

his leadership in the public arena. I feel quite privileged to be a U.S. Senator and to have the honor to pay tribute to Mayor Emory McCord Folmar's life and service to this great Nation.●

REMEMBERING JAMES LUCIEN HINTON

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I wish to remember Mr. James Lucien "Jimmy" Hinton, who passed away on December 3, 2011, in Tuscaloosa, AL, at the age of 88. He was one of Alabama's best known and respected citizens.

Mr. Jimmy was born in Tuscaloosa on April 8, 1923. He grew up in the Little Sandy community, attended the University of Alabama in the 1940s, and served in the U.S. Army. In 1958, he married Jean Jolly and they had three children: Jimmy, Jr., Mary Katherine, and Elizabeth. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time at his farm, Sedgfield Plantation, in Dallas County.

Mr. Jimmy was a highly successful businessman and involved in many businesses during his lifetime, starting his own sawmill company at the age of 16. He was engaged in the lumber business, real estate development, a box and pallet factory, automobile business, asphalt business, and the family owned a meat-packing company, R. L. Zeigler Co., Inc., where he served as chairman of the board. He also served as a board member for the First National Bank of Tuscaloosa and Southern United Life Insurance Company. In 1999, he was inducted into the Alabama Business Hall of Fame.

Mr. Jimmy loved his family very much and particularly enjoyed hunting and fishing with them and his many friends at Sedgfield. He often opened Sedgfield for national and State field trials and also allowed hunts for persons with disabilities and terminal illness. He began the first Life Hunts for such hunters over 25 years ago, and many have benefited from his care and concern. He supported a host of worthy causes over his life.

In 1998, Jimmy received the Governor's Award and was named Conservationist of the Year for his dedication to conservation in Alabama.

He was a passionate supporter of the University of Alabama and its athletics program. Paul W. "Bear" Bryant and he were famous friends. He served on the University of Alabama Presidents Cabinet and the Board of Visitors of the Culverhouse College of Commerce and Business Administration.

I knew Mr. Jimmy for a number of years. It was easy to see why he engendered such affection and respect. A decisive and strong man, certainly, he nevertheless was totally unassuming. That background of country living, his love of hunting and the outdoors, his success in business, and his association with athletics at the iconic University of Alabama combined in a special way to shape who he was. People saw him for who he was. There was a rare com-

ination of strength, modesty, and loyalty deep in his character. And to a very unusual degree, this remarkable businessman, who never sought the limelight, was well known and loved throughout our State.

Alabama and the Nation have lost one of its finest citizen. My sympathy is extended to his family upon this loss, but they have been given a wonderful heritage of industry, humility, and public service.●

RECOGNIZING THE LANSING REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

● Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, my colleague Senator CARL LEVIN and I would like to pay tribute to the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its annual dinner.

From the very first dinner held in 1912 to the present, the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner has played a significant role in bringing business and community leaders together to celebrate exciting developments in the region. Although the format of the evening may have changed over the years, the mission remains the same: to serve as the premier business networking event of the year and to celebrate the contributions of individuals and organizations that make the region great.

The group of Lansing area business leaders who formed the Lansing Business Men's Association certainly paved the way for the tradition that is celebrated today. After changing their name to the Lansing Chamber of Commerce, Ransom E. Olds, founder of Oldsmobile, addressed the first annual meeting at the Masonic Temple. The association had encouraged him to come back to Lansing from Detroit and build a factory, which he did. This clearly established the chamber as the community leader in fostering economic growth and creating jobs.

I am very proud that the Lansing Chamber founded the now internationally known ATHENA Award in 1982. What started as a visionary way to support, develop and honor local women leaders, has now become a global movement with more than 6000 awards presented in 500 communities in the United States, Canada, Russia, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.

It is exciting that on February 22, 2012, the 100th Annual Dinner will be celebrated at the Lansing Center. This event will not only celebrate the chamber's history and the many people who made things happen over the past 100 years, it will include updates from current business leaders and the presentation of the 2011 Community Service, Outstanding Small Business and Legacy Awards.

More than just a dinner, this event showcases the businesses and people who have helped make this region into what it is today and shape its future.

We are pleased to congratulate the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce on this special occasion and wish them many more years of success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2079. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, New York, as the "John J. Cook Post Office".

H.R. 3247. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building".

H.R. 3248. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building".

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1162. An act to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

At 2:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 2302, and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Mr. ISRAEL of New York.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2079. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, New York, as the "John J. Cook Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3247. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located