

In 1994 Professor Yasargil accepted an appointment as Professor of Neurosurgery at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock where today he is active in the practice of microneurosurgery, research, and teaching. At UAMS, Dr. Yasargil has consistently provided superior treatment and care, attracting patients from all over the world. At the same time, he has continued to guide ground-breaking research initiatives and develop innovative surgical procedures.

Madam President, I take great pride in recognizing Dr. Yasargil's contributions to the quality of the lives of so many people in my home state and others around the world. I am equally proud of the quality care and cutting edge medical service the people at the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences provide so that Dr. Yasargil can share his talents. UAMS has been the state's primary source for healthcare education, biomedical and biotechnology research and clinical care for more than 100 years. The quality work and service that UAMS and Dr. Yasargil continue to provide should be a great source of pride for Arkansans.●

#### TRIBUTE TO C.M. NEWTON

● Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend and fellow Kentuckian C.M. Newton on the occasion of his retirement as Athletics Director at the University of Kentucky.

C.M. Newton has made contributions to the University that are as great in number as they are significant in accomplishment in his 11 years as Wildcats Athletics Director. The positive changes and improvements he implemented over the years culminate into an unmatched legacy of excellence for C.M. and for the entire University of Kentucky community.

C.M.'s involvement with the Wildcats began long before his tenure as Athletics Director. He attended U.K. and received a bachelor's degree in 1952, and earned a masters degree in 1957. During his undergraduate years, C.M. played on the Wildcats basketball team and lettered on their 1951 NCAA championship team. He also pitched for the U.K. baseball team, and played quarterback for a Wildcats intramural football team.

In the years between his graduation from the University of Kentucky and his return in 1989, C.M. began his professional career in athletics. While serving in the Air Force in 1953, C.M. held his first official leadership position in athletics as the athletic officer for Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. He served as head basketball coach with Transylvania University, the University of Alabama, and Vanderbilt University, with a lifetime coaching record of 509 wins and 375 losses. He also served as Assistant Commissioner for the Southeastern

Conference (SEC). C.M. approached these positions of leadership with a vigor, integrity, and enthusiasm that the world of sports took notice of by naming him Associated Press Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year in 1972, 1976, 1988 and 1989 and United Press International SEC Coach of the Year in 1972, 1978, and 1988.

C.M. also achieved a number of other honors, including membership on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, Chairman of the NCAA Basketball Rules Committee, Vice President and President of USA Basketball, Chairman of the USA Basketball Games Committee, membership in the NCAA Division I Basketball Committee, Chairman of the NCAA Basketball Officiating Committee, and membership on the FIBA Central Board.

It was with this vast list of accomplishments and honors that C.M. chose to return to the University of Kentucky on April 1, 1989. C.M. hit the ground running as Athletics Director and with his already well-established reputation for excellence and integrity, brought winning coaches and players to the Wildcats athletics programs. During C.M.'s leadership at U.K., the basketball and football teams soared, the men's and women's soccer teams received national attention, and the program grew to include 22 varsity sports—more than any other school in the SEC. The Wildcats athletic budget has more than tripled under C.M.'s tenure, allowing the school to expand and renovate several of the campus athletic facilities.

More than anything, though, C.M. Newton rejuvenated an excitement about athletics at the University of Kentucky. He led the Wildcats in a way that commanded respect—he led with dignity and embodied integrity.

Thank you, C.M., for your 11 years of dedicated service to the University of Kentucky, which resulted in winning teams, winning kids, and a top-quality program. Your spirit and legacy will continue to drive the Wildcats to victory for years to come. Best wishes in your retirement and may God bless you, Evelyn, and your family in this next phase of your life.●

#### TRIBUTE TO HAZEL WOLF

● Mrs. MURRAY. Madam President, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Hazel Wolf, of Seattle, Washington, who passed away at the age of 101 on Wednesday, January 19, 2000. A tireless advocate for conservation and social justice, Ms. Wolf was an outstanding example for all Americans. She combined humor with persistence as she set about combating injustice. She will continue to live in the hearts and minds of the many who knew her. And there are many, for Hazel had the remarkable ability to engage just about anyone, from Senator to second grader.

Hazel Wolf was born in Victoria, British Columbia, on March 10, 1898. In

1923, she moved to the United States with her daughter, Nydia. She was a union organizer for the Works Progress Administration and avidly followed politics, eventually becoming a Democrat. Until 1965, she worked as a legal secretary for the Seattle civil rights lawyer John Caughlan. It wasn't until her retirement that she became such an involved environmental activist and leader.

Ms. Wolf began working with the Audubon Society in the early-1960s and helped start 21 of the 26 Audubon Society chapters in Washington State. In 1979, she worked to organize the first statewide conference to bring together environmentalists and Native American tribes, the Indian Conservationist Conference. She served as Secretary of the Seattle Audubon Society chapter for three decades, and for 17 years she edited an environmental newsletter, 'Outdoors West'. In 1990, her discussions with a Soviet delegation led to the creation of the Leningrad Audubon Society in Russia. Ms. Wolf was also a founder of Seattle's Community Coalition for Environmental Justice, which works to improve environmental safety in poor city neighborhoods. She also belonged to the Sierra Club, Greenpeace and the Earth Island Institute. Ms. Wolf was a frequent and favorite speaker at schools and environmental conferences throughout the Northwest.

In 1997, the National Audubon Society awarded her the prestigious Audubon Medal, for Excellence in Environmental Achievement. She received numerous other awards, including the State of Washington Environmental Excellence Award, the National Audubon Society's Conservationist of the Year Award and the Washington State Legislature Award for environmental work. To celebrate her 100th birthday in 1998, the Seattle Audubon chapter created the Hazel Wolf "Kids for the Environment" endowment, which will fund programs to provide urban children from lower-income communities with opportunities to experience the natural world. In Issaquah, Washington, there is a 116-acre wetland named after her. On the other side of the Cascade Mountains near Yakima, a bird sanctuary bears her name.

Hazel Wolf served as the environmental conscience of the Northwest, with her dedication to protecting forests, saving salmon, educating young people and preserving the outdoors for future generations to enjoy. The most significant and important tribute we can give to Hazel Wolf is to continue the work which she pursued with such vision and passion. We will miss you Hazel, but rest assured, we will continue the work you started.●