

more serious ways—as its vice president for 1994, president for 1995, and current treasurer.

Legislators and journalists are supposed to keep a healthy distance between them but I confess to a great personal affection for my old friend, Alan Emory. I congratulate him and his beloved wife, Nancy, as he celebrates 50 fine years with the *Watertown Daily Times*. ●

NEW MEXICO SMALL BUSINESS AWARD WINNERS

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise to honor New Mexico's small business-owners and advocates which were recently selected by the U.S. Small Business Administration to receive recognition for their efforts to improve business opportunities in New Mexico.

I not only want to recognize these individuals for their fine work but also to take a moment and highlight how important small businesses are to the State of New Mexico. Comprising over 96 percent of all businesses in my home State, small businesses are responsible for employing over 115,000 people and creating billions of dollars in revenue for our economy. Not only do small businesses serve as the backbone to New Mexico's economy, but they also serve as the foundation to our local communities. Small businessowners not only create thousands of good paying jobs in my State but also serve as an excellent example for young entrepreneurs who are chasing the American dream of owning their own business.

Mr. President, there could have been no better choice for the SBA's top award than the family-owned business of Elite Laundry Co. in Gallup, NM. Mary Jean and Andrew Christiansen have worked with their children to build their business for the past 30 years and I cannot tell you how proud I am they are being recognized as the SBA's New Mexico Small Business Persons of the Year.

The Christiansens have been an asset to me as I work to better serve New Mexico small businesses in the U.S. Senate. The Christiansens have built up Elite Laundry Company to employ 70 employees in a region of New Mexico which has one of this Nation's highest poverty rates. They have actively participated in my Small Business Advocacy Council and have testified on behalf of New Mexico businesses to the Senate Small Business Committee. The Christiansen family can be proud of their efforts in small business and I congratulate them for receiving this award.

Mr. President, small businessowners and entrepreneurs in New Mexico can also count on receiving the most up-to-date and insightful business information from Michael G. Murphy, the assistant business editor for the *Albuquerque Journal*. The SBA has chosen this former editor of the *New Mexico Business Times* as this year's New Mexico and Region VI Advocate of the

Year. Mr. Murphy understands the importance of keeping small business-owners informed of the issues, and has worked tirelessly to provide the tools they need to survive. I know I speak on behalf of all of New Mexico's small businesses when I congratulate Mr. Murphy on receiving this award.

The New Mexico Women in Business Advocate of the Year is Jennifer A. Craig, regional manager of the Women's Economic Self Sufficiency Team Office in Las Cruces. I have worked very closely with WESST Corp. to build a better environment for New Mexico's women business-owners and entrepreneurs. I believe it is only fitting that the SBA highlights the tremendous success story being played out in Las Cruces. This city has one of the highest unemployment rates in the State, yet over the last 2 years, WESST Corp has provided technical and business assistance to over 250 women entrepreneurs and has helped create 50 new women-owned businesses. I congratulate not only Jennifer CRAIG for being recognized for her hard work, but also WESST Corp. for attracting a person of her caliber to manage the southern regional office.

Mr. President, I would also like to honor Teresa O. Molina, winner of the 1997 Financial Services Advocate Award for New Mexico. Mrs. Molina is a New Mexico native who attended Deming High School and graduated from New Mexico State University. She has worked with small business for over 14 years helping obtain loans at the First New Mexico Bank in Deming. Currently serving as the bank's vice president, Mrs. Molina has been involved with SBA lending programs since she issued the first ever SBA 504 loan in New Mexico's history. Mrs. Molina works hard to meet the banking needs of her community and I congratulate her for her success.

Mr. President, as you are aware, this Nation is a melting pot of people with diverse ethnic and social backgrounds. In New Mexico, we have hundreds of small and large minority owned and operated businesses. One person that I have always turned to for advice not only on minority business issues but general economic and business issues is Anna Muller, the proprietor of NEDA Business Consultants in Albuquerque.

Anna is a member of my Minority Small Business Advocacy Council and has gained the respect and admiration of her peers when it comes to minority business issues. She has been chosen as the SBA's Minority Small Business Advocate for New Mexico, and I am hard pressed to think of anyone who better deserves recognition for her services to minority small businesses. Anna Muller is a true leader on minority business issues not only in the State of New Mexico, but the entire nation and I congratulate her on this award.

