

Achievement/Research—Faculty Adviser of Student Publications for Secondary Schools. This award is given by the prestigious National Federation of Press Women. The award recognizes the outstanding high school journalism advisers/teachers.

Patty also won first place in the State of Delaware competition for the past two years in the same category from the Delaware Press Women, which made her eligible for the national award.

What my colleagues might find most interesting and ironic—the name of the student newspaper at Dover High School for which Patty is the faculty adviser is “The Senator.” The 24-page award-winning issue captivated the pulse of student activities, highlighted the history of soon-to-be graduates, spotlighted student leadership during their four years at Dover High School, congratulated Athletes of the Year, and featured articles about teachers who make a difference.

Patty's work on the student newspaper goes well beyond the final afternoon school bell. She and her students calculated spending more than 6,000 hours in the last four years putting editions of “The Senator” to bed. Even more remarkable, due to a school-related accident leaving Patty unable to walk, she worked from her home with the students to get the final issue to press on time.

I have spoken often about the need in this day and age to give young people an “excuse” to stay on the road to achievement, stay in school, stay away from alcohol, drugs and gangs, and stay off the streets. Student newspapers, like Dover High School's, and teachers like Patty Hinchey, are providing these students with that valuable “excuse.” This is positive peer pressure, and our country needs more of it. The students know they have to keep their grades up, get their work done on strict deadlines, and keep out of trouble or else they will not experience the thrill and pride of seeing their byline on an article they researched and wrote.

So, I want to thank Patty for providing these award-winning students the opportunity to be their very best and strive for excellence in their work. The lessons and values they have learned working on the school newspaper will serve them well throughout their lives—the lessons of deadlines, responsibility, accountability, how to communicate verbally and in writing, and most importantly how to get along with and respect other people.

I could go on about how impressed I am with Patty, but listen to what her students say about her. The Editor-in-Chief of “The Senator” said: “Mrs. Hinchey is an inspirational, talented, creative, hard-working, and most importantly, loving teacher. I am currently a senior and have been in her class since my freshman year. Over this time, I have been able to observe how many students she has become

close to and how many people both trust and respect her.”

Another student, Kate Basone, Advertising Editor, said: “Mrs. Hinchey inspired the students to produce work that reflected their best effort. She would not accept articles that she felt were not up to the standards of “The Senator” which she established. Therefore, because of her constant pushing and sometime pulling, many students found themselves producing some of their best work.”

Patty is not only a talented teacher, she is a terrific mother to her daughter Andrea, who is student at the University of Delaware, and a career military wife to the now retired Lieutenant Colonel John Hinchey.

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Patty Richardson Hinchey for her outstanding accomplishments as an award-winning teacher and faculty adviser for the Dover High School newspaper “The Senator.”●

#### COMMEMORATION OF HARLEY-DAVIDSON'S 95TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I am proud to have this opportunity to recognize a company that truly reflects the spirit, goals and achievements of a true “American success story” as hailed by President Ronald Reagan in 1987. Today, Harley-Davidson Motor Company is an even more outstanding example of American ingenuity and performance. They have seen record earnings 31 of the last 32 quarters—a prime example of their strength as a business. They have seen 32 consecutive quarters of record sales—clearly demonstrating the loyalty of their consumer base.

Harley-Davidson produces its entire line of the very popular Sportster motorcycle in Kansas City, Missouri. They opened the doors of this facility months ahead of schedule, and are already employing hundreds of Missourians. This is evidence of the positive path of growth and expansion of Harley-Davidson. The U.S. market share for Harley continues to grow; today it is 56 percent. Harley also has a great future in the international marketplace and the company is seeing increasing demand for its products in Europe, Japan, Australia, and other countries.

Harley has long been a leader in design and safety standards. As early as 1921, Harley-Davidson bikes incorporated advancements that are still in use today. Twenty years later, during World War II, Harley devoted its entire output of motorcycles to the war effort earned the coveted Army-Navy “E” award for excellence in wartime production.

In many ways, Harley-Davidson has freed generations of American rider to enjoy this country by motorcycle. As Harley-Davidson approaches its hallmark 95th anniversary as a producer of quality American goods, I want to be among the first of the long list of well

wishers to say, “Happy Anniversary, Harley! You're still ‘king of the road!’”

