ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO DIED

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, a tragedy occurred in my home state of Kentucky on the morning of April 22nd. A UH–60L Black Hawk helicopter crashed at Ft. Campbell during a training mission. Seven of the United States Army's 101st Airborne Division's finest soldiers died in that crash.

I would ask us all to remember Sergeant Anthony Wade Brown, Specialist Earl Condary Eoff, Sergeant Robert Gerald Millward, Sergeant James Robert Murphy, Jr., Chief Warrant Officer Two Aaron King Power, Specialist Fury John Rice, and Sergeant Julius Raymond Wilkes, Jr. We must also keep their fellow soldiers, friends, and especially their families in our prayers during this difficult time of mourning.

These seven soldiers took an oath when they joined the military to defend this great nation. We must not take for granted their service and their commitment to us. We should take an oath now that they will remain in our hearts forever and that we will never forget them.

God bless these men.●

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF GPCC YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the Greater Pontiac Community Coalition for its ten year anniversary of their Youth In Government and Business program.

The Greater Pontiac Community Coalition was founded by Reverend Douglas P. Jones, Pastor of the Welcome Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac, Michigan, who serves as President of the Greater Pontiac Community Coalition.

The program has promoted educational excellence among middle and high school students, with over 3,500 youth participating in this fine program.

This year students were taught about government, law enforcement, education and business through hands-on visits with state and local officials representing each of those segments of the community. Valuable experiences are garnered through the Youth in Government and Business, inspiring many to carry the torch of community leadership into the future.

Building on his past successes, Reverend Jones now plans to engage the program at the elementary school level, and his program is also being duplicated in other communities in Metropolitan Detroit. This is a testament to the success faith-based and community-based efforts can have in making a difference for our youth.

I want to express my congratulations to Pastor Jones and wish him and all graduates continued success. Most importantly, I would like to thank him for his commitment to the youth in our communities.●

PRIVATE BRYAN J. WHITE GRADUATION

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Private Bryan J. White of the 1st Battalion, C Company, Platoon 1038, on the occasion of his graduation from United States Marine Corps basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina, on April 30, 1999.

Private White is fulfilling his boyhood dream of serving his country as a soldier in the Marine Corps. To that end, throughout high school he maintained himself in peak physical condition and excelled on the swim and wrestling teams to meet the rigorous requirements of the Marine Corps.

His commitment to fight and sacrifice to protect the United States and the freedoms Americans cherish is to be commended. He deserves both respect and admiration for his dedication to country.

I want to express my congratulations to Private White and wish him the best of luck. Most importantly, I would like to thank him for his commitment to the United States of America.●

90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ITALIAN TRIBUNE

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Ed and Marlene Baker as they celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Italian Tribune.

The Italian Tribune was founded as a weekly newspaper by Vincent and Mary O. Giuliano in 1909 and has chronicled Italian-Americans for most of the 20th Century.

The Italian Tribune has sustained the link between American life and Italian culture which is vital in exemplifying how we are a nation of immigrants and how America has provided opportunities for those who have come to her shores.

The Tribune is one of the oldest weekly, and now bi-weekly, Italian-American newspapers in the United States and has kept Italian-American residents in Michigan informed for nine decades, bringing them news in the accurate manner and serving as an important community forum.

The paper continually promotes loyalty to the United States, pride of Italian heritage and fraternal spirit to a community of over 350,000 first, second and third generation Americans of Italian descent in Michigan.

Since the original issue was printed, the Tribune has gone through many changes, and is now published by Edward and Marlene Baker, descendants of the founding Giulianos.

I want to express my congratulations to Ed and Marlene Baker as they celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Italian Tribune, making it a part of life for hundreds of thousands of people. The longevity of the paper is a testament to their diligence and the sacrifices made by Vincent and Mary O. Giuliano.●

TRIBUTE TO GIL CLARK

● Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my dear friend Gil Clark. I have admired and respected Gil as a friend and coach for many, many years. My thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family today, as Gil continues a brave fight against liver cancer.

Gil and I go way back. I met Gil in the 1950's, when he was my little league baseball coach in Louisville. Gil began coaching with the Beechmont Youth Program at its inception in 1955, and served faithfully as president of the program for more than 35 years.

Gil always taught our little league team that the most important thing about sports was that you practice hard and play your best, not necessarily that you win. He loved baseball without qualification, and all of us on the team could tell. His enthusiasm for the game was infectious, and his desire to teach us lessons about life through sports was inspiring. Gil wanted our team of aspiring players to understand that in life, you're not always going to win—but you should always perform to the very best of your ability. Gil certainly made a lasting impression on my life, and I'm sure that in his many years as a coach he has positively influenced the lives of numerous other young people as well.

Gil committed himself to teaching and coaching young people at Beechmont, and worked on the administration of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Parks service for many years. Gil practiced what he preached to those around him, and showed runners year after year that perseverance and spirit could get the job done.

In 1974, Gil was asked by Louisville's mayor to take on the challenge of directing the ''Kentucky Derby Festival miniMarathon.'' Gil organized many races during his tenure with Metro Parks, but he especially enjoyed putting on the miniMarathon each year. Gil took the mayor's challenge seriously, built the race to its present glory, and is now known in Kentucky as the ''father of the miniMarathon.''

Gil, thank you for working with me and coaching me as a young little leaguer at Beechmont, and thank you for your dedication to so many other young people throughout the years. I am certain that your service to the Louisville/Jefferson County community is appreciated by all, and I am amazed at your continued commitment to others even in your time of illness. May God continue to bless you, and give you strength in your valiant fight.

Mr. President, please include a copy of a Louisville Courier-Journal article from Sunday, April 25, 1999 recognizing Gil Clark's accomplishments.