

Kathleen and Moira will receive \$1,000, a silver medallion and a trip in May to Washington, D.C., where they will join other honorees for four days of national events.

According to Kathleen, she wanted to make a difference in her community and spend time helping others. As a result, she launched an environmental group called Earth Service Corps. Today, the group has nearly 70 members who help build and maintain hiking trails, initiate and conduct recycling programs, and plant trees throughout the state. Kathleen not only was the founder, but she also plans group meetings, serves as a liaison with community groups, and handles all administrative work for the Corps.

Moira volunteers as an aide to a swimming instructor with the local chapter of the American Red Cross. She helps younger kids overcome their fears of water and then teaches them to swim. She completed a special training session and volunteered for one month over the course of two summers. Her love for teaching and her passion to help others overcome individual fears is a great attribute I admire dearly.

I also would like to salute four other young people who were named Distinguished Finalists by The Prudential Spirit of Community Award and received the bronze medallion for their outstanding volunteer service. They are: Christopher Vachon, 14, Pinkerton Academy in Derry, created several multimedia presentations to promote driving safety among teenagers; Christopher Pappajohn, 16, Keene High School, raised \$40,000 with a group of friends to build a skate park in his town; Joseph Allison, 13, Hudson Memorial Middle School, volunteers in his community for a variety of nearby organizations; and Justine Barrett, 14, West Running Brook Middle School in Derry, helped collect money for the needy through a Holiday Fund at her school.

These extraordinary young people continue to keep alive the virtue of community service and inspire others to do the same. Their personal initiatives, dedicated service and hard work have impacted the lives of many. In a time when Americans seem to be less involved in their communities, these young Americans continue to defend and keep the community flame shining brightly. Mr. President, I want to congratulate these individuals for their outstanding work and I am proud to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

#### JAMES FARMER AWARDED THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

● Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, while this Congress was in recess, the President of the United States awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, our country's highest civilian honor, to James Farmer. The Medal was given to Mr.

Farmer on January 15, 1998, the birthday of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., in a symbolic gesture that reminded us again of the value of freedom, and the debt we owe those who sacrificed greatly for racial equality in America.

Mr. President, James Farmer was one of the six major civil rights leaders of the civil rights era, joining A. Philip Randolph, Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young, John Lewis and Martin Luther King, Jr. He helped establish, and later lead, the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). He was the father of the famous Freedom Rides through the South. He organized and inspired. He placed himself in great personal danger again and again. Today, he teaches civil rights history to some very lucky students at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Last year, I was pleased to join Congressman JOHN LEWIS and others in asking that the President award the Medal of Freedom to James Farmer. Last month, Lynda and I were privileged to be at the White House when President Clinton officially presented the Medal to Mr. Farmer.

Before the White House ceremony, Congressman LEWIS and I prepared a tribute to James Farmer, which I ask be printed in the RECORD following my remarks today. In this tribute, we thank James Farmer for a lifetime of fighting for racial equality in America. We challenge our nation to continue to learn from this great American hero—to continue to reach for a truly color-blind society—to finally lay down the burden of race.●

#### HUMAN CLONING PROHIBITION ACT

● Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I want to take a few minutes to explain why I voted against cloture on S. 1601, the Human Cloning Prohibition Act introduced by Senators BOND, FRIST, LOTT, and GREGG.

First of all, I want to state unequivocally that I am against the cloning of a human being. Cloning of a human child raises serious moral and ethical questions about society's perception of human life. The National Bioethics Advisory Commission, after a thorough review of the ethical and legal issues involved, has recommended that Congress enact legislation to prohibit the use of cloning to create a child, and I agree that Congress needs to act on this issue.

We should not, however, rush to enact legislation that could do serious harm to other critical medical research. The legislation before the Senate today is only eight days old. The Senate Labor Committee and Senate Judiciary Committee, which have jurisdiction over this bill, have not had the opportunity to hold hearings on this specific legislation or the other bills that have recently been introduced, much less consider amendments to the language.

In the meantime, the Food and Drug Administration has already determined that it has authority and jurisdiction over human cloning and has stated that it would act to prohibit any attempt to clone a human being. In addition, professional organizations representing more than 64,000 scientists have voluntarily imposed upon themselves a five-year moratorium on human cloning.

Most importantly, as we take action to ban the cloning of humans, I want to be sure that we do not also ban valuable medical research that could lead to cures or treatments for the millions of Americans suffering from cancer, heart disease, diabetes, organ failure, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, severe skin burns, and many other diseases that perhaps we haven't even identified yet. Scientists do not yet understand exactly how somatic cell nuclear transfer, the technique used in cloning Dolly the sheep in Scotland last spring, worked.

