

HONORING REVEREND FRED
SHUTTLESWORTH

• Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I honor Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, who is a key leader in the civil rights movement and continues to be a guiding light in his community. I am honored that Reverend Shuttlesworth is visiting Missouri on April 29, and I want to commemorate his visit by briefly sharing some of his accomplishments.

Reverend Shuttlesworth grew up in Birmingham, AL, and graduated from Alabama State University in 1951. After graduating, he continued to do graduate work at Alabama State and then received seminary training at Cedar Grove Academy and Selma University. His involvement in civil rights has been grounded in his belief that "a man should not be judged by the color of his skin any more than he is judged by the color of his eyes."

In 1953, at the age of 30, Reverend Shuttlesworth became pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church in Birmingham, during the period of time when the city earned the nickname "Bombingham" for the black homes that were bombed by white supremacists. In May 1956, Reverend Shuttlesworth helped lead a group of ministers to establish the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, in response to the NAACP being outlawed in Alabama.

Reverend Shuttlesworth, on many occasions, nearly became a martyr of the Civil Rights Movement. On Christmas Day 1956, as Reverend Shuttlesworth prepared to lead protests against the segregation of Birmingham's buses, someone threw a bomb under his bed in the parsonage of his church, where he was talking to a visiting deacon. Miraculously, he was unharmed.

Undeterred, in 1957 Reverend Shuttlesworth joined with Dr. Martin Luther King, Reverend Ralph David Abernathy and Bayard Rustin to form the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which was firmly committed to using nonviolence to advocate for Civil Rights despite the violence that was being committed against its members. He would later help to organize sit-ins against segregated lunch counters and was a key leader of the mass protests and demonstrations in Birmingham during the spring of 1963. During those tumultuous times, Reverend Shuttlesworth was also assaulted by police dogs, knocked unconscious by a fire hose, and jailed more than 35 times.

Reverend Shuttlesworth moved to Cincinnati, where he founded the Greater New Light Baptist Church in 1966, and today he continues to serve as Pastor. In 1988, Reverend Shuttlesworth established the Shuttlesworth Housing Foundation to help needy families access capital for down payments for the purchase of homes. His efforts have helped hundreds of low-income families in the Cincinnati area to become homeowners.

These are just a portion of the good works that this outstanding servant of God has done to help make our Nation more just. I commend Reverend Shuttlesworth for his outstanding contributions to the cause of civil rights for all Americans. I am honored to share his story with my colleagues, and I wish him and his family all the best for the future.●

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
CHARLES W. CAPPS, JR.

• Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to bring to the Senate's attention the distinguished career of Charles W. Capps, Jr., who has served with distinction and honor as a member of the Mississippi State House of Representatives from Bolivar County since 1971.

My friend, Charlie Capps has announced that he will retire from the legislature in June. As a member of the House of Representatives, Charlie Capps has earned the respect of eight governors, the members of the Mississippi Congressional Delegation, and all who have called upon him for advice and assistance over the past three decades.

Charlie Capps is well known throughout our State for his contributions to higher education, highways, wildlife conservation, job development, and job training. He made special efforts to improve the quality of life in the Mississippi Delta.

He has held many positions of responsibility including service as Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations from 1988 to 2003. During those years, the State has experienced unprecedented economic growth. Today, workforce training centers, mental health facilities, university libraries, recreational lakes, and distance learning centers are part of the legacy of this great Mississippian.

I congratulate Charlie Capps for his distinguished career of public service and for his indelible contribution to our State.●

TRIBUTE TO DONNIE R. WHEELER

• Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today to commend Mr. Donnie R. Wheeler for becoming the first president of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies—NACWA—formerly the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies, AMSA. Mr. Wheeler currently serves as the General Manager of the Hampton Roads Sanitation District—HRSD—Virginia Beach, VA. He is regarded by his peers as an exceptional leader, dedicated to protecting the environment and health of Virginia and the Nation.

Mr. Wheeler is a graduate of Virginia Tech and for 7 years was employed by the Virginia State Water Control Board before joining HRSD in 1974. HRSD, a nationally recognized regional wastewater treatment utility, serves 17 cities and counties covering 3100 square miles of southeast Virginia. Under his

management, HRSD has received numerous awards from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and is recognized as a state innovator for such initiatives as Virginia's first municipal water reuse project.

Under his leadership, I trust that NACWA will promote responsible national policies to advance clean water and a healthy environment. Mr. Wheeler, is a founder of the Virginia Association of Municipal Wastewater Agencies—VAMWA—and served as its president for 6 years. In his long career, Mr. Wheeler has earned the respect of his colleagues at all levels of government and his achievements have earned him awards from the Virginia Water Environment Association—VWEA—and Environment Virginia. Mr. Wheeler also has served as an adjunct professor of Environmental Engineering at Old Dominion University.

In the true sense of the word and by his many achievements in a long and distinguished professional career, Mr. Wheeler is an "environmentalist" who will now proudly serve in a new leadership role the industry in which he has worked for so many years. It is with pleasure that I congratulate and commend Mr. Wheeler on being elected the first president of NACWA.●

COWBOY VIGIL

• Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I today honor a great American, a great Coloradan, and a great Puebloan.

Alcario Vigil was born and raised in the San Luis Valley in Colorado and on April 1st turned 100 years old. His life has been rich with accomplishments and extraordinary devotion to his family, his friends, and his community.

Known as "Cowboy," Alcario Vigil grew up in Lobatos, CO, just down the road from the Salazar family ranch in the San Luis Valley. Like most of his neighbors, he was brought up in a poor family and eventually took over responsibility for his parents' ranch with his wife Sophia. Together, the Vigil family survived the hardships of the Great Depression and raised eight children on the Lobatos family ranch, where they prospered and strengthened Colorado and this country.

Throughout his life, Alcario has been respected as an outstanding community servant, a devoted husband, and a loving father. He has a remarkable record serving as a Penitente for more than 70 years. He has passed those values to his descendants, some of whom are now seventh-generation Coloradans.

Although "Cowboy" lost his devoted wife Sofia in 1994, and his son Jose just 2 years ago, Alcario remains strong and healthy in his Pueblo home. Even at 100 years, he works the ranch's irrigation ditches in the summer months and enjoys visits from his family and friends.

The Pueblo County Commission recently declared April 1, 2005, to be "Alcario (Cowboy) Vigil Day." Given

all he has done and all he has seen, I think every day ought to be Alcario "Cowboy" Vigil Day. ●

RECOGNITION OF AMSA ON ITS 35TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to congratulate the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies, AMSA, on the occasion of its 35th anniversary and on its name change to the National Association of Clean Water Agencies or NACWA. NACWA is the only association that exclusively represents the Nation's municipal wastewater treatment agencies. Its 35-year record of advocacy and leadership in fully meeting the goals of the Clean Water Act has helped guarantee the chemical, biological and physical health of our Nation's rivers, lakes, streams, bays, and coasts.

NACWA's members serve the majority of the sewered population in the country and treat and reclaim over 18 billion gallons of wastewater a day. Simply stated, NACWA and its members deserve to be celebrated for their ongoing role in the remarkable revitalization of America's waterways.

Despite the improvements made so far to the Nation's waters, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and NACWA understand that significant work remains to be done to achieve the lofty goals of the Clean Water Act. From the committee's close working relationship with the association, we know NACWA is well-positioned to continue to build on this Nation's water quality gains.

The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee has looked to AMSA and will continue to look to NACWA as a valued informational resource. The association has always been willing to share its expertise and to provide leadership in challenging times. For example, in the wake of the attacks on September 11, 2001, the association responded immediately with creative ideas and vital leadership in developing tools and resources to help further secure the Nation's critical water infrastructure. In fact, the association has been a vital resource on a host of clean water issues from wet weather control and the critical need for a Federal-State-local partnership to meet the Nation's clean water challenges.

As chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee, I have worked closely with the association and know that NACWA will build on its tradition as a trusted resource for Congress and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. I am also confident that NACWA will meet its strategic objectives and the goals of AMSA's original founders. Most importantly, NACWA's success is a direct result of its unparalleled membership. NACWA, then AMSA, was established in 1970 by representatives of 22 municipal wastewater treatment agencies. Since then, AMSA has grown into an organization of nearly 300 municipal agency mem-

bers, including Oklahoma City, Stillwater and Tulsa, and a total membership of nearly 400 organizations poised to ensure that the 21st century will enjoy continued water quality progress.

The association's public agency members not only represent what is best about public service, they exemplify what it means to be environmental practitioners. Their daily work enables us to enjoy our Nation's rivers, lakes, streams and bays—something we as a Nation must never take for granted.

Once again, I congratulate NACWA on this important milestone as an organization and applaud its members for their outstanding service. ●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on April 22, 2005, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 167. An act to provide for the protection of intellectual property rights, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1870. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanded Authority for Cross-Program Recovery of Benefit Overpayments" (RIN0960-AG06) received on April 21, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1871. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Energy Outlook 2005"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1872. A communication from the Commissioner, the Vice Chairman, and the Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, a draft bill relative to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1873. A communication from the Chairman, Inland Waterways Users Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's 2005 annual report relative to the investment strategy for the preservation, protection,

and enhancement of the Nation's inland navigation system; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1874. A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (December 15, 2004—February 15, 2005)"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1875. A communication from the Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff, Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator, received on April 21, 2005; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1876. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a draft bill relative to title 38, United States Code, received on April 21, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1877. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-02" received on April 21, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1878. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2004 report relative to the Prescription Drug User Fee Act of 1992 (PDUFA); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1879. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1880. A communication from the Secretary, Postal Rate Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the Commission's implementation of the Government in Sunshine Act for calendar year 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1881. A communication from the Director of the Selective Service System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the System's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1882. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report required by the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1883. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the National Defense Stockpile; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1884. A communication from the Principal Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the Department's model State Code of Military Justice and model State Manual for Courts-Martial for the National Guard When Not In Federal Service; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1885. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Fiscal Year 2004 Defense Environmental Programs report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1886. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant