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I would like at this time to wish her an extremely long and happy retirement – she has earned it – and I am sure everyone who knew and worked with May Berry will join me in this sincere wish.

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