#### NAMING OF YEOMAN FIRST CLASS STEPHEN R. DYKEMA AS THE 1997 ENLISTED PERSON OF THE YEAR FOR THE U.S. COAST GUARD

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a fellow South Carolinian for outstanding service and dedication to this Nation. I take great pleasure in congratulating Yeoman First Class Stephen R. Dykema for his selection as the 1997 Enlisted Person of the Year for the U.S. Coast Guard.

Each day more than 25,000 enlisted men and women put their lives and safety on the line to carry out the Coast Guard's diverse missions. The Coast Guard plays a critical role as an armed service in defending our Nation and maintaining national security. In addition, the Coast Guard annually conducts thousands of fisheries enforcement boardings; prevents tons of cocaine and marijuana from reaching the streets; gives safety instruction to more than one-half million recreational boaters; and saves about 5,000 lives. The American public has learned to depend on the Coast Guard's service, both close to home and in trouble spots around the world.

That service is built on a tradition of dedication by Coast Guard enlisted personnel. Yeoman First Class Stephen R. Dykema is an individual who epitomizes that tradition. Petty Officer Dykema was selected as the 1997 Enlisted Person of the Year because of his exemplary military bearing, leadership ability and work performance. He currently is assigned to the Training Center in Cape May, New Jersey. However, he has spent much of his time assigned to the cutter *Madrona*, a buoy tender stationed in my hometown of Charleston.

Throughout his nine-year Coast Guard career, Petty Officer Dykema has received numerous medals and commendations. But I'd like to highlight just one incident that really shows why he has earned the honor of being named as Enlisted Person of 1997. During one of the *Madrona*'s longer deployments that year, a box of mail was lost. Among the box's content were bills, family letters, care packages, and Father's Day cards—all those routine types of correspondence upon which a sailor's morale depends. Petty Officer Dykema swung into action, launching a personal search for the missing box of mail. His documentation of the box's history was so thorough that the day after it was released, the unit that had received the mail called to make arrangements for getting the box to Charleston.

Petty Officer Dykema also is one of those rare individuals who finds time to contribute to his shipmates and community. I'm told that he has used his personal time to help fellow crewmembers repay overpayments and

helped people with their travel claims and housing problems. He also has been involved in helping those less fortunate with clothing and food and plays the keyboard and sings every Sunday at his church.

In short, Yeoman First Class Stephen Dykema has earned the recognition he has received as Enlisted Person of 1997. This young man is a credit to the Coast Guard, to South Carolina, and to this Nation.●

#### SUPPORT OF S.J. RES. 50

● Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I rise today in support of S.J. Res. 50, which I joined the Senator from Missouri, Mr. BOND, in introducing. This resolution expresses the Senate's disapproval of the rule submitted by the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) on June 1, 1998, which requires the acquisition of surety bonds for home health agencies under the Medicare and Medicaid programs. HCFA's rule endangers the existence of small and non-hospital based home health agencies because of the excessive expenses and requirements that are created by this rule. I am concerned that patients will lose access to agencies where they can attain home health services and that many employees will lose jobs because of the financial stress that is created by this rule.

Even the two Congressional leaders, PETE STARK and KAREN THURMAN, who introduced the surety bond regulations, realize that the requirements have gone beyond the original intent of Congress. The initial requirement system was based on the successful Medicaid program in Florida, yet the new requirements proposed by HCFA do not only penalize potentially harmful providers but also many of the health care agencies that deliver essential high-quality care. HCFA's proposal differs from the successful Florida model in many ways. In Florida, bond requirements were required to be capped at \$50,000, yet agencies under the HCFA proposal must purchase 15 percent of its Medicare reimbursement the previous year or \$50,000 worth of bonds, whichever is greater.

A report done by the United States Small Business Administration in its April 15, 1998 letter asking HCFA to remove the 15 percent provision in the surety bond regulation recognizes that HCFA failed to comply with the Regulatory Flexibility Act, which requires agencies to account for the impact of a proposal on all small entities and to consider alternatives to reduce the burden on those agencies. This report states that HCFA did not conduct regulatory flexibility analysis of the proposal's impact on small entities. HCFA was not monitoring the impact of this regulation on all small home health providers but only those with "aberrant billing practices." Therefore, many of the high-quality small home health care agencies are being pushed out of the health care sector because of the outrageous bond requirements.

