

stickler for fair and thorough legislative practices. I remember Milo came to the Alaska House of Representatives at 5:30 a.m.—so he could read and analyze each bill before the regular session started. Milo had a commitment to the processes of democracy that few people share or understand.

At the time of his death, a family member said:

He was a skilled practitioner of the healing arts; a patron of the arts; humanitarian; solon; diligent inquirer into the mysteries of jurisprudence and its philosophy; a student of the legislative process; stern foe or hypocrisy and deceit; physician in the true tradition of Hippocrates and Saint Luke; and friend. Milo would want people to know that he tried.

Mr. President, Milo Fritz's contributions to Alaska and Alaskans over almost three generations are far more than those of a man who just "tried." He left a legacy of caring and hard work and love of people and of his profession that will be hard to match.

He gave his all, over and over again, whether in a distant village or in his office in Anchorage, and Juneau and Anchor Point. I was not only fortunate to serve with him in our legislature, I was also one of his patients, so I know first hand of the excellence with which he accomplished whatever task was before him.

Flags in Alaska flew at half staff last week to honor the memory of Dr. Milo Fritz, a great Alaska physician, legislator, and pioneer. A great man.

To Betsy, his wife of 63 years, and his son Jonathan, we extend our deepest sympathy. I, too, Mr. President, have lost a friend.

Mr. President, I ask that the articles about Dr. Fritz's life and death which appeared in the Kenai Peninsula Clarion, and the Anchorage Daily News on September 8th and 9th respectively, and editor Bill Tobin's tribute in the "voice of the times" column on September 10th, be printed in the RECORD.

The material follows:

[From the Anchorage Daily News, Sept. 8, 2000]

DOCTOR, 91, A PIONEER

FRTZ WORKED WITH DEAF, BLIND IN ALASKA'S BUSH

(By Jon Little)

SOLDOTNA.—Milo Fritz, a former state legislator and pioneering physician who dedicated much of his life to healing deaf and blind children in the Alaska Bush, died Aug. 31 at his home in Anchor Point. He was 91.

Gracious, direct and with a razor wit, Fritz was an institution on the Southern Kenai Peninsula.

He was an eye, ear and throat specialist who treated thousands of Alaskans over the years, among them Sen. Ted Stevens, friends and family say. He briefly set up practices on Park Avenue in New York, said Elizabeth Fritz, his wife of 63 years.

But Fritz's career path took a more meaningful route, following his heart to villages across Alaska.

"So many of the Native children were going blind and deaf for lack of medical care," she said.

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in Fritz's memory. The governor's office recounted Fritz's career in detail:

He was born in Pittsfield, Mass., on Aug. 5, 1909, and came to Alaska in 1940 to set up a practice in Ketchikan. He was soon drawn away by World War II, serving in the Army Air Corps beginning in 1941.

When asked where he wanted to serve, Fritz replied Alaska and was sent back to the state where he'd already set up a practice. He went across the state, helping soldiers. He rose to the rank of command surgeon for the 11th Air Force.

According to the governor's office, Fritz won commendations for rescuing a pilot from a plane crash on Mount Redoubt and another pilot from a burning plane at Elmendorf Air Base.

After the war, Fritz went to New York, but in 1947 he was called back by the then Alaska commissioner of health to investigate blindness among Alaska Native children.

Fritz was elected to the Legislature in 1966 and again in 1972 to represent Anchorage in the state House. After moving to Anchor Point, he was elected to a third term in 1982.

Janet Helen Gamble, has long-time receptionist, described Fritz as a missionary. "Sometimes he got paid, sometimes he didn't, because he really was not interested in money. He was interested in people's health, how he could make people see better."

Fritz and his wife retired to the house they bought in 1949, where the scenery hasn't changed much over the decades. "We see nothing man-made from our windows in the summer unless a ship goes by," Elizabeth Fritz said. "It was the perfect place to end our lives and do things we'd put aside all these years."

He is remembered by his family as, "a skilled practitioner of the healing arts" as well as a humanitarian and a "diligent inquirer into the mysteries of jurisprudence and its philosophy" and a "stern foe of hypocrisy and deceit."

In addition to his wife of 63 years, Fritz is survived by his son Jonathan, also of Anchor Point. No memorial service is planned, in accordance with his wishes.

[From the Voice of the Times, Anchorage, AK, Sept. 10, 2000]

PASSING PARADE

(By Bill Tobin)

The death of Dr. Milo Fritz at his Anchor Point home a week ago Thursday took from the Alaska scene a pioneer eye doctor and bush pilot who was part of another era—a time in Alaska when the Legislature was populated by people who had lives outside of politics. Service in Juneau, back in those days, was a part-time affair. Fishermen served and went back to their boats. Physicians served, and went back to practices. Druggists served, and went back to their stores. Real estate agents served and went back to the job of selling houses. Dr. Fritz, a long-time Anchorage eye surgeon who was 91 at the time of his death, was a Republican member of both the House and the Senate during his years in politics. He won international fame for the many years of service he provided as a medical circuit rider on countless trips to remote villages throughout rural Alaska. He learned to fly on the G.I. Bill, after service as a major in World War II, and piloted his own plane on his medical missionary work.

