

also a member of the board of directors of the Patriot's Point Development Authority, which has created a military park in the Charleston area, and is also home to the above mentioned Medal of Honor Society.

Despite his heroism and his many high recognitions, James Williams was a down to earth individual. He refused offers to tell his story in print and on film, and he remained a plain talking, straight forward, good humored man to the day of his death. While Mr. Williams may no longer be among us, he has earned a legendary spot in Navy lore and the history of the United States, and he will always be remembered as the brave and selfless patriot he was.●

ON THE DEATH OF SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA MAYOR JOE SERNA

● Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise to speak today about the untimely death of Sacramento Mayor Joe Serna. This past Sunday, November 7, 1999, the City of Sacramento and the State of California lost an inspirational public servant and a great statesman. The death of Mayor Serna represents a loss for all of those who had the honor to know him, and for the entire City of Sacramento.

Mayor Serna had a distinguished public career, culminating in the election as Mayor of our State's Capital City in 1992. He served his country and his community as an educator, Peace Corps worker and public servant. He was a man of compassionate spirit, dedicated ideals and principled acts.

Mayor Serna's accomplishments, both personally and professionally, are many. Here are a few highlights:

1966—Earned his Bachelor's degree in Social Science and Government at California State University, Sacramento.

1966—Earned his Master's degree in Political Science at University of California, Davis.

1966—Served in the Peace Corps in Guatemala.

1969—Joined the faculty at California State University, Sacramento.

1975—Served as Education Advisor to then-Lieutenant Governor Mervyn Dymally.

1981—Elected to the Sacramento City Council, where he would serve 11 years.

1991—Received the Distinguished Faculty Award.

1992—Elected as Mayor of Sacramento.

1995—Received the Economic Development Leadership Award by the National Council for Urban Economic Development.

1996—Reelected as Mayor of Sacramento.

1998—Led the effort for the redevelopment of downtown Sacramento.

1998—Received an honorary doctorate degree from Golden Gate University.

I have known Mayor Serna for many years, and he was a visionary for Sacramento and the region.

Mayor Serna led California's Capital City toward a more positive and prosperous direction. He was extremely dedicated to the economic revitalization and redevelopment of Sacramento. Under his leadership, the Sacramento City Council helped to revitalize the downtown community, the region's heart and center. He appointed the first Council of Economic Advisors to help frame the City's economic agenda. In addition, Mayor Serna assembled a negotiating team that preserved the Sacramento Kings, the region's National Basketball Association Team, when the King's owners threatened to move the team out of town.

Mayor Serna was not only an honorable mayor, he was also a role model to the Latino community and an inspiration to all Californians. He was the first Latino elected as mayor of one of California's major cities, exemplifying the success that one can attain through education, hard work, and commitment—regardless of ethnicity. I believe Mayor Serna transcended ethnic politics without every losing sight of his ethnic background and his humble beginnings.

Mayor Serna grew up working in the fields of San Joaquin County. In the early 1960's he was an activist with the United Farm Workers, fighting for farm workers and for disadvantaged people. He went on to earn his bachelor's degree in Social Science and his master's degree in Political Science. He later entered the Peace Corps to serve the people in Guatemala as a community-development volunteer. Mayor Serna went on to become a professor at California State University in Sacramento and then served his community as Mayor of the City of Sacramento.

Along the way, he helped to inspire a host of talented Latino elected officials at all levels of government. Community leaders such San Joaquin County Supervisor Steve Gutierrez, State Senator Deborah Ortiz, and Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante attribute their participation in public service in part to the example and inspiration of Joe Serna.

As Supervisor Steve Gutierrez said, "Mayor Serna went from being a farm worker to organizer to an educator to mayor of Sacramento. He was truly an exemplary public servant and leader."

Most recently, I had the pleasure to meet with Mayor Serna in Sacramento just hours after a heinous shooting had occurred at a Jewish community center in Los Angeles. We had an opportunity to discuss at length the issue of hate crimes and other regional issues. Mayor Serna was passionate about his community and he deeply cared for its people. Even until his final days, he worked for a better life for his fellow citizens.

