

campaigns, as well as expanded diagnosis and treatment options.

I urge all citizens to support the search for the early detection and cure of prostate cancer and support those individuals and families who face this devastating disease.

RECOGNIZING CHARACTER COUNTS! WEEK

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to the national week of CHARACTER COUNTS!, the most widely used character building framework in the United States.

In 1993, after a conference in Aspen, Colorado, CHARACTER COUNTS! was formed to educate students about universal ethical standards. With six vital pillars—trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship—CHARACTER COUNTS! teaches students essential values for developing into productive citizens. This important program supplements a regular school's curriculum to educate our future generations about important decisionmaking skills. The program has been credited for increased school attendance, as well as a reduction in misbehavior.

Character education is vital to our youth, and it teaches important lessons we would all do well to embrace. I commend the CHARACTER COUNTS! organization, its instructors, and its participants for being a part of this admirable initiative.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

SPECIALIST JUSTIN PELLERIN

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a special person, U.S. Army SPC Justin Pellerin of Concord, NH, for his service and supreme sacrifice for our Nation.

Tragically, on August 20, 2009, this courageous young soldier, only 21 years of age, gave his last full measure of devotion when an explosive device detonated near his vehicle in Wardak Province, Afghanistan. At the time of the incident, Specialist Pellerin was serving as an infantryman assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division based at Fort Drum, NY.

Justin joined the U.S. Army in June 2007 after graduating from Concord High School and deployed in January in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. This decorated patriot is the recipient of the National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, NATO Service Medal, and most recently, the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Heroes from the State of New Hampshire have served our Nation with honor and distinction from Bunker Hill to Afghanistan. Undoubtedly, Justin has advanced that fine tradition. Daniel Webster said: "God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are al-

ways ready to guard and defend it." Justin chose to serve our Nation, guard our precious liberties, and answer the call of freedom. Our debt of gratitude will never be fully repaid to Justin or his loved ones.

The sudden death of a young person is especially difficult for family and friends. In November 1864, President Abraham Lincoln was informed by the War Department of a mother who had lost five sons in the Civil War. He wrote the mother: "I feel how weak and fruitless must be any word of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save."

My heartfelt sympathy, condolences, and prayers go out to Justin's wife Chelsey; his parents Dale and Melissa, and family and friends. The death of Justin, on a battlefield far from New Hampshire, is a true loss for our State and Nation, and a grievous pain for those who knew him best and loved him most. Although he will be sorely missed by all, it is my hope that his family and friends may find some comfort in knowing that Justin's devotion, sense of duty, and selfless dedication have made the safety and liberty of each and every American more secure. May God bless SPC Justin Pellerin.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO OUTSTANDING HAWAII EDUCATORS

• Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate two outstanding educators from my State, elementary school teachers Liane Tanigawa of Pearl Ridge Elementary School and Seanyelle Yagi of Kanewai Elementary School, for receiving the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, PAEMST.

The PAEMST, administered by the National Science Foundation on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, is the highest recognition that a mathematics or science teacher may receive. Since the program's inception in 1983, more than 3,900 educators nationwide have been recognized for their contribution to mathematics and science education. As a former educator and principal, I know firsthand of the countless hours that go into creating curricula, and it makes me proud to see outstanding teachers receive recognition for their hard work.

The dedication of Liane and Seanyelle to their field and to the children of Hawaii is undeniable. I congratulate them both for receiving this outstanding recognition, and I wish them the very best in their future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO STEWART AND MARLENE GREENEBAUM

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I wish to pay special tribute to the outstanding achievements of Stewart and Marlene Greenebaum. Stewart and Marlene are lifelong residents of Baltimore and good friends of mine who have shown a deep personal commitment to Baltimore, to Maryland, and to improving our community and Nation through their commitment of time and resources.

The Greenebaums have helped to establish our community as a leader in health care. Through their efforts, they established one of our Nation's premier cancer centers. The Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center is known for translating its innovative research into better treatments. Stewart is a past chairman of the board of the University of Maryland Medical System, home to the Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center. The Greenebaums also founded the Children's House at Johns Hopkins Hospital, a facility dedicated to helping the families of children who are fighting life-threatening illness.

The Greenebaums' commitment to improving health care outcomes is known nationwide. Stewart serves as the founding chair for the American Cancer Society's Cancer Resource Network, a program that provides resource navigators to major cancer centers. He is chairman emeritus and member of the Board of Advisors for the Baltimore-based Institute of Human Virology, which focuses on HIV/AIDS research, care, and treatment, and he serves on the board of Profectus Biosciences Inc. and Welldoc, a company whose products help in the management of diabetes. Stewart also is one of the five U.S. directors of the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

Marlene Greenebaum is known in our community for her commitment to Judaism. She has served as president of Temple Oheb Shalom Sisterhood and is past president of Miriam Lodge, K.S.B. She was vice president of fundraising for Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem and is currently on the Greenebaum Cancer Center board.

Marlene and Stewart are also committed to education. Stewart helped to found and fund a program that sends African-American students to Israel. He is the founding president of Shoshana S. Cardin Jewish High School. On October 21, the Shoshana S. Cardin School will honor Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum for all they have contributed. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding the many accomplishments of Stewart and Marlene Greenebaum and for their undying commitment and dedication to helping others.●

TRIBUTE TO BRAYDIN AND TORIN SONES

• Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I wish today to recognize the noble efforts of