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IN RECOGNITION OF SALLY HAWKINS

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Sally Hawkins, owner and president of WILM NewsRadio in Delaware. On her 80th birthday she remains a vibrant and purposeful woman, a dedicated entrepreneur and a celebrated public servant.

Sally started and maintains what is now the only remaining privately-owned and operated all-news radio station in the country. In an era when single-station AM radio operations have all but disappeared, she built a respected news station from the ground up--earning my respect, and the respect of her peers along the way.

As chair of the National Governor's Association and now as the DLC's chair for Best Practices, I've spent some time touring the country and highlighting the nation's very best programs, businesses and innovators. WILM certainly ranks among the best. The inroads made by Sally and the family, her family, at WILM are unparalleled.

WILM News radio strives to reinforce the foundation of community radio. The station's programming transcends race, creed, income and political boundaries. Its commitment to community outreach and support of the arts and non-profits has helped keep organizations vital during the crucial development stages.

In a business environment in which the pressure to cut costs for the sake of profit is common, Sally has never wavered in her commitment to balanced coverage and public service. WILM is heavily committed

to providing a neutral forum in which all political aspirants may enjoy equal time to debate issues in front of the public. Sally seeks to enlighten listeners, making them better citizens and more informed voters.

How many of us can say that we are proud of the life that we've lived and the service that we've provided to the community?

In a career that spans decades, Sally has led the National Association of Broadcasters Board, as well as the boards of the Better Business Bureau, the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Small Business Administration. She has served on the executive committee of the Grand Opera House, the external affairs committee of Christiana Care, and on the boards of Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Goldey-Beacom College, the Delaware Council of Economic Education, the Girl Scout Advisory Council and the Delaware Community Foundation. Last year, she was named The Ledger's 2001 Entrepreneurial Woman of the Year. This remarkable woman, at the helm of one of our state's most important news outlets since 1972, has done much to pave the path for women who want both successful careers and families and for First State organizations who dare to dream big.

Fueled by dedication and determination, Sally Hawkins took control of WILM thirty years ago. Today she still runs the day-to-day operations of the station, writes copy, mentors and travels internationally.

Today, I commend Sally Hawkins for her talent and perseverance, and join all of those

whom she has touched, in celebrating her
life. Happy Birthday, Sally.