

CFS-related research. In addition, they regularly participate in seminars to train health care professionals. Public education is an essential aspect of the association's mission. Likewise, the Lehigh Valley organization raises public awareness through the International CFIDS Awareness Day, which is held on May 12 each year. I would also note that the CFS Association of Lehigh Valley received the CFIDS Support Network Action Award in both 1995 and 1996 for their initiatives in public advocacy.

Although researchers have made some advances in the study of this condition, CFIDS remains a mysterious illness. Presently, there is no known cause or cure. Victims experience a wide range of symptoms including extreme fatigue, fever, muscle and joint pain, cognitive and neurological problems, tender lymph nodes, nausea, and vertigo. Recently, the Centers for Disease Control gave CFIDS "Priority 1" status in the new infectious disease category, which also includes cholera, malaria, hepatitis C and tuberculosis. Until this disease is obliterated, the CFS Association of Lehigh Valley will continue its research and education campaigns.

Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to join me in commending the Lehigh Valley organization and in supporting the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) Association of the Lehigh Valley joined the Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome (CFIDS) Association of America, the world's largest organization dedicated to conquering CFIDS, in observing May 12, 1998 as International Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome Awareness Day; and

Whereas, the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association of the Lehigh Valley, a member of the Support Network of the CFIDS Association of America, is celebrating their sixth year of service to the community; and

Whereas, CFIDS is a complex illness which is characterized by neurological, rheumatological and immunological problems, incapacitating fatigue, and numerous other symptoms that can persist for months or years and can be severely debilitating; and

Whereas, estimates suggest that hundreds of thousands of American adults already have CFIDS; and

Whereas, the medical community and the general public should receive more information and develop a greater awareness of the problems associated with CFIDS. While much has been done at the national, state, and local levels, more must be done to support patients and their families; and

Whereas, research has been strengthened by the efforts of the Centers for Disease Control, the National Institutes of Health, and other private institutions, the CFS Association of the Lehigh Valley recognizes that much more must be done to encourage further research so that the mission of conquering CFIDS and related disorders can be achieved;

Therefore, the United States Senate commends the designation of May 12, 1998 as CFIDS Awareness Day and applauds the efforts of those battling the illness.

I appreciate the Senate's consideration of this issue, and I thank my colleagues for their attention.●

TRIBUTE TO DEBORAH MILLER

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I am pleased to extend my congratulations to Deborah Miller on her 14 years of outstanding service to the Solomon Schecter Day School of Raritan Valley in East Brunswick, NJ, where she currently serves as Director. Deborah has decided to leave the school to pursue her own education, and I want to wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

While I'm sure that everyone at Solomon Schecter is saddened by Deborah's departure, her eagerness to earn a Ph.D. in Jewish Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary is a fitting next step in Deborah's already distinguished academic career. After finishing her undergraduate work at Barnard College, Deborah went on to earn a Masters in Jewish Education and a Day School Principals Certificate from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Deborah has been a devoted educator and administrator during her many years teaching. Since her arrival at Solomon Schecter Day School 14 years ago, Deborah has done everything to develop the school and make it a complete success.

While Deborah has served as Director, the school has been nationally recognized for its excellence in education. It is particularly well known for its integration of Jewish and General Studies curricula and its "immersion" Jewish Studies courses in Hebrew. The school has also grown in size during Deborah's tenure. It originally taught students in pre-kindergarten through 6th grade. Now the school teaches 7th and 8th graders as well. When Deborah started, there were 180 students enrolled. Now there are 315.

As if Deborah didn't have enough to keep her busy, her extracurricular activities are equally impressive. Outside of Solomon Schecter, Deborah teaches Jewish Studies to adults in neighboring educational facilities and synagogues. She also happens to be a well-known author of children's fiction. She currently has written five books for children about Judaism. Her style is clever and fun-loving, and her books are enjoyed by all ages as a result.

Deborah's departure from Solomon Schecter Day School may be bitter-sweet, but she has a great deal to look forward to as she continues to learn about Jewish literature, history and the Torah. The lucky ones are not only those who have known her at Solomon Schecter, but those students who will have the privilege of being in Deborah's classroom when she returns to teaching full time.●

RECOGNITION OF DR. INEZ KAISER

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Inez Kaiser for being named 1997 National Minority Advocate of the Year. She received this prestigious award from the United

States Department of Commerce's Minority in Business Development Agency (MBDA). Dr. Kaiser is president of Inez Kaiser & Associates, Inc., the oldest African-American female-owned public relations firm in the United States.

Dr. Kaiser was chosen for the award based on her forty+ years of advocacy on behalf of minority business development. In addition to her untiring efforts to expand minority roles in the business industry, she was a consultant and advisor to former Presidents Nixon and Ford on minority women's business issues and organized the first nationwide conference of Women in Business for the United States Department of Commerce. Over the years she has strived to help other minority businesses by identifying their problems and offering advice on how to address those problems. Being the only African-American female in the National Hall of Fame of Women in Public Relations, she is also the president of the National Association of Minority Women in Business.

Dr. Kaiser has set a positive example for minority business people everywhere and it is a pleasure to see her impressive accomplishments receive the recognition they deserve. My home State of Missouri is extremely fortunate to have such a shining example of success and hard work. I wish her continued prosperity and achievement in the coming years.●

PRESIDENT OF SUNY FARMINGDALE CELEBRATES TWENTY YEARS

● Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Frank A. Cipriani, whose long and outstanding career as president of SUNY Farmingdale will be celebrated with much pomp on Wednesday, May 20, 1998.

Dr. Cipriani's outstanding qualities of enlightened leadership and innovation brought unprecedented success to SUNY Farmingdale. Dr. Cipriani took the school from a two year agrarian institution to a four-year college, one of the largest of the nine Colleges of Technology in the New York State University system.

His great success is readily visible on the SUNY Farmingdale Campus. Mr. Cipriani's other associations and affiliations are not as well known but are worthy of commendation. They include: Team Chairman for the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Evaluation; Chairman of the Board, Regional Industrial Technical Education; Member, New York State-wide Job Training Partnership Council; Member, New York State Education Department's Advisory Council on Postsecondary Education; just to name a few of the associations and affiliations that demonstrate the special concern that Dr. Cipriani has for education.

Born in New York of immigrant parents, Dr. Cipriani has been a New Yorker all of his life, with the exception of