

the first Democrat to call for a halt to the U.S.-led bombing campaign in Kosovo. He introduced legislation to update and improve the War Powers Resolution by erecting more safeguards before the deployment of our fighting men and women into situations of hostility.

I must point out that I have not always been in agreement with Senator CLELAND. I strongly opposed a balanced budget constitutional amendment, and I think MAX CLELAND supported it. I opposed the line-item veto, and I believe that MAX supported the line-item veto. But I have never, never, not for a second, questioned his sincerity, his integrity, or his respect for our Government and his love of this country.

MAX CLELAND is an outstanding Senator, a great American. He lost his Senate seat, at least for the foreseeable future, but he will never lose his integrity. Senator CLELAND is a real winner. Just as his military buddies were proud to have served with MAX CLELAND in Vietnam, I am honored to have served with him in the Senate. MAX CLELAND is a hero. He will always remain so.

May God bless MAX CLELAND. I wish him nothing but happiness and success in the future.

God give us men!

A time like this demands strong minds,
great hearts, true faith, and ready hands.
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie.
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And brave his treacherous flatteries without
winking.

Tall men, sun-crowned;
Who live above the fog,
In public duty and in private thinking.

For while the rabble with its thumbworn
creeds,

Its large professions and its little deeds, min-
gles in selfish strife,

Lo! Freedom weeps!
Wrong rules the land and waiting justice
sleeps.

God give us men!

Men who serve not for selfish booty;
But real men, courageous, who flinch not at
duty.

Men of dependable character;
Men of sterling worth;
Then wrongs will be redressed, and right will
rule the earth.

God Give us Men!

Mr. President, MAX CLELAND is that kind of man.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I certainly confirm, underscore, and applaud the statement of the Senator from West Virginia about MAX CLELAND. I don't know of anyone in my life who has given me more inspiration than MAX CLELAND. Whenever things seem a little bit dark and dreary, I always see that smiling face of MAX CLELAND. He is a tremendous man, a fine human being, and he has a lot more to contribute. His name will grow from where it is today. The people of Georgia and this country have not heard the last of MAX CLELAND.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I renew my unanimous consent request that was just asked a few minutes ago. I ask the Chair, do I need to restate that?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. It is not necessary.

Is there objection to the unanimous consent request previously stated by Senator REID?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the esteemed President pro tempore of the Senate, Senator BYRD, is going to speak for a while this morning. We are in morning business until 1 o'clock today.

For those wishing to speak on the Shedd nomination, the time has been running in spite of the fact we are in morning business. Senator HATCH is here, Senator LEAHY and his staff are here, and he is available to come at any time. I don't think they will need all the time.

I ask unanimous consent that morning business be extended until 2 p.m. today and that the Shedd time continue to run for Senators who wish to speak on that during morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from West Virginia.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, seeing no other Senator seeking recognition at this time, I again have sought recognition.

Mr. REID. Will the Senator yield? I failed to make one announcement.

Mr. BYRD. Absolutely, yes.

Mr. REID. I apologize. The cloak-rooms have sent out an announcement that there will be no more votes, but the majority leader has asked me to announce there will be no rollcall votes today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from West Virginia is recognized.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR JESSE HELMS

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, the senior Senator from North Carolina, Mr. HELMS, is in some ways my Senator. I was born in North Carolina. I was born there before Senator HELMS was born there. My natural father and mother are buried there in North Wilkesboro, NC. One of my brothers, the only brother I have still living, still lives in Wilkes County.

Many years ago, before the senior Senator from North Carolina joined the Senate, he was a radio commentator on WRAL in Raleigh, NC. During one of his radio commentaries, it is my understanding that the future Senator from North Carolina—the future Senator then, Senator HELMS, not Senator at that point—spoke of me as a Senator whose “greatest strength is his dedicated independence of thought and action,” as a Senator who is “neither easily frightened nor intimidated,” as

a Senator who “stands up for what he regards as important.”

I have always appreciated those words, and over the many years, I have appreciated the friendship of the senior Senator from the State of North Carolina. So when JESSE HELMS was elected to the United States Senate in 1972, it seemed to me that we were already long-time friends, and we became even closer friends.