Joe Serna leaves a powerful legacy in many lives and a lasting vision for his beloved city of Sacramento. He was a dynamic leader, and we Californians were fortunate for his service. Mayor

Serna will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Isabel, the entire Serna family, and the community of Sacramento.●

TRIBUTE TO BOB GREENLEE

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate Bob Greenlee on the occasion of his retirement from the Boulder City Council.

Bob and his wife Diane came to Colorado from Iowa in 1975 and used their savings to buy a small AM radio station in Boulder. Through their hard work and determination, they turned that small AM radio station into KBCO, one of the top radio stations in the State. In addition to their work in radio, they have also helped bring several successful businesses to their community, expanding nationwide and employing thousands of people across the country through their enterprises. As part of their overall business philosophy, Bob and Diane have helped many others achieve their entrepreneurial dreams by assisting them in business ventures and startup companies.

The Greenlee's have also been an integral part of the Boulder community through their philanthropic work. Together, they founded the Boulder County chapter of the "I Have a Dream Foundation" which assists underprivileged youth achieve their goal of a college education. Bob and Diane have also endowed their own family foundation to carry on their tradition of philanthropy in Colorado. Their work has helped thousands of people across Colorado in their desire to achieve the "American dream."

As the cornerstone of his community involvement, Bob served on the Boulder City Council for 16 years as the voice of common sense and reason. In 1997, Bob was selected on a unanimous vote by his fellow council members to serve as Boulder's mayor. As part of the city council, Bob's lasting legacy will be his thoughtful, reasoned voice in how a city should be operated. He views on frugality in the city budget and a common sense approach to city regulation will serve as an enduring reminder of his years of service to the community.

While he is retiring from City Council, Bob's interest in government has not ended. He currently serves as the chairman of the Republican Leadership Program. The program is aimed at teaching the fundamentals of our democracy and is used as a forum to discuss current issues that impact our everyday lives. His leadership has created one of the strongest programs of its kind in the country, and will serve to educate Coloradans on the need to be involved in the issues which face our state and our country.

Bob Greenlee has shown us all that the American dream can still be attained. He and Diane started by knowing that they could make a difference, and through their hard work and diligence, they were able to build their

lives in order to serve others. People like Bob and Diane Greenlee were the cornerstone of our democracy and must be recognized for their contributions to our society.

Mr. President, it is an honor and a privilege to recognize Bob Greenlee on his outstanding career and community involvement. I would like to thank Bob and Diane for their service, and wish them both much success in the future.●

WORLD CHAMPIONS

● Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, on August 26, 1999, 13 young women, ages 15 and 16, put the First State on the map again by capturing the Senior League Softball World Series in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

This was a tremendous accomplishment for Delaware and for the country. The Stanton-Newport team completed an undefeated run through the double elimination tournament by winning a come-from-behind victory over a persistent and well seasoned team from the Philippines.

As one reporter put it, eight teams participated in the tournament, but "only one will have its flag fly over the field for the next year." Proudly that will be the flag of the United States of America thanks to the team from the great State of Delaware.

The Stanton-Newport team is an outstanding example of the power of youth sports in America. As I have said many times in the past, young people need a hobby they love, at least one adult who supports them and a good many friends with similar interests. Organized sports provides this much and more.

In competitive sports young people learn responsibility, discipline, and the importance of cooperation and teamwork on and off the field. Later, these same young individuals will be able to apply their hard-earned lessons to everyday life.

The young women of Stanton-Newport epitomize the exceptional athletes and citizens from across the nation who are inspired on a daily basis by their committed parents and coaches.

I am proud to call this team a home-grown product and continue to salute their efforts on behalf of the First State and the rest of our nation. They are indeed World Champions.●

DR. EDWIN STRONG-LEGS RICHARDSON

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the outstanding work and accomplishments of Dr. Edwin Strong-Legs Richardson, Penobscot Indian Psychologist and President of Kiyam Indian Consultant Group. He is also known as Song-gan-la Gan-Naw, which is Penobscot for Strong-Legs and Kiyam Nakicinjin, which is Sioux for Flying Defender.

