

Westmoreland County courthouse will miss him.

Last, but not least, the gentle guiding force behind John is his beloved wife, Anne, and they cherish their five children and five grandchildren.

It is with great pride that I recognize Judge John Driscoll for his distinguished career in public service. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him the best of luck and a happy and healthy retirement. ●

#### RECOGNIZING THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

● Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, today I am honored to have the opportunity to acknowledge and express gratitude to the Louisiana Municipal Association, LMA, in recognition of their 90th anniversary.

Founded in 1926, the Louisiana Conference of Mayors was created with the purpose of providing a forum for mutual consultation and discussion of various topics affecting municipal government. The organization also aided the growth and development of each municipality through education about best practices problem solving. Shortly after the Louisiana Conference of Mayors was created, the Great Depression swept the Nation. In 1937, a handful of resilient mayors met to revive the organization, giving it new life as the Louisiana Municipal Association. They may not have foreseen that their tenacity in overcoming adversity during the Great Depression and taking proactive steps to keep Louisiana municipalities united and strong would form the basis for the core values to which the LMA still adheres today.

From its inception, the LMA has focused on helping local elected leaders create and maintain efficient and effective municipal governments. In 1987, the nonprofit, nonpartisan LMA created Risk Management, Inc., RMI, to address the insurance and liability demands of member municipalities through its inter-local risk pool. In 1999, the Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau, Inc., LaMATS, was created with the purpose of providing essential services to assist municipalities in their day-to-day operations.

In addition to these wholly owned subsidiaries, the LMA has three political subdivisions—Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority, Unemployment Compensation Fund, and Louisiana Community Development Authority; four advisory organizations—Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, Louisiana Rural Water Association, Louisiana Conference of Mayors, and Louisiana Municipal Black Caucus Association; and nine affiliate organizations—Municipal Employees Retirement System, Louisiana City Attorneys Association, Louisiana Association of Municipal Secretaries and Assistants, Louisiana Recreation and Parks Association, Louisiana Association of Tax Administrators, Louisiana Municipal Clerks

Association, Building Officials Association of Louisiana, Louisiana Airport Managers and Associates, and Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association.

For decades, the LMA has had tremendous success engaging with its State and Federal partners. In the Louisiana Legislature, the LMA has been a strong voice in the efforts to fight blight, promote law enforcement, and enhance economic growth. On the Federal level, the LMA joined forces with the National League of Cities and other coastal State municipal leagues to lead the charge in petitioning Congress to enact the Homeowners Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014, which enacted critical reforms to the Biggert Waters Act of 2012. I was proud to work with the LMA on the inclusion of the Grimm-Cassidy amendment to this legislation, thereby facilitating affordable homeowner flood insurance in Louisiana and across the country.

For 90 years, the LMA has worked to strengthen Louisiana through support and empowerment of municipal government. The organization has launched a yearlong celebration of this anniversary by naming 2016 the “Year of Education.” Opening festivities for this theme will commence in February under the auspices of the 2016 LMA executive board officers—President Mayor Carroll Breaux of Springhill, First Vice President Mayor Barney Arceneaux of Gonzales, Second Vice President Mayor Lawrence Henagan of DeQuincy, Immediate Past President Mayor David Camardelle of Grand Isle, and District A Vice President Mayor Jimmy Williams of Sibley. The executive director of LMA is Ronnie Harris, former 28-year mayor of Gretna.

What started out as a collection of 29 forward-thinking mayors seeking to empower their communities has evolved into a praiseworthy organization that has earned the esteem and trust of local, State, and Federal elected officials, as well as fellow municipal leagues.

I would like to congratulate the LMA on its 90th anniversary and wish them many more years of strength and excellence. ●

#### REMEMBERING JACK REED, SR.

● Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, the State of Mississippi and the city of Tupelo lost a leader and model citizen with the passing of Jack Reed, Sr., on January 27. He led a remarkable life and earned an enviable reputation as a businessman, community leader, civil rights advocate, and education reformer. His tireless work in these roles was felt throughout Mississippi and set an example for embracing our better nature in facing all challenges.

It has been a great privilege to have known Jack Reed. He was the epitome of a goodhearted man and my friend. I join a grateful State in expressing our appreciation for a life well lived that benefited us all.

I ask that a January 28, 2016, article titled “Tupelo Spirit loses a star: Reed

remembered as one of Tupelo’s best” from the Daily Journal newspaper be printed in the RECORD.

The material follows:

[From the Daily Journal, Jan. 28, 2016]

TUPELO SPIRIT LOSES A STAR: REED REMEMBERED AS ONE OF TUPELO’S BEST

TUPELO.—Jack Raymond Reed, 91, Tupelo’s pre-eminent civic leader, died Wednesday at his residence.

Reed was among the last of a Greatest Generation cadre of Tupelo’s business and professional leadership who, after World War II, transformed a pleasant county-seat town into a thriving city which became a regional magnet for economic growth, employment, strong public education and a vigorous arts and cultural community.

Reed earned a national reputation as an eloquent advocate for racial fairness and reconciliation in Mississippi. He had served as a member of the United Methodist Church’s Commission on Religion and Race, through which he became friends with key leaders in the national Civil Rights Movement.

“Of all the people I have known in our state of Mississippi, none has been more inspiring than Jack Reed. He was a leader in every way his whole lifetime,” said former Mississippi Gov. William Winter. “He was right and generous and fair in his personal, private and public views. He was an inspiration to me in both political and personal relationships. Jack commanded respect. He did nothing that was detrimental to our state or the principles for which he stood. He was a Christian man, an active member of his beloved Methodist church. He has made a mark in Mississippi that will live forever.”

Reed was chairman of R.W. Reed Co., the retail store founded by his father in the early 20th century, and he led Reed Manufacturing, which was a major force among Mississippi garment industry employers in its heyday.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the church.

Reed, born May 19, 1924, in Tupelo, was the son of Robert W. Reed Sr. and Hoyt Raymond Reed, herself a descendant of an early, influential Lee County family.

Reed and his brothers, R.W. Reed Jr. and William Reed, were high-profile leaders in the region’s business and manufacturing community for more than 50 years.

Reed graduated from Tupelo High School with honors, attended Vanderbilt University and graduated with a bachelor’s degree with honors in 1947, following an interruption of his college days for service in the South Pacific during World War II in the Signal Intelligence Service, U.S. Army of Occupation.

Following the war, Reed earned a master’s degree in retailing from New York University and returned to Tupelo, where he joined the businesses founded by his father and his father’s brothers.

“Since the 1950s, Jack was considered to be in the upper leadership tier of the Tupelo area and from that platform, he really helped thousands of people by supporting numerous programs and initiatives,” said Lewis Whitfield, senior vice president of the CREATE Foundation. “He cared deeply about all people everywhere, and he was of course a tremendous advocate for education. He saw education as not only the key to community and economic development, but as a way for people to improve themselves. Jack was a great man and he left his mark on virtually every good thing in this community.”

Reed was a director emeritus of the Daily Journal’s corporate board of directors, a position in which he served for a half century.