The more we came to know each other, the more at least I liked and respected him. I think he returned the compliment, but I cannot speak for that. I can only say for myself that I liked and I like JESSE HELMS and I respect him, and I have always respected him.

I found Senator JESSE HELMS to be a deeply religious man of immense integrity, indisputable honesty, unqualified patriotism, and absolute independence, a man who is absolutely fearless. He is a southern gentleman of the first order. He is a product of the old South and a product of his beloved North Carolina.

He has certainly made his presence felt in the Senate. During his years in the Senate, he served as chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and was made a grand duke by the country of Lithuania for his contributions to the reestablishing and strengthening of the independence of the Baltic nations.

He also acquired a powerful and widely recognized reputation for his strong independent stands, and I am here to verify that many of the stands he has taken have not only been strong stands and independent stands but, in some cases, Senator HELMS stood virtually alone.

Some of his positions have involved his standing, as I say, alone not only against Presidential administrations but against the remainder of the entire U.S. Senate, or at least most of the Senate. More than once, Senator HELMS has been the singular vote on a particular position, and I know that can be a bit lonely. But he has never wavered in the strength of his convictions or his votes.

“The paramount thing for political leaders,” he once explained, “is whether a man believes in his principles and whether a man is willing to stand up for them, win or lose.”

That was JESSE HELMS. Consequently, we always know where Senator JESSE HELMS stands. Take an issue—abortion, prayer in school, Presidential nominations, reducing the deficit, taxes, Government waste, the future of the country—if one did not already know where JESSE HELMS stood, JESSE HELMS was always ready to tell you where he stood.

Some of his positions have been unpopular. Some of them may have seemed out of step with the march of history, but he has contributed to the great debates that from time to time have been heard over and throughout

the land. JESSE HELMS has made a major contribution to those debates.

In volume 2 of my own "History of the Senate," I express the concern "ours is becoming a nation of hardened cynics." I went on to point out that we ought to return to our beginnings. Go back to the hills—the hills of West Virginia or the hills of North Carolina—look up at the treetops and into the open sky and gain a renewed sense of God's presence in our personal lives and in the life of the Nation. As Senators, we especially need to remember the old values, such as faith in God, obedience to law, respect for the flag, honesty, and thrift. How very well Senator HELMS has reflected those values.

I close, Mr. President, by repeating the words Senator HELMS spoke of me 40 years ago, words I remember so well, words I think so aptly tell the story of Senator JESSE HELMS:

He is a Senator whose greatest strength is his dedicated independence of thought and action. He is a Senator who is neither easily frightened nor intimidated.

And foremost—

He is a Senator who has always stood up for what he regards as important.

Mr. President, my wife Erma, who is an old-fashioned girl who married an old-fashioned guy, and I wish the very best for JESSE HELMS and his lovely wife Dorothy Jane Coble as they enter the next phase of their lives.

I yield the floor, and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. NELSON of Florida). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak as in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate is in morning business.

TRIBUTE TO ED HADEN

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a member of my judiciary staff, my chief counsel on Judiciary, Ed Haden. Ed will be leaving the Senate at the end of this session, returning to private practice at the outstanding Alabama law firm of Balch & Bingham in Birmingham, AL, where he will work in that firm's appellate litigation department. I will say this: My loss and the Senate's loss will be a great gain to Balch & Bingham.

Before joining the Senate, Ed had a distinguished legal career, having served as a staff attorney on the Alabama Supreme Court and as a law clerk for the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. He came to the Judiciary Committee in 1999, first serving as counsel to Senator ORRIN HATCH on the nominations and constitutional law unit. In 2000, he became my chief counsel for

the Subcommittee on Youth Violence and is currently chief counsel for the Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts.

Ed's work ethic is beyond reproach. From the moment he joined my staff, his legal analysis has been unmatched and his commitment to the rule of law unwavering. His attention to detail and his ability to be thorough but brief at the same time has helped me enormously. I know I can trust his judgment, and I thank him for dutifully managing our staff and our issues since the day he arrived on our team.

During his tenure on the committee, Ed has proven what I knew when I hired him, that he would always carry himself in a professional manner, and even though he might not agree with those on the other side of the aisle, he could work with them and gain their respect.

