

as a child when her family lived overseas while her father served in the Air Force.

Women normally pursued careers on the deck side. However, Carol strove to be in the engine room, and decided to defy convention and maximize her talents in the Academy's arduous dual license program. Most participants in the dual program focus on a single department, deck or engine, but Carol earned her degree on a variety of technologies. She graduated as a Third Engineer and Third Mate in 1980, with honors.

Soon after, she became a member of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association and started a long and successful career sailing as both an engineer and mate, on a variety of vessel types. Last year, Carol earned her Master's license, enabling her to captain a ship of any size. This year, she gained entry to an even more elite group when she successfully earned her unlimited Chief Engineer's license.

In addition, Carol and her husband are both volunteer firefighters. At sea, Carol is the on-scene commander during all emergency situations. She felt that if she was accountable for training seamen how to fight fires, it would be best to have firsthand experience, not just training.

Carol has ascended to the pinnacle of her profession after two decades of seafaring, a rare achievement reserved for an exceptional person and first-class marine officer. I congratulate Carol for earning such a high and honorable status in her career and service.●

CALVIN JAMES

● Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, recently our State of Kansas lost a giant within our political system with the unexpected passing of our Republican National Committeeman, Calvin James of Jewell, KS.

All those involved in public service in Kansas, regardless of party, mourn his loss. Calvin James was a textbook study in the pursuit of politics for the public good, not personal gain.

I endeavored to capture what Cal James has meant to his hometown, his State, and our nation and to his family and friends with an article and eulogy published in the Salina Journal last week. I extend the thoughts, prayers and best wishes of Calvin's many friends to Betty, his wife, and to his daughter Susan and her family. I ask the article be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

With the death last week of Republican National Committeeman Calvin James, Jewell, Kansas lost a giant of politics. He is remembered not only for what is good about Kansas politics, but also for what is great about Kansas communities.

For me, Calvin James was a mentor, a friend, my strongest supporter and my sharpest critic. He smoothed the ups and downs of winning and losing. He set a high standard, but he was gentle in reaching for it.

At his funeral Saturday, a warm February afternoon, the Methodist Church in Jewell

overflowed with friends and family from across the state. Among those attending were a sitting governor and two former governors, two U.S. Senators, a Congressman, the Speaker of the House, the Secretary of State, legislators and political officials—a virtual who's who of the contemporary Kansas GOP.

It was the kind of gathering that happens only rarely in rural communities. It signifies the esteem in which Calvin James was held statewide.

Calvin was remembered for commitment to family, to his community and to his state. Quietly, behind the scene with his yellow legal pad, Calvin was a key advisor to governors, senators and congressmen. He believed strongly in the two-party political system and in the role political parties play in good government.

In an era of impersonal media campaigns, he was a people politician. He scouted candidates and recruited precinct committee men and committee women the old fashioned way—by getting in his car and driving from county seat to county seat and talking to people up and down main street.

He worked tirelessly in their campaigns and, once elected, he expected them to remain accountable to grassroots Kansas.

Calvin knew that to get the votes, you first had to count the votes. He was good at it. In his own race for National Committeeman he had the final vote counted exactly—the day before it was taken.

He believed in consensus, in detail and in organizations well run. As Republican Chairman in the first Congressional District of Western and Central Kansas, Calvin made the rounds by car and by phone every two years to build consensus ahead of party elections, which he expected to operate smoothly.

A few years ago in Great Bend, he was challenged by a delegate with different ideas: "This appears to be a railroad operation," the delegate said.

"If it is, I am the conductor," Calvin retorted.

It is a direct result of Calvin's work over three decades that First District Republicans are more activist, more interested and more involved than their counterparts in other parts of the state.

Calvin was born in Jewell and he died there. He left only twice, once as a young man for a job in a larger Kansas community and once to serve in the Army in Korea. On that first job, in a drug store, African Americans were not to be served at the counter. Outraged, Calvin did so anyway—then walked out before he could be fired.

Calvin was once asked if he had considered moving to a larger community. "Why?" he answered. "I have everything I need here."

"Everything" especially included his wife, Betty, and daughter, Susan.

He believed in the worth of Jewell and his family and neighbors and he worked to make the place better. From the school board to the church board, he applied the same energy he applied to politics.

The first stop for every new Methodist minister in Jewell was Calvin James, who "educated" him as to the proper way to draft, present and implement a church budget in order to build consensus and lower controversy.

He brought government officials to Jewell and Beloit to "educate" them on the need for low income housing, elderly housing, rural water infrastructure, highways and, lately, broadband internet capability.

He built James Clothing, with stores in Jewell and Beloit, selling in recent years to his younger partner and protege. He was a self-described "rag merchant."

In retail clothing as in retail politics, there are certain individuals you would rather not see walk through the front door.

Those are the folks, Calvin often said, who you must "smother with the milk of human kindness" in order to make the sale, secure the vote, cement the support.

Calvin James is a textbook study in the pursuit of politics for the public good, not personal gain. He did not get rich at it. He did not use his many connections to those in politics to accrue personal power.

Rather, he used it for the benefit of his community, his state and his nation.

That is a legacy worth renewing as the torch of political leadership passes to a new generation.●

TRIBUTE TO LILLIAN CIUFO

● Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Lillian Ciufu, a New Jersey resident and distinguished member of the Fort Lee community, who will be honored as Person of the Year by the Fort Lee Rotary Club on March 3, 2002.

Lillian, a resident of River Vale, currently serves as an Executive Director of the Fort Lee Housing Authority. The Housing Authority plays an important role in Fort Lee, a community in New Jersey situated right on the Hudson River, directly across from Manhattan, with limited space but a fast growing population. As Executive Director, Lillian is responsible for operating public housing and administering rent subsidies for hundreds of low-income seniors and families.

Under Lillian's direction, the Fort Lee Housing Authority has enjoyed quite a renaissance. In the past five years that she has been Executive Director, over eight affordable housing projects have been constructed. Additionally, the housing authority has been nationally recognized for operating successful projects such as the Family Self Sufficiency Program, FSS, and an affordable child daycare program. The FSS program is a model which I truly believe all communities should examine closely as they look to solve their housing problems. The program provides career planning, job training, educational opportunities, home ownership opportunities and support services, while honoring personal dignity and one's self worth.

Among other notable distinctions, Lillian also serves as Vice President of Community Revitalization on the Board of trustees of the New Jersey Association of Housing and Redevelopment, a branch of the National Housing Organization, and as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Heightened Independent and Progress, an agency that serves the disabled.

It is my firm belief that Lillian will continue this fine tradition of community service in the years to come, and will serve with distinction as a tireless advocate on behalf of those in need of housing. As she continues her career as Executive Director of the Fort Lee Housing Authority, I look forward to further recognition of her outstanding work from both the Rotary club and other service organizations.●