TRIBUTE TO MARY MIDDLETON

● Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Mary Middleton of Covington, Kentucky, for receiving the Friends of Covington Award for Outstanding Community Service.

Mary is a devoted civic leader and volunteer in Covington and throughout Kenton County. She gives her time and energy to numerous activities at church, and has provided leadership for several Northern Kentucky organizations. Mary helped found the Northern Kentucky Interfaith Commission and was the first president of the area's Salvation Army Auxiliary. In her many years of service to the community, she also was president of the Covington Art Club, Booth Hospital Auxiliary, Church Women United, and the Mary Circle of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Mary's kindness and generosity does not end there—she also has been involved with the Heritage League, Northern Kentucky Symphony, Women's Health Initiative, American Cancer Society, Florence Women's Club, and the Friends of Covington.

Aside from being involved in civic and philanthropic activities, Mary has long been an active member of the Northern Kentucky Republican Party and a driving force for Kentucky's Republican women. Back in the 1960s, Mary helped found the Kenton County Republican Women's Club and continues her work there today.

Mary also deserves credit for the many successes in her personal life. She and Clyde have been happily married for many, many years and have showed enormous strength of character and have a marriage that is an example to us all.

My colleagues and I join in congratulating you, Mary, on yet another fine achievement and we thank you for the time and effort you have put into others lives. I know the people of Northern Kentucky will continue to benefit from your generosity for many years to come.●

CONGRATULATING WESTMINISTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY IN THE WE THE PEOPLE . . . THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION NATIONAL FINALS

● Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to congratulate the class from Westminister Christian Academy in St. Louis that represented the state of Missouri in the We the People—The Citizen and the Constitution national finals in Washington, D.C., during May 6–8, 2000. These young scholars worked diligently to reach the national finals, where they received honorable mention. Through this experience they have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy.

I would like to recognize Rebekah Baxter, Anna-Grace Claassen, Samantha Denny, Jonathan Friz, Joseph Goldkamp, Nick Gustafson, Tim Ivancic, Aaron Johnson, Melissa Millar, Sarah Munson, John Murphy, Steve Ottolini, Nick Pavlenko, Dawn Piehl, Rodney Schnellbacher, Michelle Stanford, Lindsey Vehlewald and Kristen Walle and their teacher Ken Boesch.

The We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution program is an extensive educational program developed specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The three-day national competition is modeled after hearings in the U.S. Congress. These hearings consist of oral presentations by high school students before a panel of adult judges. The students testify as constitutional experts before a panel of judges representing various regions of the country and a variety of appropriate fields. The students' testimony is followed by a period of questioning by the simulated congressional committee. The judges probe students for their depth of understanding and ability to apply their constitutional knowledge.

I would like to congratulate the class from Westminister Christian Academy on their exemplary performance at the We the People . . . national finals. I wish these young ''constitutional experts'' from Missouri the best of luck in their future endeavors.●

THE HONORABLE BARRY M. GRANT RECEIVES ELEANOR ROOSEVELT HUMANITIES AWARD

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, each year, the Attorney Division of State of Israel Bonds honors two individuals with the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award. Recipients of this award are recognized for their contributions to the legal profession as well as their outstanding service to humanity in the spirit and ideals of Mrs. Roosevelt. I rise today to recognize the Honorable Barry M. Grant and the Honorable Nanci J. Grant, who will both receive the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award on May 16, 2000, in Southfield, Michigan.

The Honorable Barry M. Grant has been an Oakland County Probate Judge since 1977, currently serving as the Chief Judge Pro Tem for the county's probate court. He received his graduate degree from Michigan State University and his law degree from Wayne State University, with postgraduate work at Northwestern University and Harvard Law School. Prior to becoming a Judge, he was a practicing attorney, having started his career as a clerk in the Probate Court and later serving as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.

Judge Grant is President of the National College of Probate Judges and Editor of their national publication. He serves as the Secretary of the Judicial Tenure Commission and was the Chairman of that organization in 1992 and 1993. He has served as Secretary, Treasurer and President of the Michigan Judges Association and was President of the Oakland County Judges Association. Judge Grant has been on several gubernatorial commissions including the Governor's Traffic Safety Commission and the Strategic Planning Commission for programs for the mentally ill. In addition, Judge Grant authors a weekly column in The Detroit News, helping to keep many Michigan residents abreast of current issues involving the law.

In addition, Judge Grant dedicates much of his time to the Oakland County Community. He has served as Treasurer of the Southfield Board of Education, was a member of the Parent Youth Guidance Commission, is on the Board of Trustees of William Beaumont Hospital, and is a Director of the Boys Scouts of America, Clinton Valley Council. He has served as a Director of the Oakland County Chapters of the American Cancer Association, the Michigan Cancer Foundation and the March of Dimes. He is also on the board of the YMCA of Oakland County and is a Director of the Oakland County Youth Assistance Advisory Council.

Mr. President, I applaud the Honorable Barry M. Grant on his many personal achievements within the realm of the law and his many charitable endeavors outside of that realm. Not only Oakland County, but the entire State of Michigan, has benefitted from his great works. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate Judge Grant on receiving the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award. He is certainly deserving of the honor.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:57 p.m. a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2647. An act to amend the Act entitled ''An Act relating to the water rights of the Ak-Chin Indian Community'' to clarify certain provisions concerning the leasing of such water rights, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3244. An act to combat trafficking of persons, especially into the sex trade, slavery, and slavery-like conditions in the United States and countries around the world through prevention, through prosecution and enforcement against traffickers, and through protection and assistance to victims of trafficking.

H.R. 3293. An act to amend the law that authorized the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to authorize the placement within the site of the memorial of a plaque to honor those Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service.

H.R. 3313. An act to amend section 119 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the program for Long Island Sound, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4040. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a program under which long-term care insurance is made available to Federal employees, members of the uniformed services, and civilian and military retirees, and for other purposes.