But medical researchers believe that this technology can be used to generate stem cells to treat disease. For instance, imagine being able in the not-so-distant future to repair the damage to the cardiac muscle caused by a heart attack. Using stem cell technology, we may be able to replace damaged cardiac cells with healthy cells that would then differentiate into cardiac muscle. I do not know whether this will ultimately prove to work, but I believe we should continue to pursue this type of research if it could help to save the lives of millions of Americans each year.

The Nation's scientific community has expressed deep concern that the legislation before us, as currently drafted, could halt stem cell research and other related research that would not lead to the cloning of human beings. Everyone I have talked to agrees that this is a complicated and difficult issue. We need to proceed, but we need to do so in the careful, considered way that has earned the Senate the reputation of the "world's greatest deliberative body."

Mr. President, I ask that a New York Times editorial on this subject be printed in the RECORD.

The editorial follows:

[From the New York Times, Feb. 10, 1998]

#### A SLAPDASH PROPOSAL ON CLONING

The shock caused by the physicist Richard Seed's grandiose intention to clone human beings may be about to cause more damage than anything Dr. Seed could do in the laboratory. Senate Republicans are now rushing to enact a bill that would outlaw cloning a human embryo and, in the process, ban a valuable technique that could potentially cure a wide range of diseases. No wonder a slew of scientific associations and high-tech industry groups are urging more carefully constructed legislation. The sensitive scientific and moral issues involved here require careful handling, not grandstanding by politicians more interested in pandering than in reaching a reasoned solution.

Congress may ultimately want to impose limits on cloning, a technique that has arrived sooner than expected with the announcement last year that Scottish scientists had cloned a lamb from the cell of an adult sheep. That achievement, if it proves practical in humans, would make it possible to take a cell from an adult and use it to produce a genetically identical twin many years younger than the parent. A national bioethics commission, the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries and many scientific groups have all called for a moratorium on actually cloning a person until society has time to grapple with the ethical and moral issues.

But the bill sponsored by the Republican Senators Christopher Bond, William Frist and Judd Gregg does not simply prohibit the use of cloning to produce a human embryo for implantation in the womb. It would also prohibit use of the technique to produce genetically identical tissues in the laboratory to treat diseases or injuries where a person's existing cells are damaged or insufficient. Such ailments include leukemia, diabetes, Alzheimer's disease, spinal cord injury, heart attacks and severe burns, among others.

The Republicans contend that even these approaches require creating what amounts to an embryo in the laboratory and then experimenting on it to produce the desired tissues. But that is a complex matter of definitions and techniques that requires careful evaluation. The Republican bill and others on the subject have not even gone through committee hearings. When the matter comes up for a floor vote this week, the Senate should postpone action and demand more considered deliberation. It would be a shame if the rush to ban cloning of people ended up crippling biomedical research.●

#### 50TH BIRTHDAY OF MICHAEL B. ROBERTSON

● Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, next Wednesday, February 18, marks an auspicious occasion: Michael B. Robertson—a constituent—will turn 50. He will become a quinquagenarian. Individuals often approach this milestone with some trepidation. That need not be, for as Sir Richard Steele wrote, "Age in a virtuous person, of either sex, carries in it an authority which makes it preferable to all the pleasures of youth." Now, Steele was all of 38 or 39 when he wrote that in 1711, but I can attest to the sentiment, having become a septuagenarian last March. More important, we learn from Leviticus 25:10 that "Ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof; it shall be a jubilee unto you."

Michael Robertson was born in Scotland in 1948. But he "left fair Scotland's strand" at the age of six and moved with his family to the United States. He obtained a bachelor of arts degree in English from Wilkes University in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania in 1969. From there, as a young man, he headed west, following the advice of Horace Greeley (actually, it was the advice of John Babson Lane Soule, in an article published in the *Terre Haute Express* in 1851).

His car and his funds made it to Los Angeles. He had to find work, and ended up taking a job in the mailroom

of Carson/Roberts Advertising. His superiors quickly recognized his innate ability and work ethic, and promoted him to copywriter. Soon thereafter, he was an associate creative director with Young & Rubicam, eventually returning to the East Coast. Onward and upward in the highly competitive business of advertising to his present position as executive creative director of Bates USA, where he is responsible for the overall creative product of a \$1.1 billion agency.

Mr. Robertson, I might note, is a neighbor of sorts. His office is in the venerable Chrysler Building, a few floors below the suite which is my New York City office. He has a lovely family, including a daughter, Megan (just recently married); a son, Brendan (a strapping young man presently in college); and another daughter, Charlotte (a star fourth-grader at the Nightingale-Bamford School). His wife, Linda, is quite accomplished in her own right: she produced the television commercials commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations.