Ed is truly a man of utmost character. Senator SCHUMER, chairman of the Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee, commented at a recent executive committee meeting that:

[Ed] . . . represents the best of what we are about. He is bright and diligent and honorable. His word is his bond. . . . [Ed] has done a great job, with great distinction. He is really an admirable lesson of what public service is all about.

This is one time I could not agree with Senator SCHUMER more. Ed is a man of honor and integrity. His intellect is unmatched. Most importantly, his commitment to fairness and getting the job done distinguishes him. He has certainly provided extraordinary assistance to me, but I believe he has enriched the entire debate on the Senate Judiciary Committee. He is indeed an extraordinary worker with a prodigious capacity to produce high-quality work, almost unbelievably so. He works long hours and is committed to producing the absolutely most accurate answer for any question we are debating.

Ed has not only been a great manager of the complex issues that have passed through our committee, he also has been a good manager of the people I hired to work on the committee. His ability to lead is without question, and the respect he has garnered during his service has been expressed by those who worked closely with him.

Makan Delrahim, chief counsel to Senator HATCH, comments:

Ed is a close friend and an indispensable colleague. I worked with Ed when he first came to Washington and began his career as Nominations Counsel on Sen. Hatch's Judiciary staff. Our friendship has continued as he moved to serve Senator SESSIONS. Ed's intellect and integrity are second to none. The committee will miss him.

Rita Lari Jochum, chief counsel to Senator GRASSLEY, comments:

Ed Haden is an excellent lawyer and a great American. He will be sorely missed by the Judiciary Committee.

Stephen Higgins, chief counsel to Senator KYL, comments:

Ed Haden was an invaluable asset to the Judiciary Committee. He is a superb lawyer

and has both a tremendous respect for the Constitution and a great love for this Republic. We will all miss him.

Scott Frick, chief counsel to Senator THURMOND, comments:

Ed Haden possesses a unique combination of intelligence, work ethic, and the ability to communicate his ideas clearly. These qualities have served Senator SESSIONS and the State of Alabama well. And in addition, he is a truly nice guy. When I first joined the Judiciary Committee staff, Ed selflessly offered his time and advice, and I remain appreciative of his willingness to lend a hand.

John Abegg, Judiciary counsel to Senator MCCONNELL, comments:

Ed Haden has been an invaluable asset to the United States Senate and to its Judiciary Committee. His intellect, resourcefulness, and work ethic are recognized and respected by both sides of the aisle, as is his always courteous and modest demeanor. Ed is the embodiment of the principle that one can disagree with others, even passionately so, about the most important of matters without being personally disagreeable. He is a credit to the country, his state, and his family.

Sean Woo, counsel to Senator BROWNBACK, comments:

In many ways and especially in matters dealing with judicial nominations, Ed Haden was the conscience of the Republican judiciary staff. His commitment, enthusiasm and intellect—applied with the Southern charm of an Alabamian—will be sorely missed.

Mr. President, Ed has given me and his country an extraordinary effort, and I am grateful for that, as well as his loyalty and dedication, always having my best interest in mind and not his own, never seeking credit for his great work, doing what was best for this country and Alabama. Ed is an exceedingly hard worker, a man of integrity and ability, who has dedicated himself to reaching a just result on every issue assigned to him, ranging from bankruptcy, where he was extraordinarily engaged in a most complex bit of legislation, to judicial nominations. I could not have been successful without his leadership and assistance.

Ed's greatest strength, I believe, is that he has a remarkably developed and rich set of core principles that guide him in his daily work. He does not go in for flash or show, but for substance. He, to a remarkable degree, understands the glory and uniqueness of the American Government. He loves America. He works constantly to enrich her and strengthen her—especially the rule of law, which has been the foundation of this country's strength.

Ed Haden is more than just an outstanding chief counsel, he is a great friend and a great American. I thank him for his service to me, to the people of Alabama, and to the people of the United States. He typifies what we so often see and too little hear about in this body—the great work of our staffs. They give us loyalty into the night, preparing work for us so we can shine the next day before the TV cameras. I think Ed is the epitome of excellence in staff, the kind of person I have valued greatly and will miss greatly.