

There is the Carl Vinson Highway in Milledgeville. There is the Carl Vinson Clinic. There are trophies, proclamations, awards, honors from all of the armed services. There are flags presented to him from every military branch, each with colorful strips of satin bearing the names of every battle that branch has fought. There is the Carl Vinson Home in McLean, Virginia, where war widows and veterans are cared for. There is the Carl Vinson Room in the House where Armed Services Committee meetings are held. There is even a mountain in Antarctica named for Vinson. And there is the world's most powerful nuclear-powered carrier, CVN 70, the CARL VINSON, named in his honor.

Yet ask the gentleman from Georgia what place he will hold in history, and he will sincerely reply: "My

friend, as soon as I'm gone, I'll be forgotten."

Not likely, Mr. Chairman. Not likely.

(The above biography was written by Phyllis Stephenson with some historical information abstracted from Susan Landrum's 1968 Master's Thesis, "Carl Vinson: A Study in Military Preparedness," and used in the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company publication commemorating the launching on March 15, 1980 of the USS CARL VINSON. Carl Vinson died on June 1, 1981.)



*"Once you start to plow a row, plow it straight and hard to the end of the line."*

*"No person representing the American people should ever place the defense of this nation below any other priority."*

*"The most expensive thing in the world is a cheap army and navy. History has clearly shown that weakness invites attack."*

*"I will have to leave it to others to sell the idea that we can rise by falling, that we can advance by retreating, that we can achieve strength through weakness."*