[From the Kenai Peninsula Clarion, Sept. 8, 2000]

MIL0 H. FRITZ, M.D.

Dr. Milo H. Fritz died at his home in Anchor Point on Thursday, Aug. 31, 2000, after a brief illness. He was 91.

No memorial service is planned in accordance with his wishes.

Born in Pittsfield, Mass., on Aug. 25, 1909, Fritz studied medicine and became a specialist in eyes, ears, nose and throat medicine. He came to Alaska in 1940 to set up a practice in Ketchikan, but was soon drawn away by the war. He served in the Army Air Corps beginning in 1941 and rose to the rank of command surgeon for the 11th Air Force. He spent many of his war years in Alaska, including service in Anchorage and Adak, and received commendations for rescuing a pilot from a plane crash on Mount Redoubt and another pilot from a burning plane at Elmendorf Air Base.

After the war, Fritz set up a practice in New York, but in 1947 he was called back by the then-Alaska Commissioner of Health to investigate blindness among Alaska Native children. Fritz again made Alaska his home, and his desire to address health problems in Alaska eventually drew him to the Alaska Legislature. Fritz was elected in 1966 and again in 1972 to represent Anchorage in the state House, and, after moving to Anchor Point, he was elected to a third term in 1982, representing the Kenai Peninsula.

"(He was) a skilled practitioner of the healing arts; patron of the arts; humanitarian; solon; diligent inquirer into the mysteries of jurisprudence and its philosophy; a student of the legislative process; stern foe of hypocrisy and deceit; physician in the true tradition of Hippocrates and St. Luke; and friend," his family said. "Milo would want people to know that he tried."

He was preceded in death by his son, Pieter, in 1977.

Fritz is survived by his wife of 63 years, Elizabeth, and son, Jonathan, both of Anchor Point.

In recognition of his services to the people of Alaska, Gov. Tony Knowles has ordered state flags lowered through the end of the workday today in memory of the former legislator and pioneer.●

HONORING DR. JOHN DiBIAGGIO, PRESIDENT OF TUFTS UNIVERSITY

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I would like to take a few minutes to pay tribute to someone who has been a good friend to those of us in Massachusetts who are committed to quality higher education, Dr. John DiBiaggio, for his service, his vision, and the academic leadership he has shown—not just in Massachusetts, but nationwide. Dr. DiBiaggio has been the president of Tufts University, in Medford, Massachusetts, since 1993. Yesterday he announced that he will be retiring in June 2002 and I know that he will be sorely missed.

I think anyone who has spent time at Tufts in the last several years has seen Dr. DiBiaggio, or his wife, Nancy, walking their dogs on campus. When the DiBiaggio's moved to Medford in 1993, they moved into Gifford House, an on-campus residence. I think that that decision to live on campus, just like an incoming freshman, to have an sincere open-door policy, and to create a real sense of community, is an enormous testimony to his dedication to service.

Dr. DiBiaggio's tenure at Tufts has been an extremely successful one. Since Dr. DiBiaggio arrived at Tufts, the university has shored up its fiscal

condition by tripling the size of its endowment. The University has built six new buildings at its Grafton campus and a new fieldhouse. The school's student-faculty ratio has dropped to 8:1, one of the best of any major college or university. Since Dr. DiBiaggio became president, the University has established study abroad programs in Chile, Moscow, Japan and Ghana.

Most recently, he announced the creation of a new school of public service. In my judgment, The University College of Citizenship and Public Service will be one of Dr. DiBiaggio's most enduring legacies at Tufts. Despite the large increase in volunteer rates among Tufts students, Massachusetts residents and citizens nationwide, voter apathy and cynicism are at all-time highs. This new school will be a "virtual college," which aims to incorporate the goals of public service into the school's curriculum. In April, the College of Citizenship and Public Service received a \$10 million donation from Pierre and Pam Omidyar, the founders of the person-to-person online trading website, eBay. This gift allowed the College of Citizenship and Public Service to grant twenty-one scholarships to undergraduates to participate in programs geared to develop values and skills of active citizenship and covers the financial aid needs of students who are eligible for scholarship assistance.

Tufts is no longer one of Massachusetts' best kept secrets. Under Dr. DiBiaggio's guidance, Tufts' undergraduate, medical, dental, nutrition, international relations, and veterinary schools have grown in stature and are consistently ranked among the nation's elite. The number of applicants increased by more than 70 percent in just the past five years. The test scores, grades and class rank of the incoming freshmen continues to break school records. The University is now standard on U.S. News and World Report's annual list of top colleges and universities, rubbing elbows with Harvard, MIT and Boston College.

