

*DEDICATION
OF THE
SENATOR
SAM J. ERVIN, JR.,
LIBRARY*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1990

*WESTERN PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MORGANTON, NORTH CAROLINA*

Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., Library
Wednesday, October 17, 1990
12:00 noon

- Prelude* *Cathleen Deal, Cellist*
Douglas Allen Barnett, Pianist
- Welcome* *Dr. Jim A Richardson, President*
Western Piedmont Community College
- Invocation* *The Reverend Steven P. Eason*
First Presbyterian Church of Morganton
- Greetings on Behalf of the Board of Trustees* *The Honorable Claude S. Sitton*
25th Superior Court Judge
Chairman, WPCB Board of Trustees
- Dedicatory Remarks* *The Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr.*
Former United States Senator from Tennessee
- Unveiling of Senator Ervin Portrait* *Winston Lear*
Artist: Marcus Blahove *Dean of Learning Resources*
- Dedicatory Prayer* *The Reverend W. F. McIntosh*
Green Street Presbyterian Church
- Adjournment* *Dr. Jim A. Richardson*

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*Champion of the constitutional rights of the individual
and the preservation of personal freedom..*

Sam J. Ervin, Jr., became one of the most widely-known and respected United States Senators in the 20th century. During his service in the Senate, he became recognized as an authority on constitutional law. "Senator Sam" chaired the Senate Judiciary Committee's sub-committees on Constitutional Rights, Revision and Codification of the Laws, and Separation of Powers. During his chairmanship of the Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities, he gained national prominence as a defender of the Constitution.

The Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., Library seeks to provide a wide range of resource information and reference services to scholars and students interested in the founding and development of our nation. These resources address issues pertinent to the judicial history of the United States Constitution and to the interpretation of current issues before the courts.

Drawing upon literature, history, religion, and politics, the Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., Library encourages people to study, question, discuss, and reflect upon those democratic principles which continue to shape our nation. The Library provides resources on the people, places, and events which helped shape Senator Ervin's philosophy.

The Library embodies the concept of a physical center reflective of a man who evoked the strength of the Constitution during a time of national political and leadership crisis. Its purpose is to help people more fully understand the principles upon which this country was founded - the history, interpretation, and role of the Constitution in contemporary affairs. An educational endowment fund is being established which will provide income to support an annual seminar on Constitutional issues. The first Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., Constitutional Seminar will be held in the Spring of 1991.

Senator Ervin's collection is housed on the campus of Western Piedmont Community College, in a replica of his home library. The Library contains the books, furnishings, and artifacts which were originally in the Senator's home.