I would also like to congratulate the SBA 1997 Prime Contractor of the Year for Region VI, Armando De La Paz, president and CEO of Vista Tech-

nologies, Inc., of Albuquerque. Mr. De La Paz founded his company on the notion that hard work and determination are the foundation for developing a successful business. Mr. De La Paz's company has provided high-technology solutions to the Federal Government for the last 8 years and has been recognized as one of the fastest growing Hispanic business firms in the Nation for the period of 1993 to 1996.

I would like to recognize Mr. Dennis A. Reasner, president of Darco Products, Inc., for being selected as the SBA Region VI Subcontractor of the Year for 1997. I recently had the opportunity to meet Mr. and Mrs. Reasner here in Washington and can tell you that they are truly one of the best examples of American entrepreneurship in action. Starting out of their garage, Dennis and Enid Reasner have worked for the past 25 years to develop a company worth millions of dollars which currently employs over 30 employees in Albuquerque, NM. Darco Products is a company we can all be proud of in New Mexico, for not only has a Darco product been used in the space shuttle, but the firm also produced a component part for the first ever American space station.

Mr. President, New Mexico is witnessing an explosion in the growth of our exports and I believe it is important to recognize those who have helped bring about this change. One woman active in this area for New Mexico is Kimberly de Castro, owner of Wildflower International Ltd., a Santa Fe based export company. De Castro's business provides essential services to foreign buyers by researching various foreign markets and providing her clients with options they need to survive in a foreign marketplace. Wildflower International Ltd. exports to China, Egypt, Israel, and Italy, and is currently negotiating with sales in Taiwan and other Asian countries. Kimberly de Castro is clearly one of the people responsible for New Mexico's phenomenal growth in foreign trade, and I congratulate her for receiving the 1997 Exporter of the Year Award from the SBA.

In closing, I would like to point out that these people deserve praise and recognition for striving to build a better New Mexico for our future generations. I personally extend my gratitude to these winners, and to others involved with small businesses in New Mexico. I am proud to stand here and recognize these hard-working individuals for creating new jobs and economic opportunities for the people of New Mexico. ●

TRIBUTE TO ANDREW R. RUDMAN ON BEING NAMED THE GRANITE STATE'S REPRESENTATIVE AT YMCA YOUTH GOVERNOR CONFERENCE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate

Andrew R. Rudman, the New Hampshire Youth Governor for the 1997 National YMCA Youth Governor's Conference. Andrew was elected by fellow high school students from across the Granite State's various youth and government programs as the State's Youth Governor. Andrew will attend a conference in Washington, DC, on June 18, 1997.

Every year since 1964, Members of the Senate have hosted these remarkable student leaders. The youth governors who will be visiting our Nation's capitol collectively represent over 25,000 of their peers. This select group of students will experience government service first-hand during the conference.

Andrew is from Londonderry, NH, and in addition to an excellent academic record he finds time to participate in many different extracurricular activities. He is a member of the track and field team, loves music, and is teaching himself how to play the guitar. Andrew will attend Columbia University in the fall of 1997.

As a former high school teacher myself, I commend Andrew for his hard work and outstanding achievements, and wish him success in his academic career. Congratulations to Andrew on this distinguished honor. It is an honor to represent this outstanding young leader in the U.S. Senate. ●

IN HONOR OF ROGER G. KENNEDY

● Mr. MOYNIHAN. I wish to pay tribute to Roger G. Kennedy upon his retirement as director of the National Park Service and for a distinguished public service career as director of the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, vice president of the Ford Foundation, and special assistant, variously, to the U.S. Attorney General, the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, and the Secretary of Labor. Mr. Kennedy will be honored at a grand celebration in New York's historic Battery Park tonight and I deeply regret that the press of Senate business prevents me from attending.

Roger Kennedy is a man of enlightenment tastes. He has been a lawyer, a scholar, a writer, a public servant of the first rank, but his avocation has always been architectural history. In *Orders From France*, his masterpiece on architecture, Kennedy wrote brilliantly about the career of Joseph Jacques Ramée, the French architect who was trained at the court of Louis XVI and designed buildings all over Europe, but helped pave the way for American neoclassicism.

