

tremendous honor. I wish this budding historian the best of luck in the future.●

ANDREW IVY

● Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Mr. Andrew Ivy, an exceptional history teacher and role model from Kirkland, WA. Mr. Ivy has been named Teacher of the Year by the Richard T. Farrell Teacher of Merit Award for outstanding success in teaching history. This national award is presented every year to an educator who develops and uses innovative and creative teaching methods that interest students in history and help them make exciting discoveries about the past. As a teacher at International Community School in Kirkland, WA, Mr. Ivy has shown exemplary commitment to making history education engaging and exciting, while involving his students in the National History Day Program.

National History Day is a yearlong program in which students explore historical topics related to an annual theme. Participants qualify for national competition after competing in several local and State competitions. In preparing his students for the program, Mr. Ivy's work ethic and research skills provided students with the tools necessary to be successful in competition.

Teachers like Mr. Ivy play an important role in education. By teaching about the nations past they keep our history a part of our current lives. When children question, and discuss our history, teachers are doing something profoundly patriotic; they are helping students understand who we are as a nation—the importance of our common heritage and the values that make us unique.

Andrew Ivy has proven exceptional. His drive to offer his students the best education possible has led him to invest a great deal of personal study in his curriculum. He regularly attends training classes to ensure that the material he teaches is accurate and current. Additionally, Mr. Ivy often tries new approaches to his teaching method in order to keep his classroom interested and challenged. His curriculum often changes to meet his very own high standards and his students greatly benefit from all of his efforts.

Mr. President, I find it heartening that there are educators in this country who devote so much time and effort to shaping the minds of our young people. I hope you and our colleagues will join me in recognizing Mr. Andrew Ivy for his dedication to educating the potential leaders of tomorrow.●

AMERICAN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION STAR OF LIFE AWARD RECIPIENTS

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I am pleased to rise today to announce seven Star of Life award recipients from the State of Oregon.

The Star of Life is awarded each year by the American Ambulance Association recognizing America's top paramedics.

The reliable responsiveness and medical and safety expertise performed by paramedics throughout the neighborhoods and communities of our country deserves high recognition and praise.

Paramedics are the first to respond to the urgent health and safety needs of our Nation's citizens, providing an invaluable contribution to our society. The men and women of this profession truly are dedicated to helping others as they perform a myriad of vital services from delivering babies to rescuing the lives of individuals in harm's way.

Mr. President, I would like to recognize the following Oregonians who received the 2005 Star of Life Award: Victor Hoffer, Elizabeth Fullmer, Greg Sorenson, Michael Beaulieu, Shelly Solum, David Landstrom, and Brett LaCroix.

I want to congratulate each of these individuals for their esteemed service and recognition in receiving this prestigious award.

Oregon is proud and privileged to call Victor, Elizabeth, Greg, Michael, Shelly, David and Brett its own.

These Star of Life award recipients exemplify their extraordinary performance among a profession that provides critical services to our communities and our Nation. I am most grateful for their service.●

TRIBUTE TO HAZEL HANON AND GRACE SIERS

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I rise in honor of two exceptional women. Hazel Hanon and Grace Siers, both of Britton, SD, are the last two active charter members of Marshall Post No. 3507 Ladies Auxiliary in Britton for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Lady Auxiliary.

Hazel, now 87 years old, joined for her husband and brother who both served during World War II in the U.S. Navy and Air Force respectively.

Grace, now 90 years old, has many family members who served in the military. Her husband served in World War I, and her three brothers in World War II. She has also had five sons, a grandson, and a granddaughter serve our country.

Hazel and Grace have devoted their time and energy to the group by holding banquets, selling poppies, and even compiling a dessert cookbook. It is a privilege for me to honor them today for their past dedication and their continuing support of our veterans of foreign wars.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2626. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of

the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2627. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving exports to Qatar; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2628. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation NMS" ((RIN3235-AJ18) (Release No. 34-51808)) received on June 14, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2629. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Equal Opportunity and Administrative Law, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Housing/Federal Housing Commissioner, received on June 14, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2630. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Equal Opportunity and Administrative Law, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of President, Government National Mortgage Association, received on June 14, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2631. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel (Banking and Finance), Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Terrorism Risk Insurance Program—Additional Claims Issues; Insurer Affiliates" (RIN1505-AB09) received on June 8, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2632. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations (70 FR 29633)" ((Docket No. FEMA-D-7571) (44 CFR 65)) received on June 14, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2633. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Communities Eligible for the Sale of Flood Insurance (70 FR 21159)" ((Docket No. FEMA-7776) (44 CFR 64)) received on June 14, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2634. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility (70 FR 25787)" ((Docket No. FEMA-7877) (44 CFR 64)) received on June 14, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2635. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility (70 FR 20299)" ((Docket No. FEMA-7875) (44 CFR Part 64)) received on June 14, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2636. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations (70 FR 29637)" (44 CFR