeDee Jonrowe was quoted in the Fairbanks News Miner as saying, "Joe never thought (anything) wasn't possible. If you had a dream, he was about making it happen for you. He wasn't about telling you the pit-falls."

Joe Redington, Sr. was a good, kind and gentle soul. He was soft of voice, but had a big heart—he was a fitting recipient of the Alaskan of the Year Award in 1995. Joe came down with esophagus cancer in 1997, but until a month ago he was still planning to complete in the year 2000 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

While Joe Redington, Sr. won't be racing in the 2000 Iditarod, his spirit surely will light the way to Nome for mushers each March. More importantly, his legacy of hard work and never giving up will be with all Alaskans as we continue our efforts to improve the land that we love. . . . The land of The Last Frontier.●

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF COLORADO D.A.V. CHAPTER 26

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and honor the 50th anniversary of Colorado Chapter 26 of the Disabled American Veterans.

July 26, 1999 is the anniversary of this distinguished group. Chapter 26 consists of over 2,000 veterans, making it the largest chapter in Colorado. Not only did these men and women serve their country in a time of war, but they came home and continued to demonstrate their respect for America. Colorado Springs, El Paso County, and the State of Colorado have seen and felt their numerous contributions first hand in these times of peace—a peace which they helped to provide.

The Veterans of Chapter 26 have never forgotten their duty to serve and defend, whether it be overseas or at home. Their un-relinquishing duty to America should be recognized.

Reaching fifty years of service and dedication is a milestone in the lives of these men and women who served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and became members of Chapter 26. These members offered their lives to protect our country. They survived the perils of war, not unscathed, to come home and continue to serve as outstanding citizens. They have shown a love that has been unwavering for fifty years towards this

country that they sacrificed so much to preserve. They are models of patriotism, citizenship, and dedication to the freedoms cherished in these United States. And they continue to serve America with all of the pride and honor that they showed fifty years ago when they sacrificed their time and bodies for the freedom of others.

So on July 26th 1999 the Colorado Chapter 26 of the United States Disabled American Veterans should be recognized and honored for the fifty years of unwavering pride and service—the ideals which America was built upon.●

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Pennsylvania is recognized.

Mr. SPECTER. I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. SPECTER pertaining to the introduction of S. 1425 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, on behalf of the distinguished majority leader, I have been asked to recite the closing words.

MEASURE READ FOR FIRST TIME—S. 1427

Mr. SPECTER. I understand S. 1427, which was introduced earlier today by Senator THOMPSON, is at the desk. I, therefore, ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative assistant read as follows:

A bill (S. 1427) to authorize the Attorney General to appoint a special counsel to investigate or prosecute a person for a possible violation of criminal law when the Attorney General determines that the appointment of a special counsel is in the public interest.

Mr. SPECTER. I now ask for a second reading, and I object to my own request.

AUTHORIZING PRINTING OF MEMORIAL TRIBUTES

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 161, submitted earlier today by the majority leader and the Democratic leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative assistant read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 161) to authorize the printing of "Memorial Tributes to John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Jr."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to, en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 161) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 161

Whereas John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Jr. was a notable and influential public figure who was born into and lived his life in the public sphere;

Whereas John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Jr. comported himself with modesty and dignity, consistently displaying an admirable grace under pressure and a genuine concern for the well-being of other persons, in the grand tradition of his family;

Whereas John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Jr. was a significant figure who ably represented a family dedicated to public service, and who personally won a place in the heart of the American people;

Whereas the nation mourns the tragic loss of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Jr., his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, and her sister, Lauren Bessette; and

Whereas on July 19, 1999, the Senate expressed its condolences to the Kennedy and Bessette families: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

SECTION 1. PRINTING OF THE "MEMORIAL TRIBUTES TO JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, JR."

(a) IN GENERAL.—There shall be printed as a Senate Document, the book entitled "Memorial Tributes to John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Jr.," prepared under the supervision of the Secretary of the Senate.

(b) SPECIFICATIONS.—The document described in subsection (a) shall include illustrations and shall be in such style, form, manner, and binding as is directed by the Joint Committee on Printing after consultation with the Secretary of the Senate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF JEFFREY RUSH, JR., OF VIRGINIA

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination: Executive Calendar No. 165. I further ask unanimous consent that the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nomination be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nomination was considered and confirmed as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Jeffrey Rush, Jr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1999

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 103, H.R. 1480, the