

their job, they know they can't lock up enough people. God bless them and you ladies and gentlemen of the Boys & Girls Club, God bless you. Senator Thurmond is correct because you do God's work.

This is the first line of defense. This is the first line in a battle we all must wage if we are to stop the crime and the violence and the drugs from taking over our streets, our children. And that, ladies and gentlemen is what it's all about.

I am very, very proud to be here with two people who symbolize what is the first line and the best line and ultimately the line that will get us to where we need to be—two parents who all America, and indeed all the world applaud just a few days ago.

Lou Gehrig had the kind of character that all the world would admire. Let us thank God that his record was equaled and surpassed by another individual who had the character of which we can all be proud and say, "He was worthy of Lou Gehrig". But, why was it so? It was so because Vi and Cal Ripken Sr. Gave him the leadership and the character and the understanding that gave him the will and the strength of character to persevere in the face of pain, the face of frustration, the face of being tired. We all get tired. Cal Ripken Jr. rose and he said, effective, "My Dad and Mom said go to work every day and do the best you can." Is there a more powerful, potent message to be given to young people than that message? God bless Vi and Cal Ripken, Sr. We're proud of you and proud of what you've done. By the way, they're from Maryland.

I know if you'll allow me four more minutes, I will close with this. I hope all of you have read the books left for you. There is a young woman sitting at my table who is typical of all of the young people we come here today to honor. She's a success story. Not just the kind of success story we read about every day, but also a success story of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. She's from Dallas. She's a young woman. She's an African American woman and a true success story. Read here quote. She says, "I am proud to tell my story. One of struggle and hardship, but also one of triumph and achievement." LaWanda Jones, that's what it's all about because, there are a lot of people who don't have a Vi and Cal to lift them up, to nurture them, to protect them, to give them the kind of internal mechanism and compass that they need to succeed.

And so, as Todd Green said, one word came to mind when he thinks of Boys & Girls Clubs, and that's "family . . . family". All of us are extended family for an awful lot of young people who need the kind of nurturing and caring and courage given by Cal and Vi to Cal, Jr. Each of you in this room is a part of that caring family of America that ultimately will be the difference. Not the government, it won't happen in government. Government can help. I am one who believes that government needs to a partner. I'm one who believes that we need to marshal our resources in the form of, yes, paying taxes and applying those to good efforts. But, in the final analysis, we will not solve the problems of making sure America's future is secure and the security of our young people is assured if it's not through our families and through us, individually, caring for our young people. That's what Boys & Girls Clubs of America do. Brooke Kersey said, "In good times and bad times, the Boys & Girls Clubs have been my life line." You do God's work. I am proud to be a part of all of you. Thank you.

"CAPTAIN" ARNOLD I. BURNS

Good morning. Thank you very much for our kind invitation. I'm delighted to be here with the distinguished members of the law

enforcement community mentioned by Congressman Hoyer.

I've come today to make some important arrests. I've come to arrest crime and I've come to arrest violence, to arrest the drug epidemic, to arrest teenage pregnancies, to arrest alcoholism, to arrest youth gangs. One thing responsible people in the law enforcement business have come to know, and know very well, and Steny made this point, and that is that law enforcement alone cannot solve our societal problems. We have come to believe it and to espouse the old adage that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. We know that in order to make our streets safer and more secure, we must work with organizations such as Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

We need more programs for the young people of this nation of ours—programs like the tried and proven initiatives that have earned Boys & Girls Clubs the reputation as the positive place for kids. These programs help young people to resist the peer and other pressures that lead to substance abuse, to say "no" to drugs, "no" to alcohol, to say "no" to teenage premature sex and to say "no" to gangs.

We need more Boys & Girls Clubs which keep kids coming back day after day and year after year under professional, adult supervision to learn how to get up in the morning, to show up on time for an interview, to find employment, to develop good work habits and to become a reliable and important part of the work force. Boys & Girls Clubs of America programs literally save hundreds of thousands of kids from harm and destruction each year. It is these programs that keep kids from harm and destruction each year. It is these programs that keep kids out of our courtrooms and out of jail. It is these programs that prepare kids to become productive and participating citizens in the mainstream of our society. It is these programs which make our kids producers of tax dollars and not consumers of tax dollars as wards of the State or as welfare participants. Boys & Girls Clubs of America saves billions of dollars, multi-billions of dollars of our tax dollars, because the cost of prevention pales beside the cost of cure, particularly as the cure rehabilitation so rarely works.

So, my department, today, is issuing an APB—an all points bulletin—to the 1680 boys & girls clubs facilities across our nation—reach out—reach out for more kids. Ten years ago, boys & girls clubs served 1,000,000 kids. Today, over 2,220,000 kids. Tomorrow—within the next few years—3,000,000 kids. No alibis.

We in law enforcement will continue to investigate, apprehend, prosecute, convict and incarcerate those who slip through the prevention net. We would like—no, we need, no, we must have your help—your continued top flight work, to cut potential miscreants off at the pass and bypass the criminal justice process entirely by opting for good and productive citizenship early. I close by congratulating our "Youth of the Year" finalists: Jason Reese, Russell Roberson, Fernando Pantoja, Michael Smith and Michael Lampkins. Each of them personifies the success boys and girls clubs can achieve in providing youngsters with a real alternative to life on the streets.

We will continue our work, you continue yours—ours must be a partnership, a collaboration. Together, we can make America a better place for all.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROBERT E.
HENDERSON

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Dr. Robert E.

Henderson, of Columbia, SC, for his dedicated service as the president of the South Carolina Research Authority.

Throughout his life, Dr. Henderson has worked to make his community, State, and Nation better places in many different ways, not the least of which was through his stint in the Army during World War II. During that time, he fought our enemies as an infantryman, rising to the rank of staff sergeant and being awarded a Purple Heart. Nearly 50 years later, he continued to work for the defense of the Nation when he was appointed to the prestigious Defense Science Board and the Defense Manufacturing Board.

Dr. Henderson's most significant contributions to my State came through his work as the president of the South Carolina Research Authority, a position from which he recently retired. Under his direction, the authority has helped the Palmetto State to become a force in high-technology research and development, industry, and education. Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Henderson and the SCRA, billions of dollars have been added to our State's economy and South Carolina has become a favored place for companies to do business. Appropriately, Dr. Henderson's good work has been recognized many times and he has even been awarded South Carolina's highest award, the Order of the Palmetto.

Mr. President, Robert Henderson has had an important impact on South Carolina and we are grateful for all his efforts on behalf of our State. I wish him good health and much happiness in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO COY A. SHORT UPON
WINNING THE SAM NUNN AWARD

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, the United States gained its freedom from our colonial masters in a bloody and hard fought war for independence. By the end of our 8-year struggle with the Crown, the young United States possessed the Continental Army, the force that ultimately defeated the English, but in 1776, it was ordinary men who grabbed weapons and first fired on the redcoats at Lexington. With that "shot heard 'round the World," not only was a blow for freedom struck, but the tradition of the citizen-soldier was hatched, one that remains alive and strong in our Nation today in the form of the National Guard.

In cities and towns throughout the United States, one will find armories where men and women, much like their Minuteman forefathers, drill and prepare to meet the missions with which they are tasked. While much about the Guard has changed since the 1700's, muskets have been replaced by M-16A2 rifles and the horse cavalry has been replaced by the M1A2 main battle tank, one thing has remained constant, that those who serve in the Guard are willing to serve selflessly as they come to the aid of their community and work for the defense of the United States.