I would like to take this opportunity, Mr. President, to join with Michael Robertson's family and friends too numerous to count in wishing him a very happy fiftieth birthday. May it truly be a jubilee.●

#### LONDONDERRY HIGH SCHOOL LANCER MARCHING BAND, PARTICIPANT IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C., ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the students of the Londonderry High School Lancers Marching Band for the distinguished honor of representing New Hampshire in the Washington, D.C., St. Patrick's Day Parade. All 201 band members and Andrew Soucy, the Band's director, deserve special commendation for their hard work and achievement.

These band members have proven that determination, hardwork and dedication are the hallmarks of success both as musicians and students. Many of the songs they play symbolize American pride and forever keep patriotism alive through the language of music. "Londonderry Ear," also known as "Oh Danny Boy," is a hometown favorite that is also played in tribute to the Granite State and their home town.

I am indeed honored to have the Londonderry High School Lancer Marching Band representing New Hampshire with their outstanding musical performances. I had the pleasure of meeting some of the band members, young men and women, who have recognized their own talents and continue to develop them into something great. I am proud to say, this continual drive for perfection and aggressive strive for greatness are commendable characteristics among Granite State students.

These students not only attended school and practice, but they also had

to raise money through several fundraisers to come to Washington, D.C. As a result, the band accomplished their goal by implementing a plan and having the right attitude and talent to meet their goal.

The Londonderry High School Lancers Marching Band with their classic red, white, and blue uniforms have performed for audiences throughout the country. To name a few, they played at the Foxboro Stadium, home of the New England Patriots in Boston, Massachusetts, Nascar Winston Cup Series, and for Good Morning America, an ABC Television Network.

I also want to recognize the Londonderry community, for giving so much support in helping these young adults. I am well aware of the pride the community has for this talented band. It is much easier to be successful when you have the support of others and the backing from friends and family.

Mr. President, I want to congratulate all the students and the director on such a magnificent accomplishment and I am proud to represent them in the U.S. Senate. I also ask that a list of the names of these outstanding students be printed in the RECORD.

The list follows:

#### LONDONDERRY HIGH SCHOOL LANCER MARCHING BAND

Scott Abernethy, Noura Alkhamis, Bridget Ambrose, Heather Applegate, Jordan Avalos, Christina Belmonte, Matthew Blake, Danielle Boshetto, Katie Broadhead, Carolynne Camillieri, Greta Carlson, Sarah Chretien, Ashley Clover, James Dahlfred, Jessica Davis, Arthur Decaneas, Tim Desmarais, William Doss, Amanda Eaton, Sheridan Farrah Jr., Bethany Ferreira, Nathan Formalarie, Kim Garrison, Madelyn Gonzalez, Bridget Gugliotta, John Harding, Andrew Hatin, Tara Henry, Nik Janson, Adam Keller, Kerry Kilpatrick, Joy Arbruzese, Vanessa Allum,

Dan Anderson, Patrick Applegate, Sabrina Baker, Kristin Beltrimini, Suzanne Blundell, Meleah Brackett, Candice Brown, Ashley Carlson, Mike Carlson, Tim Christensen, Sarah Cody, Katie Daneau, Dave Day, Robert Decker Jr., Jenn Dillon, Kristen Dubois, Michelle Eddy, Mike Fawcett, Greg Fisher, Rachael Fryd, Leah Gaumont, Nicole Gregorio, Kate Gunnery, Jason Harrington, Kristen Hatin, Neil Huntemann, Elizabeth Jones, Andrew Keller, Katie Klasner, Alexandra Adams, Allison Alper, Andrew Applegate, Ryan Arnold, Diego Batista, Erin Blake,

Robyn Bookman, Christine Bradbury, Melissa Burns, Drew Carlson, Leslie Cast, Diana Church, Rachel Cox, Abby Davidson, Karen Day, Barbara Deluca, Michelle Dillon, Dan Dussault, Michael Edwards, Adam Fernald, Marc Flore, Dana Garrison, Jamie Gogla, Kirsten Griffiths, Chris Hajjar, Karen Harvey, Erin Hegarty, Kim Huston, Kristine Jones, Carin Kilar,

Jason Krampfert, Kristen Krampfert, Danielle Levison, Greg Lufkin, Jaimie Machado, Caitlin Marrinan, Kaylie Matos, Katie McCarthy, Dary McGrath, Julia Mechachonis, Kim Mendonca, Paul Mistovich, Tom Morse, Sarah Munday, Kim Novielli, Elizabeth Oswald, Jason Pelletier, Katie Piper, Tim Porter, Jennifer Reynolds, Elizabeth Rockwell, Melissa Ross, Steven Roy, Collean Scali, Shannon Scioscia, Anne Shea, Katie Silvius, Matthew Smith, Joseph Soucy, James Stewart, Ashley Taylor, Jamie Thomas, Mark Tuden, Marianne Vanagel,