In 1815, Ramée designed the magnificent campus of Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., one of the Nation's first liberal-arts colleges west of the Hudson River. Ramée's campus plan embodied a vision of education that entwined rationalism with the laws of nature—an ordered court opening to a romantically landscaped garden and the endless view to the west. Kennedy wrote that Ramée "placed his buildings in

the context of nature, but nature tamed, organized, made orderly, like the energies of students." A decade later the Union College campus, the first in the Nation to have a rotunda at its center, became the model for Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Latrobe to design the glorious University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Given Roger Kennedy's interest in Ramée, a man with both an architectural and educational vision, it is most fitting that we should honor him at Battery Park, the site of the Castle Clinton National Monument, one of the National Park Service's most important historical, cultural, and educational sites. The park is visited by over 3 million people a year who come to marvel at its spectacular views of New York's harbor, the Statue of Liberty, and Ellis Island, and drink of its rich history.

For Battery Park's history fascinates. Fort Amsterdam was built by the Dutch on the site in 1626 and surrendered to the British in 1664, and subsequently renamed Fort George. In 1783, the British colors at Fort George were hauled down, marking the beginning of American rule. Fort George was subsequently demolished, its rubble added to the Manhattan shoreline. By 1811, a sturdy red sandstone fort—later named Castle Clinton—was erected.

Castle Clinton served as everything but a military facility. It was first an entertainment center for concerts and theater. P.T. Barnum staged the American debut of Jenny Lind—the "Swedish Nightingale"—there in 1850. It then served as an immigration processing center, welcoming over 8 million immigrants from 1855 to 1889, prior to the opening of Ellis Island. In 1896, Castle Clinton reopened again as the first American aquarium, designed by the distinguished architectural firm of McKim, Mead & White. Castle Clinton and its aquarium were then partially dismantled in the 1940's, costing New York one of its most treasured venues for cultural and educational enrichment.

In 1946, Congress established the Castle Clinton National Monument to be administered by the National Park Service. In 1991, I incorporated into the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act an authorization of \$2 million for the reconstruction of the Battery's seawall and promenade. I hoped those funds would serve as a catalyst to begin redeveloping Battery Park and implementing a master plan to address the Battery's needs for the 21st century. With his commitment to history and "teaching the public through place," Roger Kennedy has helped spur that plan, working closely with the Conservancy for Historic Battery Park and its energetic and dedicated president, Warrie Price.

I know that through his books, documentaries, and dedication to projects such as Battery Park, my friend Roger Kennedy shall continue to educate, inspire, and delight future students of

American history, culture, and architecture. I wish him well at his gala tonight and for all the many years to come. ●

TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN, NH, AS THEY CELEBRATE THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 3-DAY SIEGE ON FORT NO. 4

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the town of Charlestown, NH, as they celebrate the 250th anniversary of the 3-day siege on the fort at township No. 4. The residents of this Connecticut River community will begin celebrating this historic occasion July 25 and continue with a number of festivities including a battle reenactment, blueberry festival, parade, and several church suppers.

Two hundred fifty years ago, the Connecticut River Valley had only a few settlers scattered along the banks of the river. Township No. 4 would eventually become Charlestown, NH, the northwestern-most English-speaking village in New England. The settlers of this agricultural community were isolated, but still a vital link with towns to the south as they strove to build a strong community on the river banks. To the west and north of the settlement lay only lush mountains and forests, inhabited by moose, bears, native Americans, and a few French trappers.

The people of Township No. 4 were trapped in a hostile environment when King George's war began. The pioneers decided to defend themselves by connecting the five existing houses together, and later added a sixth. The inhabitants of the fort at No. 4, which included a small militia of 30 volunteers, fought day and night to protect their homes and refused to surrender to an enemy force claiming to be 700 strong. During the 3-day siege their defenses were never breached.

Two hundred fifty years later, an authentic reconstruction of the original 1744 fortified settlement sits on the site of the Siege of '47. The fort at No. 4 is one of the only living history museums in New England dedicated to preserving the 1740's and 1750's. The museum captures the spirit of those pioneers who cleared the rough landscape and made way for homes and farms in northern New England. The residents of Charlestown have kept a piece of history for all of the children of New Hampshire and the Nation to see, capturing the rich significance of the settlements along the Connecticut River Valley.

Charlestown's residents today serve to better their community in the true New Hampshire spirit. They serve in professional, semiprofessional, and service occupations and are still willing to dedicate their time and talents on behalf of their neighbors.

I congratulate all of the residents of Charlestown, NH, on this historic event as they continue in the tradition of