

UVA professors and my RMC colleagues in the audience. I hope they left their grade books at home, and focus instead on how much I appreciate their support here today.

I have often thought it appropriate that as Jim and I embarked on this course in the political world, that a large part of my teaching at RMC included epic poetry—the *Odyssey* of Homer, and the *Aeneid* of Virgil. For our course has surely been an *Odyssey*. On my journey I have seen rosy fingered Dawn on early morning campaign trips—I have seen the wine-dark sea of the Chesapeake Bay—and even some of the political meetings were reminiscent of the great quarrel between Achilles and Agamemnon.

But just as the journey of *Odysseus* didn't really end when he reached Ithaca, nor the journey of *Aeneas* end with his arrival in Italy, our journey is not over, but just beginning. The work of accomplishment will start this Saturday. And while Jim has the legacy of Virginia's great Governors to follow and well-defined Constitutional responsibility to uphold, there are no guidebooks or defined rules to mark the path of a First Lady. Today I want to share with you some of my plans for the next four years.

Much news has been made of the fact that I will continue to work part-time as a professor of classics. The attention has quite frankly surprised me. During our 20 years of marriage, I have worked full-time, sometimes not at all, and part-time. I now work part-time and will continue to teach while Jim is Governor.

I never viewed the fact that I would teach as a decision. To both Jim and me, my continuing to teach was never a question. He realizes that teaching is not really a job to me, it is my passion. It is an important part of my life, and Jim's understanding this and supporting it have meant much to me over these past years.

We of course will continue to be partners in our responsibilities of parenthood. On many occasions Jim has been the one who got up early and prepared Jay and Ashton for school as I traveled or left for school early. We support each other in our goals. And in doing this we are just a typical Virginia family, and we will continue on this path. We will approach life in the Governor's mansion in the same manner we have approached life throughout our marriage. We will draw strength from each other and put a priority on time to spend with Jay and Ashton.

But I also approach this new period in my life as an opportunity. A First Lady has a public platform that can put the spotlight on ideas and efforts deserving greater awareness. Many Virginians are engaged in innovative approaches to problems and their successes go unnoticed. As First Lady I can help bring attention to these innovations and share these ideas with the rest of Virginia.

But my roll will not be that of making policy. Jim has that burden on his shoulders. My time and energy outside of being a wife, mother, part-time teacher will be focused on education, history, and tourism.

As a teacher it will not surprise anyone that I have many ideas about ways to enhance education in Virginia. For example, I would like to encourage schools to utilize the incredible knowledge and experience that our experienced professionals can share with our young people. We have many Virginians who travel the nation and the world sharing their life experiences with various audiences. These same Virginians would gladly spend time in Virginia classrooms where their practical, real-world knowledge would give an added dimension to the educational experience of our youth. I hope to inspire our schools of higher education and our Virginia professional workforce to join in partnership with our secondary schools

for the benefit of young people across the state. Programs of cooperation similar to that I witnessed at Randolph-Macon where students from Hanover schools who perhaps had no experience with a college or higher education, were invited to RMC to visit classrooms and laboratories and the cafeteria to see fist hand activities that some of us take for granted. As we enter the 21st century inspiring our youth to reach their full potential should be our first goal.

Though my degrees are in ancient history, I have always had a fascination and love of Virginia's rich history, and both Jim and I believe that the unmatched historic offerings of Virginia should be the cornerstone of promoting tourism in Virginia. While many states try to compete with Virginia's incredible beaches, golf courses, mountains and parks, no other state can rival the historic jewels that the Commonwealth offers. Studies show that parents try to plan vacations that are both educational and fun—what better place to visit than Virginia where both abound. We should also encourage more Virginians to vacation in Virginia, and then, as they travel outside of the Commonwealth, they can be ambassadors for our own unique treasures.

These are just a few of the plans that I have considered for our ongoing *Odyssey*. But I know also from my studies that life brings unexpected adventures and opportunities, and I hope that I can use these unexpected opportunities to serve all Virginians.

Jim and I will work hard for the families of Virginia and will continue to recognize the honor that it is to serve the people of Virginia. We have the same hopes and dreams that you have for your children. It is our dream that this *Odyssey* will bring them a Virginia even better than it is today.

Thank you.●

#### TRIBUTE TO BELLA ABZUG

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to sadly acknowledge the passing of a friend, former colleague, and one of the most passionate, committed, and colorful individuals that the Congress and this country has ever known: Bella Abzug.

Many people view 1920 as one of the most important years in the history of women in America, not only because it was the year that women finally gained the right to vote, but also because it's the year that Bella Abzug was born.