I again commend Dr. DiBiaggio on a successful term as President of Tufts University. All of us in Massachusetts know the tremendous vision and scholarship that will be the legacy of Dr. DiBiaggio's service at Tufts. I know that he will be missed by students, parents and alumni alike, but I thank him for his service, and I am genuinely happy for him and for Nancy. I wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO JOSHUA S. WESTON

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Joshua S. Weston, a longtime friend, and one of New Jersey's most actively involved citizens, on the occasion of his receiving the "Distinguished Achievement Award" by B'nai B'rith International.

Mr. President, over the years Josh and I have worked together on many

endeavors. In 1949, Josh joined me and a childhood friend to form Automatic Data Processing (ADP), a small payroll services company. Thanks to the tireless efforts of many and Josh's leadership as Chairman, ADP is now the leading provider of payroll services worldwide.

When I first heard that Josh was being honored, I was not surprised. Josh has always been an active participant of worthy causes. Josh and his wife, Judy, formed the Weston Science Scholars Program, an innovative science program that affords selected ninth- and tenth-grade students from Montclair High School the opportunity to work with Ph.D. scientists at Montclair State University.

While Josh knows the educational value of a good math and science program, he also recognizes the need for American Jewish students to form a bond with Israel. For more than five years, Josh has underwritten the costs of a United Jewish Federation program in which a college student attends a semester abroad in Israel.

In addition to Josh's philanthropic contributions, he sits on many committees. Josh is the president of the Josh and Judy Weston Family Foundation of Montclair. He serves on the governing boards of the International Rescue Committee, the New Jersey Symphony, the New Jersey Business Partnership, the Liberty Science Center, Mountinside Hospital, Boys Town of Jerusalem and Yeshiva University Business School, among others. He is the recipient of many awards, including an honorary degree from Montclair State University.

Mr. President, I am pleased to honor my good friend Joshua Weston on this acclaimed occasion. We are indebted to him for his service. He has demonstrated to his family, his friends, and his community that this honor is well-deserved. I salute him on yet another great achievement.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WYANDOTTE BOAT CLUB

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 125th Anniversary of the Wyandotte, Michigan, Boat Club, which will be celebrated on September 23, 2000. Established in 1875, the club is revered in the annals of rowing, and for 125 years it has been a staple of the Wyandotte community, encouraging the citizens of Southeastern Wayne County to flourish physically, mentally and morally.

The Wyandotte Boat Club is located on the Detroit River, approximately 15 miles "downriver" of Detroit. It was formed in 1875 when a group of Wyandotte men, led by Mr. John McKnight, officially organized and together purchased a ten-oar barge. The first home of the club was at the foot of Pine Street in a shed behind the summer home of a resident of Wyandotte. And though the club has come a very long way since this time, in a literal man-

ner it has not moved an inch, for on January 14, 1997, the club moved back to the foot of Pine Street, into a state of the art, multi-million dollar facility.

The boat club has come to play a very large role in the lives of Wyandotte citizens. Its more than 700 members assist in the coaching, maintenance and administration of the club's activities and regattas. They teach rowing programs to individuals of all ages. Furthermore, in the mid 1940's, the club began to sponsor a program offering rowing to area high school students. In its 50 plus years, the program has now expanded to include elementary and middle school students as well as high school students. The school programs are open to all students and there is no charge to the student or the school for participation. Many of the high school oarsmen who have participated in the program have become known both nationally and internationally as top competitors in the rowing arena.

Mr. President, I applaud the members of the Wyandotte Boat Club for the many beneficial things they do for the citizens of Wyandotte on a daily basis. In particular, to sponsor rowing for children of all ages, which not only provides these children with a lifelong hobby, but also helps to teach them some of life's most basic and important lessons. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate the Wyandotte Boat Club on 125 successful years, and wish the group continued success in the future.●

THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOATING SOCIETY

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 25th Anniversary of The Antique and Classic Boat Society (ACBS), which will be celebrated from September 21-24, 2000, at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Michigan. For 25 years, the ACBS has united individuals with an interest in historic, antique and classic boats, allowing them to share fellowship, information, and experiences.

The ACBS is an international organization headquartered on the St. Lawrence River in the Thousand Islands region of Clayton, New York. It currently has 44 chapters worldwide, and a membership of over 6,500 individuals. The organization was founded not only to unite individuals with an interest in antique and classic boats, but also to protect and promote the heritage of boating. It does this through the preservation and restoration of historic boats, as well as by encouraging members to share their love and enjoyment of all aspects of historic, antique and classic boating with both other members and the general public.

I think it is important to note here the large role that the State of Michigan has played in the growth and development of the recreational boating industry. Beginning as early as the