HCFA also requires all home health care agencies to buy surety bonds regardless of their credit history, whereas in Florida those agencies with at least one year in the Medicare program and no payment history problems were exempted. HCFA also requires these companies to secure bonds every year regardless of performance. These excessive requirements and costs will push many smaller, freestanding home health agencies out of business. If these companies are forced to shut down, the elderly and disabled will lose these essential services. For, this rule should prevent fraud, yet it should not penalize the law-abiding companies for the abuses of less than 1% of the agencies.

Since this rule submitted by HCFA seems to impose conditions that go beyond those bonding companies bear in the course of their normal business, many surety companies are not offering bonds to Medicare home health agencies. Even those offering bonds are creating a prohibitive cost or demanding collateral equal to the face value of the bond or personal guarantees that exceed the face value of the bond. Because of the effects of this rule, small and non-hospital based agencies now risk loss of their Medicare provider number, and their employees and Medicare patients can also be adversely affected.

The capitalization requirement in HCFA's proposal creates a barrier to market entry because entry is based on factors such as overhead costs, location, profit margins, and competition in the area.

With all of these expenses and requirements, one would assume that only health care agencies that have abused the system would be required to abide by this rule. Yet, this system penalizes small home health care agencies that have been serving the elderly and disabled with high-quality for years. This rule should prevent fraud, not limit the access to care for those serviced by the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Because this rule will hurt many small home health care agencies with these exorbitant expenses and requirements, and therefore cause many elderly and disabled people to lose access to health care, I strongly suggest that this rule submitted by HCFA be reworked with consideration given to these responsible, small health care providers that provide essential services for thousands of U.S. citizens.●

#### USS "BRUCE HEEZEN"

● Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I would like to share with my colleagues the tremendous news of the success of a group of nine fifth grade students from Rhode Island. These students won the U.S. Navy's national competition to be the first group of civilians ever granted the privilege of naming a United States Navy ship. These diligent young people from Oak Lawn Elementary School in Cranston overcame extraordinary com-

petition being selected as finalists from more than 2,000 entries from across the United States.

Last Friday, Secretary of the Navy John Dalton announced the Oak Lawn students' proposal to name the Navy's next oceanographic ship the U.S.S. *Bruce Heezen* was the winner of this competition. Heezen was a pioneer in mapping the ocean floor who died aboard a Navy submarine taking him to look for the first time at the ocean terrain.

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to these bright students and their teacher for their great achievement. I share with their families and community in recognizing the fabulous work they did in terms of conducting extensive group research and a wide range of individual projects. I also commend them for enthusiastically sharing their discoveries and knowledge with other schools in the area to educate their fellow students.●

#### EXPANSION OF THE SEABORG CENTER AT NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the expansion of the Glenn T. Seaborg Center for Teaching, Learning Science and Mathematics at Northern Michigan University. On Thursday, June 11, 1998, a groundbreaking will take place for the new complex.

The Seaborg Center is named for Nobel Laureate Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Dr. Seaborg is perhaps the most important scientist of his time. A native of Ishpeming, he was co-discoverer of Plutonium, ten elements and more than 100 isotopes. Dr. Seaborg's list of achievements extends far beyond these discoveries, therefore, it is quite appropriate for this educational facility to be named after him. The Center will provide educational institutions at all levels with materials, consultative services and training in math and science education. It serves the entire Upper Peninsula of Michigan, over 56 school districts from the Northern Michigan University campus and from three satellite centers.

I personally visited the original facility and recognized the importance of obtaining funding to upgrade the facility. It is for this reason that I submitted a request for funding. I am very pleased to see that this project is getting underway. It could not be happening at a more exciting time, in light of Northern Michigan University's upcoming centennial celebration. I extend my best wishes and congratulations to everyone involved with making the Seaborg Center project possible. I know it will be a great success.●

#### VISION 2020 NATIONAL PARKS RESTORATION ACT

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate