

family, including her daughters, Joyce Theresa Fairfax-Wells, and Ruth Mary Fairfax-Frazier, her son-in-law, Anthony Frazier, her former son-in-law, Cornell Wells her grandchildren, Annika Frazier-Muhammad, Darius Frazier, Monnica Wells, and Jacqueline Wells, her great grandson, Hamza Ibn Omar Frazier-Muhammad, and many other relatives, friends, and members of the community she helped to create. Her death is a great loss, but the legacy of her good works will endure.●

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM MARVIN ON BEING NAMED THE 1996 MANCHESTER CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

●Mr. BOB SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Bill Marvin, president of Manpower Temporary Services, on being named the 1996 Manchester's Citizen of the Year. I commend his outstanding community commitment and congratulate him on this well-deserved honor.

As chairman of the 1996 Optima Board, Bill oversaw the capital campaigns for the Currier Gallery and the Palace Theatre, the downtown ice skating rink, and the merger of Catholic Medical Center and Elliot Hospital.

Bill is a member of the Manchester Rotary Club, the Manchester Chamber of Commerce and the Catholic Medical Center. He has also brought two area hospitals together and has helped to organize bingo games for the Boys and Girls Club.

He is known to many as always willing to take responsibility, whether to chair a committee, raise money, or oversee a board of directors. Whatever Bill dedicates his time to, he always gets the job done.

While giving his time to all these community projects, Bill and his wife, Ann, operate Manpower Temporary Services which was named the 1995 Service Business by Business New Hampshire magazine.

As a former small businessman myself, I am proud to honor Bill Marvin's outstanding community commitment that is important to the future and prosperity of Manchester. We are indeed indebted to him for his efforts. Congratulations to Bill on this award and his service to New Hampshire and the people of Manchester.●

TRIBUTE TO THE JOHN BAPST MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL BAND

●Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the John Bapst Memorial High School Band which honored Maine and America with its outstanding performance during 1997's Presidential Inauguration.

Personally selected by President Clinton to attend the festivities, the John Bapst band had audiences on their feet with rousing renditions of "The Maine Stein Song," "Camino Real," and "Acclamations," to name a few. The band performed on the National Mall, along with bands such as

the Count Basie Orchestra, and also at the prestigious Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

This is not the first time that Maine has been made proud by the John Bapst band. In 1991, the band was on hand to welcome troops returning home after the Gulf war. For many, their stop in Bangor was the first time on American soil since their deployment. I am certain they will never forget the warm greetings they received in Bangor—which garnered national attention—and John Bapst band played a special part in honoring our servicemen and women. The tradition continued when John Bapst played for President Clinton last November. The President was so impressed with the group that he pledged to invite them to inaugural festivities should he be reelected.

Mr. President, this band represents the very best characteristics of America's young people. Band members set a goal of excellence and worked hard to achieve it, and I believe their efforts should be highlighted. In an era of conflicting and often dubious influences for young men and women, and in a time when negative stories abound in the media, our children should have positive examples to follow. That is why we should shine a spotlight on groups like the John Bapst band, which represent the finest qualities and aspirations of America's youth. I applaud the band members and their director, Julie Ewing, for showing our youth what can be accomplished through commitment and hard work.

In closing, I would once again like to thank the John Bapst Memorial High School Band for their tremendous contribution to the 1997 inaugural festivities, and for making the State of Maine very proud.●

COSPONSORSHIP OF THE OLDER AMERICANS FREEDOM TO WORK ACT

●Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today in cosponsorship of Senate bill S. 202, the Older Americans Freedom to Work Act. This important legislation would remove existing penalties on outside income earned by Social Security beneficiaries who have reached retirement age.

Currently, Mr. President, persons between the ages of 65 and 69 face a penalty of \$1 in reduced benefits for every \$3 in earnings above \$13,500 per year. This penalty is unfair because it singles out older Americans for double taxation. That is, this income already is subject to normal taxation, and currently is reduced again through the earnings penalty.

The penalty also is unwise, Mr. President, because it discourages trained and experienced people from participating in the labor force. When the current earned income limit was devised back in the 1930's, it was thought that encouraging older Americans to leave the labor force was a good idea. But times have changed. Where during the

Great Depression there were too many workers and too few jobs, we face, in the next several decades, a worsening labor shortage. As the baby boom generation reaches retirement age between 2000 and 2010, there will be fewer younger workers to take the place of those who retire. We should be encouraging older Americans to stay in the labor force as long as they can safely continue to make a contribution there. In this way older people can better see to their financial needs, senior citizens will remain more active and thus happier and healthier, and our Nation will continue to benefit from these people's skills and wisdom.

For the sake of our older Americans, and for the sake of continuing economic prosperity for all Americans, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.●

TRIBUTE TO THE CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL CRIMSON TIDE MARCHING BAND ON REPRESENTING NEW HAMPSHIRE IN THE 1997 INAUGURAL PARADE

●Mr. BOB SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the students of the Concord High School Crimson Tide marching band for the distinguished honor of representing New Hampshire in the 1997 inaugural parade. All 116 band members and Bill Metevier, the band's director, deserve special commendation for their hard work and achievement. Being selected as 1 of only 20 bands to perform for the President and the First Lady is quite an honor for all the students.

At an inaugural reception on behalf of the Concord High School Crimson Tide marching band last week, I had the pleasure of meeting some of the band members, young men and women, who have demonstrated the hard work and dedication that is characteristic of Granite State students. These band members have proven that determination and teamwork are the hallmark of success both as musicians and students. The Crimson Tide marching band's decision to play the "National Emblem March," composed by E.E. Bagley while he was a resident of New Hampshire, was a very fitting tribute to the Granite State and our role in American history. We were indeed honored to have the Crimson Tide marching band representing New Hampshire with their outstanding musical performances.

The Concord School's Friends of Music also deserve special recognition for their help in raising \$20,000 from residents and local companies during such a very short period of time. Without their hard work, the Crimson Tide's trip to Washington, DC, would not have been possible.

Marching in the parade was also a special highlight for these students since the Concord High School is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year.

The Crimson Tide band with their classic military cadet style uniforms