Dr. Richardson's admirable work ethic began at the age of thirteen when he started supporting his family as a

logger. He has long been a nationally and internationally renowned applied behavioral scientist, consultant, trainer, retired Army Officer, and Spiritual Leader. For over fifty years, Dr. Richardson has been an educator-trainer, including professional ski instructor, mountaineer, and military instructor. He was voted one of the top instructors at four different universities/colleges and number one at two institutions.

As a combat Infantryman, Dr. Richardson fought the Germans, Japanese, and Vietnamese and served as the Commanding Officer of a Psychiatric Detachment in the Koran War. During his service, he was awarded for bravery under fire by his enlisted men and also received a commendation from General Westmoreland for an emergency landing of an airplane.

Dr. Richardson earned a B.S. in Pre-Med from the University of New Hampshire and his Masters of Education in Physical and Mental Rehabilitation from Springfield College. He then went on to The Ohio State University to receive his Doctorate in Health Education and Counseling.

I commend Dr. Richardson in raising public awareness of cultural diversity through his teaching, television programs, and books he has authored. He is an outstanding model for not only the Native American communities, but for all communities. Please join me in recognizing Dr. Edwin Strong-Legs Richardson.●

TRIBUTE HONORING CHRISTINE RUSSELL

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Christine Russell, who last week left my staff after seven years as my legislative assistant and policy advisor on environmental, transportation and energy issues. She married Alex Wells on October 30th in South Carolina. She and her husband will be living in Harrisburg, PA.

As my primary staff member responsible for the Environment and Public Works Committee, which I now chair, she was one of my chief staff liaisons with New Hampshire municipalities in need of Federal assistance, and with the Federal and State agencies responsible for these important issues. Chris was always there for me, and for the people of New Hampshire. She will be terribly missed.

Christine came to my office from the National Association of Manufacturers a few years after I came to the Senate. She brought with her the skills to balance private sector and public sector concerns regarding environmental, energy and transportation issues. Skills which I found invaluable during her years in my office.

In addition to her outstanding policy skills, Chris provided a warm smile and enjoyable attitude to my Senate office. She was professional, intelligent, and articulate—but it was her enthusiasm and energy that was most infectious.

Chris was dedicated to her job, the U.S. Senate, and the people of New Hampshire. Alex is a very fortunate man, indeed!

Chris, on behalf of the people of New Hampshire and my entire staff, best wishes in all of your future endeavors. You deserve the best that life has to offer.●

EVERGREEN CARPET RECYCLING PLANT

● Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, I rise today to express my support of private sector innovation to solve a public problem. My state is the site of a brand new, state of the art facility that will recycle carpets, chemically breaking them down to their virgin chemical components. Allied Signal and DSM are jointly opening the first-ever carpet recycling plant in Augusta, GA, on November 15. It's a fitting day for the opening of a carpet recycling plant since it is America Recycles Day 1999.

Carpets comprise of a significant portion of the Nation's landfills. Yet there are few programs at the state or local level targeted to redirecting carpets out of community landfills. The AlliedSignal-DSM facility, aptly named "Evergreen," will ensure that each year over 200 million pounds of carpet never see a landfill. Now it may be hard to imagine 200 million pounds of carpet, so let me help you visualize it. If you had a 12 foot wide roll of carpeting you could lay it from New York to San Francisco and back again, and that would equal about 200 million pounds. And the Evergreen facility will save that much landfill space each year.

The carpeting that will be recycled in Augusta will not simply be broken down mechanically and remade into new carpets. Instead it will be depolymerized—broken down chemically into the individual chemical polymers that comprise the nylon fiber in the carpets. The primary chemical is caprolactum, but they can't produce enough at their facilities to meet the demands of their customers.

So they had a choice to make—either find another source of caprolactum or build new chemical plants that could be used to make caprolactum. With dedicated research engineers, they made several technological breakthroughs that enabled them to obtain caprolactum from used carpeting in a more economical fashion than to produce it at a new chemical plant. They can actually recycle old carpets into caprolactum more economically than they could produce it from scratch.

Avoiding the production of caprolactum in itself yields tremendous environmental benefits. To produce from scratch the amount of caprolactum that the Evergreen facility will generate would take more than 700 million barrels of oil a year, and 4 trillion Btus more in energy usage. That is enough energy to heat 100,000