When we think of the struggle for women's equality in this country, one of the first images that comes to mind is that of Bella Abzug's wide-brimmed hat bobbing up and down at some march or rally. Through her flamboyant personality, she truly became an icon and a giant in the American and worldwide political landscape.

Bella Abzug was a trailblazer. She graduated from law school at a time when only 2 percent of all lawyers were women. She was the first Jewish woman ever elected to Congress and one of only 12 women in the House when she was elected.

She helped pave the way for other women in Congress and in all walks of life. In fact, just the other day, my good friend and colleague from Connecticut, BARBARA KENNELLY, spoke on the House floor about how Bella Abzug inspired her to run for Congress. One can only imagine how many other

women took a chance and sought to achieve great things because they were inspired by Bella Abzug.

An important thing to note about Bella is that her work was by no means limited to the cause of women's equality. Her titles ranged from civil rights lawyer to anti-war activist, just to name a few. Just three years out of law school, she went to Mississippi and weathered threats from white-supremacist groups to defend a black man in a highly contentious trial. In the 1950s, she shouted down former Senator Joseph McCarthy's anti-communist witch hunts. On her first day as a Congresswoman, she introduced a resolution to withdraw all U.S. troops from Southeast Asia. In 1975, she introduced legislation in Congress to prohibit discrimination against homosexuals. Bella Abzug was committed to eradicating all forms of injustice in this country and around the world. Hers was not solely the cause of women; hers was the cause she believed to be right and believed to be just.

I was fortunate to see a side of Bella Abzug that most people never saw. I served in the House with Bella during her last term, and I came to know her as a person of great kindness. Beneath the persona of a blustery and irascible New York City politician was a woman of great decency and warmth. While we only served together for one term, I have had numerous occasions over the years to visit with Bella, and I truly appreciated her kindness and her friendship. Bella Abzug was truly one of a kind, and she will be dearly missed by friends, family, and those whose causes she championed over the years.●

#### TRIBUTE TO EMORY L. MELTON

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, on Sunday, April 19, 1998, a new math, science and business classroom building on the campus of Southwest Missouri State University-West Plains campus (SMSU), will be dedicated to former State Senator Emory L. Melton. Emory, a long time friend, has done much to help my home State of Missouri.

Elected to the State Senate in 1972, Emory had no opposition five of the six times he ran, which is a State record. Originally, he involved himself in politics because of a strong feeling that the State government was growing much too quickly. As a Senator, he was known for reading every bill that came to the Senate floor and could point out even the slightest of errors. Many of his colleagues felt him to be one of the truest fiscal conservatives ever to serve in the Senate. I had the pleasure of witnessing his great leadership while serving my two terms as Governor.

Before his service to the State Senate, Emory was the Barry County prosecuting attorney and a newspaper publisher in Cassville, Missouri. He served as Missouri Tourism Commission chair for many years. Emory received the St. Louis Globe-Democrat award for public

service and was named one of the top ten legislators by Capitol press corps.

With so many impressive accomplishments, it is no wonder the new campus building is named in his honor. I am extremely pleased to see Emory recognized for his great service to the State of Missouri. Congratulations Senator Emory Melton on a tribute well deserved.●

#### DR. RICHARD KASTNER TURNS 75

● Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, a milestone will occur on Saturday, April 18, while the Senate is in recess, which I do not want to go unacknowledged: Dr. Richard Hermann Kastner of Clarksburg, Maryland, will celebrate his 75th birthday.

Ralph Waldo Emerson remarked, "... to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded." I imagine it would be nearly impossible to count how many lives have "breathed easier" because of Richard Kastner. For nearly 45 years, he has helped individuals and families cope with drug and alcohol dependency, abuse, discord, illness and death, and seemingly inconsolable grief as a psychiatrist and therapist, and as a friend. He has devoted his life to helping others find meaning in their lives.

Richard Kastner is a native New Yorker. He received a bachelor's degree in psychology and biology from New York University, a master's degree in psychology from the City College of New York, his M.D. from Jefferson Medical College, and his doctorate in psychology from New York University. He then went to the University of Minnesota for post-graduate medical training and for his psychiatric residency, which he then continued at St. Elizabeth's Hospital here in Washington.

Richard Kastner achieved glittering academic success and then embarked on his career to achieve glittering professional success. He was a captain in the Medical Corps and served as a military psychiatrist at Andrews Air Force Base. He has been a senior psychiatric consultant for the National Security Agency, chief psychiatrist of the Employees Health Service at the National Institutes of Health, and a consulting senior psychiatrist and lecturer at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He also served as an instructor in the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard University's School of Medicine, and is a Fellow in the Royal Society of Medicine. He is a pilot, husband, and father of three children.

Even now, as he turns 75, he maintains a robust private practice, undeterred by age, ailment, or surgery. I suppose the animating force is an unquenchable desire to help others. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate him on his 75th birthday and wish him many more.●

#### TRIBUTE TO TRACE DIE CAST: 1997 BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY INDUSTRY OF THE YEAR

● Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the recognition of Trace Die Cast of Bowling Green, Kentucky as the 1997 Industry of the Year by the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce.

When Trace Die Cast started operations in 1987, it employed 24 Kentuckians. In the 12 years since, the company has undertaken two major plant expansions and now employs 170 individuals, with an annual payroll of \$4.6 million. They continue to be well-positioned for future growth in Warren County.

In the last decade, Trace Die Cast has become a major supplier of parts for some of America's favorite automobiles, including the Ford Explorer.

Trace Die Cast's role as a community leader is also well-known, especially their enterprising approach to employee education. They have important partnerships with local vocational schools to train their employees. They also provide scholarships for their employees who want to continue their education. Throughout their existence in Bowling Green, Trace Die Cast has contributed both time and money unselfishly and generously to local charities and civic organizations.

Mr. President, local leaders in Bowling Green have described Trace Die Cast as a community's dream company. I could not agree more. They are a tribute to the American spirit, and I am proud to have such a company in my state. I congratulate them on this honor and ask all my colleagues to join me in celebrating their accomplishments.●

(At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

#### TRIBUTE TO KATI SASSERVILLE

● Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight the many achievements of Kati Sasserville on her retirement this week. Kati is ending her eleven years of service at Otter Tail Power Company headquartered in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, just across the border from my home state of North Dakota. Otter Tail also serves many customers in my state.

Kati is a trailblazer and a source of inspiration from many young women in the upper Midwest. Her years at Otter Tail put her in the forefront of the debate on electric utility restructuring. A 1973 law school graduate of the University of Minnesota, Kati started her distinguished 23 year career as a trial attorney in the Office of General Counsel for the U.S. Navy. She served as a Minnesota Public Utilities Commissioner from 1975 to 1981.

Kati has a professional and civic membership roster second to none. She won Harper's Bazaar Diamond

Superwoman Award back in 1980. The Fergus Falls Daily Journal named her one of the City's "Eight Most Influential" citizens in 1987. In addition, Kati managed to balance her active professional career with the needs of her family. She managed to raise six wonderful children and now enjoys the company of six grandchildren. She is an example of someone who persevered and made it on the merits.

Kati's a formidable advocate, and I will fondly remember debating the energy issues of the day. Her sense of fair play was always appreciated.

Kati is the only person I know who would wake up in the morning and thank God for the Global Warming phenomenon. Any possibility of temperatures warming up in Fergus Falls is something to hope for in the future.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in wishing Kati well in her retirement and in fulfilling her life-long dream of running a bed and breakfast in Fergus Falls.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ADOLPH KOEPPPEL

● Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, on April 11, 1923, nearly seventy-five years ago, Adolph Koepfel was born in Brooklyn, New York.

He attended PS92 and New Utrecht High School. He went on to attend Brooklyn College for two years; but his studies were interrupted by the advent of World War II.

Mr. Koepfel served America with great distinction in the Navy from 1942 to 1945, where the ship on which he served, the USS Barton, came under attack at Okinawa and the Philippines.

Following his wartime military service, Mr. Koepfel attended New York University Law School, where he completed his LL.B. in 1948 and received an LL.M. in 1953. He has achieved great heights in the legal community, and to this day remains a true pioneer in the fields of condemnation and real estate tax appeals.

In addition, Mr. Koepfel is known for his achievements as a philatelist, having been awarded the Earl of Crawford Medal by the Royal Philatelic Society.

On April 11, he will celebrate his 75th birthday along with his wife of 54 years, Rhoda, his daughters Pamela and Leslie, and his granddaughters Melissa, Jennifer, and Tara.

Beyond all of his personal and professional achievements, Adolph Koepfel is a great humanitarian and community servant. I am proud to call him my friend, mentor, and counselor; and I am pleased to wish him a very happy 75th birthday. The people of New York are blessed to have him in our community.●

#### IN HONOR OF THE 47TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF DR. LLOYD JOHN AND MARY JANE OGILVIE

● Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, it is an honor today to celebrate the 47th Wedding Anniversary of Dr. Lloyd