

D.A.R.E Law Enforcement Executive of the Year. It gives me great pleasure to see him receive this prestigious award after years of hard work within the local community.

Sheriff Furlong was born and raised in Carson City. In 1975, he graduated from Carson High School and enlisted into the U.S. Air Force in 1978. Throughout his service, Sheriff Furlong earned associate degrees in political science and criminal justice, as well as a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration. He retired from the U.S. Air Force, Office of Special Investigation in 1998 and began work with the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Investigations Division and Parole Probation. In 2003, he was elected to the Office of Sheriff and has continued to serve the local community in this role ever since.

The D.A.R.E Law Enforcement Executive of the Year is awarded each year by D.A.R.E America and the Drug Enforcement Agency to recognize law enforcement officers who go above and beyond in drug prevention and enforcement. Sheriff Furlong reinstated the D.A.R.E Program during his first term in office and has consistently worked to improve the initiative throughout his tenure, heavily involving local schools and the community. He has expanded the program to cover several topics pertaining to positive decisions in addition to substance abuse. His dedication and commitment to shaping positive futures for Carson City students is undeniable. The efforts made by Sheriff Furlong and the Carson City Sheriff's Office are truly admirable, standing as an example to neighboring communities. Along with the award, Sheriff Furlong will receive \$1,000 that he has decided to put back towards the D.A.R.E America Program.

I also commend each contributing organization that has made this important program possible, including Grocery Outlet, the Emblem Club, Northern Nevada Coin, the Elks, the Eagles, and the Downtown Business Association, as well as the local schools that have facilitated the D.A.R.E Program. Through the help of local funding, students learn about peer pressure, resistance strategies, internet use, safety, bullying, violence prevention, and the value in making wise choices. The Carson City Sheriff's Office provides numerous activities and educational opportunities throughout the year to compliment the curriculum and further inform students. This initiative is truly a reflection of Carson City's strong and dedicated community.

Throughout his tenure, Sheriff Furlong has demonstrated professionalism, commitment to excellence, and dedication to the highest standards of the Carson City Sheriff's Department. This program could not have achieved its success without Sheriff Furlong's hard work. I am honored by his service and am proud to call him a fellow Nevadan. Today, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sheriff Fur-

long on receiving this award, and I give my deepest appreciation for all that he has done to educate our local students on these important topics. I offer him my best wishes on the D.A.R.E Program and in his role to keep Carson City safe for years to come.●

CONGRATULATING CARRIE HAIR AND JAN HRINDO

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Carrie Hair and Jan Hrindo on receiving the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. These awards are truly prestigious, attained by only the most influential educators across the country. The Silver State is fortunate to have both of these successful teachers working at local schools.

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching are considered the Nation's highest honor for kindergarten through high school mathematics and science educators. These teachers stand as role models to their colleagues and are dedicated to the success of Nevada's future generations, particularly in encouraging students to pursue science, technology, engineering, and math. The first teachers to receive these awards were selected in 1983, with 108 recognized annually. These educators go above and beyond in their local schools to implement unique, high-quality curriculum to help students excel in their learning. I am thankful to both Ms. Hair and Mrs. Hrindo for their invaluable educational contributions.

Mrs. Hrindo has been very influential in the lives of students, teaching for a total of 20 years. She has spent the last 15 years at Incline Elementary and Incline Middle School, teaching a variety of different science classes. She also taught at Sierra Nevada College for several years, serving as a mentor to preservice teachers. Mrs. Hrindo currently teaches sixth grade earth science, seventh grade life science, and eighth grade Spanish. Her vast range of knowledge is truly inspirational. She is most recognized for her hands-on labs and activities that provide students with a unique learning experience and for incorporating science into her students' lives outside the walls of the classroom. She has also administrated community science events and science fair workshops. Mrs. Hrindo's work is truly commendable.

Ms. Hair has been a mathematics teacher for 15 years. Her past 4 years have been spent teaching seventh and eighth grade students in Reno at Darrell C. Swope Middle School, a highly successful magnet school. Ms. Hair was a key contributor in developing the curriculum incorporated at several middle magnet schools in Washoe County School District, which aims to enrich student knowledge at an accelerated pace. Ms. Hair is also an active member in the Nevada Math Council

and the Northern Nevada Math Council and presents workshops at regional conferences. Her work is greatly appreciated.

As a father of four children who attended Nevada's public schools, and as the husband of a life-long teacher, I understand the important role that teachers play in enriching the lives of Nevada's students. Ensuring that America's youth are prepared to compete in the 21st century is critical for the future of our country. The State of Nevada is fortunate to be home to educators like Ms. Hair and Mrs. Hrindo.

I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in thanking Ms. Hair and Mrs. Hrindo for their dedication to enriching the lives of Nevada's students and in congratulating them on receiving this incredible award. I wish them well in all of their future endeavors and in creating success for all students who enter their classrooms.●

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S LAW CENTER

● Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the National Women's Law Center for its longtime leadership and tireless commitment to expanding opportunities for women, girls, and families. The law center's advocacy has made a difference in countless lives for more than 40 years, and I have been proud to work with its members on many issues during my time in the Senate.

On July 30, the Coalition on Human Needs will honor the law center as its 2015 Human Needs Hero, recognizing years of research, analysis, advocacy, and litigation on a wide range of issues at the State and Federal levels. Since its inception in 1972, the law center has been a tireless advocate for women, children, families, and those Americans most in need. It has been at the forefront of many important policy initiatives and a source of insightful information that is essential to promoting and enacting good public policy.

Over the years, I have been proud to work with the law center on important programs and policies—from affordable childcare to expanding tax credits for low- and moderate-income families, increasing the minimum wage, and narrowing the wage gap. The law center's outreach and hard work have educated grassroots advocates and helped convey their views to policymakers for over 40 years—it is truly an invaluable resource.

As a determined and committed defender of the needs of women and families, the law center has earned the admiration of fellow advocacy organizations, the respect of its ideological opponents, and the trust of members of this body, including myself. I congratulate the National Women's Law Center for receiving this important award recognizing its hard work and commitment to social justice. I look forward to continuing to work together for years to come.●