

technology developed through SBIR funding. Small businesses are fruitful in research and development, producing more than half the Nation's product innovations. Furthermore, the Federal Government is achieving the highest quality research to meet specific mission needs, as well as expanding the Nation's industrial base. I commend Creative Optics for their outstanding innovations that benefit not only the State of New Hampshire but also the Nation as well. Creative Optics is a worthy candidate for receiving the prestigious Tibbetts Award.●

TRIBUTE TO FRED HOOPER

● Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, as more and more Americans live to be 100, thanks to advances in health and longevity, I am honored to offer a tribute to a distinguished centurion from Florida: Mr. Fred Hooper of Ocala, FL. Mr. Hooper, who celebrates his 100th birthday on October 6, 1997, is a builder, an educator, and an inspiration to all those who have aspired to the triumph of victory in sports competition. Fred Hooper has a special place in the history of horse racing because he won the Kentucky Derby in 1945 with his first horse, "Hoop Jr.," bought in 1943. Since then, he has bred and raced more than 100 stakes winners.

For decades, Mr. Hooper has been an instrumental force in thoroughbred racing. Through his promotion of horse racing, he has supported and strengthened Florida tourism and agriculture; two industries which are important components of Florida's economy.

As he approaches the special milestone of his 100th birthday, Mr. Hooper continues to rise early in the morning to oversee the training of his top thoroughbreds and the cutting and baling of his hay in the fields at his farm.

I recently visited this living legend at his home in Ocala. As he recalled his accomplishments and his ties that extend throughout America, I was inspired by a man who has lived a full life and has impacted so many people and events. He told me of his first horse, "Hoop Jr.," and his working relationship with Eddie Arcaro, one of the all-time greatest jockeys. Together they achieved racing history with their victory at the 1945 Kentucky Derby. This Hooper-Arcaro combination advanced the Florida racing industry to national prominence, while making Fred Hooper a legend in Florida and the racing world.

I also learned that Mr. Hooper's activities have not been limited to racing. The Hooper Construction Company built roads, bridges, airports, dams and buildings in Florida and the Southeast. It has been said that if all the roads built by Mr. Hooper's company were linked together, the combined total would stretch for four lanes from Miami to Houston.

Education is another Fred Hooper hallmark. During the 1970's, he contrib-

uted to the building of a private school in Alabama, on the former site of his construction company. And, he is rightfully proud of his support—and the generosity of the thoroughbred industry—for the veterinary school at the University of Florida.

Part of the joy of this birthday is sharing the celebration with family. Mr. Hooper is the proud father of 4 children, 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

The celebration of his centennial birthday on October 6, 1997, will be another achievement in the rich and rewarding life of Fred Hooper. I ask my colleagues to join me, the community of Ocala, the Hooper family and all those who love horse racing in congratulating Fred Hooper and extending to him best wishes into the next century.●

HISPANOS UNIDOS CONTRA EL SIDA/AIDS, INC.

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Hispanos Unidos Contra El SIDA/AIDS, Inc. of New Haven, CT, as they celebrate their 10th anniversary.

In 1987, this organization was founded by a group of concerned citizens as Connecticut's first Latino AIDS agency. Since that time, this dedicated group of men and women have worked to both curb the spread of AIDS through education and provided support services to infected members of the Latino community and their families. By serving as a fully bilingual/bicultural resource, support and advocacy agency, Hispanos Unidos Contra El SIDA/AIDS has not only been effective at serving its own clients, but has helped other community and government organizations better serve the Latino community as well.

The dedication and commitment of the staff are evident not only in their casework but also in the partnerships and coalitions they form with State and local government and nonprofit agencies. In this way they are able to assist those most immediately in need while also working to better coordinate local, regional and statewide efforts to prevent the spread of AIDS. They are the true embodiments of the ideals of compassion and community service, and the people of Connecticut thank them for the important work they have done for the past ten years and will continue to do in the future.●

AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY BY EMPLOYER OF THE SENATE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, acting in behalf of the majority leader, first I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 130, submitted earlier today by Senators LOTT and DASCHLE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 130) to authorize testimony by a Member and employee of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, United States versus Delyla D. Wilson is a criminal case set for trial in the U.S. District Court for the District of Montana, charging the defendant with assault on Federal officials. The case arises out of the defendant's disruption of a public meeting in Montana earlier this year attended by Senator CONRAD BURNS, along with other Federal and State officials.

Both parties have subpoenaed an employee on Senator BURNS' staff, who witnessed this incident, to testify at the trial. This resolution would authorize the employee to testify and would also authorize Senator BURNS' testimony at related State proceedings.

Mr. DOMENICI. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution appear at this point in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 130) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution with its preamble reads as follows:

S. RES. 130

Whereas, in the case of *United States v. Delyla D. Wilson*, Case No. 97-CR-82-BLG, pending in the United States District Court for the District of Montana, subpoenas have been issued for testimony by Dwight MacKay, an employee on the staff of Senator Conrad Burns;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistently with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved That Dwight MacKay is authorized to testify in the case of *United States v. Delyla D. Wilson*, except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The testimony of Senator Conrad Burns in related state proceedings is authorized.

PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE RESTORATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 131, submitted earlier today by Senator DOMENICI.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows: