

held in conjunction with the U.S. Postal Service and local United Way, is the largest one-day collection of food in the nation. Last year almost 5,000 pounds were collected in Horsham, Pennsylvania while some 73 million pounds were collected nationwide.

On Saturday, May 9, letter carriers in Horsham and across the nation reached out to help their neighbors who fell on hard times by collecting nonperishable food donations along their mail routes. Each year, their efforts help to restock the shelves of local food pantries. Likewise, the donations raided through this annual event prepare charities for the overwhelming demand for food during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons.

Mr. President, I commend the letter carriers, the men and women of the U.S. Postal Service, and the United Way for making this collection possible. On behalf of the United States Senate, I would like to recognize the dedication of these public servants and the generosity of the families who donated to this worthy cause. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending the Senate's best wishes for continued success to all those who participated in the National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive.●

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE NORCROSS

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to remember a dear friend and treasured community leader in Southern New Jersey, George Norcross II.

George and I shared many experiences and values and each of us ended up in public service.

We both grew up in a poor, urban environment, he in Camden, and I in Paterson. We both lost our fathers at a very young age, but continued to attend high school while beginning to work. We both served in the military during World War II, he in the Navy and I in the Army.

After George returned from the war, he built a career in union organizing efforts and community service. His was a voice of strength and determination for working families in Camden County—and what a loud voice it was! He fought tooth and nail for union workers, never without a cigar in hand. But his rough exterior was complemented by his caring heart, and the effectiveness of his work with organized labor was reinforced through his numerous philanthropic activities.

The Union Organization of Social Services, of which George became president in 1955, reflected his marriage of organized labor and charity work. The mission of UOSS is to deal with drug and alcohol abuse, job training, food banks, disaster relief, clothing drives and blood banks within its community.

George was also active in the United Way his entire life, serving as its general chairman in 1992 and as chairman emeritus after his retirement. His in-

volvement with this organization led to the United Way's Labor Support Committee, which raised millions of dollars for charity.

As a touch negotiator, a coalition builder, and someone who always got the job done, George's unrivaled union leadership will never be forgotten. He served as president of the AFL-CIO Central Labor Union for 16 years, was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1448, and became the international representative of the International Union of Electrical Workers.

George and I shared the conviction that educational opportunity is critical to a robust and stable democracy. George's dedication to providing educational opportunities to others led to his creation of the Peter J. McGuire Scholarship Program in conjunction with the American Federation of Teachers. These scholarships, presented every year at New Jersey's Labor Day celebration, benefit children of Southern New Jersey union members. And if my schedule didn't permit me to attend this annual event one year, I would get an earful from George!

George's union leadership and sense of civic responsibility have benefitted countless New Jerseyans, including students able to go school on scholarship, people in need who receive help, and workers with grievances whose rights are defended.

George Norcross will be dearly missed. I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to Carol, George's wife of 43 years, and his four sons, George III, John, Don and Phil. I know I will continue to cross paths and work with them on behalf of New Jersey.●

TRIBUTE TO GARY HIRSHBERG

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Gary Hirshberg, president and chief executive officer of Stonyfield Farm in Londonderry, New Hampshire, who is being honored with the two most prestigious business leadership awards in New Hampshire. Dedicated to social and environmental corporate responsibility, Gary Hirshberg became the first New Hampshire entrepreneur to be named both "Business Leader of the Year" by Business NH magazine and "New Hampshire's 1998 Small Business Person of the Year" by the United States Small Business Administration.

A New Hampshire native and third-generation manufacturer, Gary's vision and commitment to social and environmental issues played an integral role in the development of Stonyfield Farm. Gary Hirshberg was named CEO shortly after joining Stonyfield. Together, with founder Samuel Kaymen, they embarked on an educational project designed to revitalize family farms in the New England dairy industry while positively impacting the environment and the local economy.

The same dedication and determination that prompted two individuals to

do everything from milk cows to deliver products out of an old farmhouse in Wilton, helped the Stonyfield Farm family to grow to its current 150 employees and 21,000-square-foot, custom-designed "Yogurt Works" in Londonderry. Having been raised on a farm myself, I can appreciate the hard work done by Gary and his partner over the years. As Gary watched the company's distribution expand to all 50 States and Great Britain and annual sales exceed \$40 million, he never lost sight of his commitment to family-owned farms. Under Gary Hirshberg's leadership, Stonyfield Farm continues to promote awareness of the plight of the small farm through such programs as "Adopt a Cow," and to raise environmental consciousness through the company's use of operationally efficient natural resources and its sponsorship of recycling programs.

As a former small business owner, I appreciate the challenges faced by small business owners and understand that these businesses are the backbone of our economy. Consequently, I have worked throughout my tenure in Congress to lift the tax and regulatory burden from the shoulders of small business so that the dreams and aspirations of people like Gary Hirshberg and Stonyfield Farm may continue to grow and prosper. Gary's compassion and commitment to local communities, environmental awareness, and social responsibility embodies the true New Hampshire spirit. I commend him for serving as a role model for not only the youth of the Granite State but for all of us. It is with great pride that I represent Gary Hirshberg in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS

● Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart and bearing the sorrow that Floridians and Americans everywhere feel at the death of a national treasure—Marjory Stoneman Douglas.

Marjory Stoneman Douglas is and will always be the "Mother of the Everglades." That title was made official in 1993, when President Clinton presented here with the Presidential Medal of Freedom—our nation's most prestigious civilian honor.

Over 130 years ago, upon meeting Harriet Beecher Stowe for the first time, President Abraham Lincoln greeted the author of Uncle Tom's Cabin with this salutation: "So this is the little woman who started the great war."

Marjory Stoneman Douglas was equally influential in her own time. She was the feisty woman who started the great effort to save the Everglades from mankind's abuse and neglect.

She was born on April 7, 1880 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Perhaps it was this connection to "The Land of Ten Thousand Lakes" that was responsible for her intense passion for environmental preservation. She graduated