

greatness, and with goodness, come obligations to conform the pursuit of our interests to the pursuit of our values.

Here is an occasion when our values and our interests both demand that Kim Jong Il be given a stark choice: transparency or extinction. Let us resolve that we will not allow Kim Jong Il to plunge North Korea into famine again this year. Let all nations of conscience join to deny the Kim Jong Il the means—through trade or unrestricted aid—to perpetuate his rule and his luxurious lifestyle while the North Korean people suffer and starve. America should stand ready to help the people of North Korea, if and only if we can verify that every last citizen, soldier, peasant, and prisoner—including the prisoners in Camp 22—can share equally in the aid we should offer generously. If Kim Jong Il refuses the just terms on which we must condition our assistance, then why should we extend the misery of his people by delaying his meeting with the ash heap of history? That is why I am resolved to oppose, to the last breath in my body, adding this country to the list of Kim Jong Il's benefactors and abettors until the prisoners of Camp 22 are fed, healed, housed, and freed.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COMMENDING HAWAII'S LEXUS ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS

• Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I congratulate the Dream Team, a team of eight students from Farrington High School in Honolulu, HI, for winning the grand prize in the 2007 to 2008 Lexus Environmental Challenge. The Lexus Environmental Challenge is a multi-phased national competition between 350 middle and high schools from across the country. The challenge addressed issues from global warming awareness to informing communities about the critical importance of water conservation.

Over the course of 7 months, the Dream Team competed against 350 middle and high school teams from across America in challenges addressing local environmental issues. The Dream Team was one of 55 teams invited to compete in the final global challenge where students were asked to develop a program that could potentially change the world. For their final global challenge, the Dream Team took advantage of Hawaii's ethnic diversity to educate people around the world about the benefits of clean renewable energy by creating a video message in 11 different languages ranging from French to Samoan to Tagalog and Arabic.

The members of Farrington High School's Dream Team include Genevieve Cagoan, Robin John Delim, Carmina Figuracion, Robin Monzano, Minh Trang Nguyen, Herald Nones, Maria Sheville Lee, and Princes Rosit.

The team was led by Ms. Bebi Davis, a Farrington High School chemistry teacher who was the team's adviser.

The grand prize for the Lexus Environmental Challenge is \$75,000. Ms. Davis will receive \$7,000 for various classroom projects, Farrington High School will receive \$15,000, and the remaining \$53,000 will be split equally among the eight members of the Dream Team.

I congratulate the Farrington High School Dream Team for its great accomplishment in capturing the 2007 to 2008 Lexus Environmental Challenge grand prize. I wish all of them the best in their future endeavors, and I urge them to continue to set an example for future generations. I extend the same congratulations to all students and advisers who participated in the 2007 to 2008 Lexus Environmental Challenge.●

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

• Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, on April 29, 1958, the District Court in Pueblo, CO, established the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District. That action resulted in a firm water supply for the Arkansas River Basin, providing much-needed supplemental water to communities which are home to the wonderful people of this region.

The Arkansas River Basin includes communities whose livelihoods have always depended on water: farming, ranching, steel manufacturing, small businesses. The economic tide in this region has ebbed and flowed during that 50-year period, but its riches lie not in dollars but in its people.

The Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District has served the region and people honorably and with diligence. The district works hard to help the Arkansas Valley realize the importance and value of a well-managed water supply.

Currently, the district is spearheading a plan to at last construct the Arkansas Valley Conduit, originally authorized as part of the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project. The conduit was deemed necessary five decades ago, and the need for clean and safe water supplies for the people of the valley has only increased as water quality is threatened and federally acceptable standards have increased. But the Lower Arkansas Valley, which this project will serve, needs assistance in providing that safe water supply and in meeting those standards.

This Arkansas Valley Conduit is a top priority to me as I near the end of my tenure in the Senate. As one of the final components of the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project and as a major goal of the now 50-year-old Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District, I congratulate the district on their hard work to make this project feature a reality, and thank them for all they have accomplished in their half century of commitment to the Arkansas Valley.●

PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS

• Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I wish today to honor this year's Delaware winners of the Prudential Spirit of Community Award in recognition of their exemplary volunteer service. Congratulations to Anna Schuck of Wilmington, Matthew Waldman of Delmar, Alexandra Browne of Wilmington, and Taylor Folt, also of Wilmington.

I strongly believe that volunteerism is one of the cornerstones of American society. As shown on numerous occasions, volunteering is not only good for the community; it is an enriching and rewarding experience for the volunteer, as well. Anna, Matthew, Alexandra and Taylor all exemplify this spirit of involvement and giving back to their communities. They serve as models of selflessness and examples of how rewarding volunteering can be both personally and to the community they serve.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards was created by Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals to inspire and encourage youth volunteerism. Since being founded in 1995, these awards have honored more than 80,000 young volunteers at the local, State and, national levels.

Delaware winner Anna Schuck founded the H.U.G. Club, for "Helping the Underprivileged Globally," at her school, coordinating fundraising events including "Rock Uganda," a series of seven concerts. Her efforts helped to raise \$14,500 to provide necessities for a school in Uganda.

Middle school winner Matthew Waldman has participated in a variety of volunteer activities, including a charity antique show, bell ringing for the Salvation Army, and a Humane Society walk. Matthew has also organized dances instead of birthday parties, asking attendees to donate food and other items instead of bringing gifts.

High school Distinguished Finalist Alexandra Browne spent 2 years coordinating events and fundraisers, recruiting volunteers and overseeing other logistics as chair of her school's Relay for Life fundraising event. The event, which raised more than \$60,000, donates to cancer research, education, and patient support.

Middle school Distinguished Finalist Taylor Folt spent a month of her summer vacation teaching English and American History to students in India, as well as helping them with maintenance tasks around their campus.

Congratulations to this year's honorees, Anna, Matthew, Alexandra, and Taylor, who personify the spirit of giving back. These outstanding young volunteers are an inspiration to me and, I hope, to many others throughout Delaware.●