

and it has a great board, and a wonderful director, Jonathan Granoff, our CEO, who is here today. And I would really urge those of you who are here today who shared in those causes with Alan to look forward to opportunities to collaborate with us, because the work goes on, and Alan was just the messenger.

In closing, I'd just like to say something I know Alan closed most of his speeches with, which was, "I thank you for all you are doing, and urge you onward." Thank you. (Applause.)

Judge JONATHAN STEINBERG. Thank you, Kim. I know your father would be proud of your personal actions to pick up the torch and deeply moved by your words.

I want to close with some expressions of thanks to many people. Again, I want to note how grateful all of us are to the sponsoring Senators and to all who spoke so eloquently and movingly about the man who will live forever in my heart as "Alan," as the most important influence on the lives of so many of us in this room today.

The presence here throughout this entire ceremony of three Cabinet officials in this new Administration should remind us all of Alan's abiding belief that it was possible to form an alliance with every Senator on one issue or another, and of his commitment to do just that. Common ground and common sense was much more important to him than party affiliation or political philosophy. We thank the three Secretaries who joined us today and helped remind us of how important those sentiments are for the welfare of our country.

There are an enormous number of people who volunteered their time and did just incredible work to make this tribute as successful and meaningful as we hope that it has been. If I leave anyone out, I apologize—as I do, and as I did before, if I left out any former officeholder, who I should have recognized earlier. So, I offer special thanks, on behalf of the family and myself, alphabetically, to Zack Allen, Bill Brew, Fran Butler, Monique Ceruti, Kelly Cordes, Chad Griffin, Bill Johnstone, Susanne Martinez, Katie O'Neill, Dan Perry, Valerie Rheinstein, Alexandra Sardegna, Ed Scott, Martha Stanley, Loraine Tong, Joel Wood, and one most special person, Elinor Tucker, without whose highly efficient logistical support we would never have made it to this point. I thank Senator Rockefeller for allowing her to put in so much time and effort and to do so in such an effective way. Finally, an even more personal thanks to my wife, Shellie, for helping to keep me on an relatively even keel over the past month as this event was pulled together.

And, finally, thanks to all of you who joined us in tribute today to Senator Alan McGregor Cranston, a great American who lived his life by the philosophy of a Chinese poet Lao-Tzu, whose words on leadership, printed in today's program, Alan carried with him every day.

That concludes this Tribute. Please remember to sign the guest book, and thanks again for coming. And we'll go out to the theme song from Alan's Presidential campaign, "Chariots of Fire". (Applause.)

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATING WE THE PEOPLE PARTICIPANTS FROM WYOMING

• Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, on April 21-23, 2001 more than 1,200 students from across the United States met in Wash-

ington, D.C. to compete in the national finals of the "We the People", The Citizen and the Constitution program. I am proud to report that the class from Cheyenne Central High School from Cheyenne represented the State of Wyoming in this national event. The fine students in this class include: Joe Bergene; Skye Bougsty-Marshall; Cory Bulkley; Michelle Cassidy; Ryan Day; Sara De Groot; Chris Heald; Nat Linter; Steve Lucero; Geoff Luke; Caroline Morris; Ben Silver; and Annaliese Wiederspahn. I would also like to recognize their teacher, Don Morris, who deserves much of the credit for the class' success.

These young scholars worked diligently to reach the national finals and through their experience gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles of our constitutional democracy.

I am pleased to have had the opportunity to support the "We the People" program through my work on the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee and the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. I am particularly proud to note that the Better Education for Students and Teachers Act will allow schools, which choose to do so, to use federal funds to incorporate the We the People program into their study of civics and American government.

I once again want to congratulate Don Morris and these students from Cheyenne Central High School.●

TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN J. RAPP

• Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I'd like to take a few minutes to honor Stephen J. Rapp, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa.

Steve Rapp has been a trailblazer in my home state of Iowa since he began his career in public service in his early twenties. Back in 1972, he won a seat in our House of Representatives, and at the tender age of twenty-five, he came within a hair's breadth of winning the Third District Congressional seat. He did eventually join us on Capitol Hill a few years later when he served as Staff Director and Counsel of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency.

After his stint in Washington, Steve returned to Iowa and served another four years in our House of Representatives where he distinguished himself as a leader on anti-crime legislation. Steve was instrumental in passing our state's rape shield law and our strong anti-drunk driving regulation. And he wrote the law that forbids release pending appeal of criminals who are guilty of forcible felonies.

In 1993, Steve was appointed as a United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa, and under his stewardship, the Northern District became a national torchbearer in criminal prosecutions. Steve filed America's first prosecution under Title II of the Brady Law. He also filed the nation's

first prosecution under the federal "Three Strikes" law, and the first prosecution under the Lautenberg amendment that prohibited convicted domestic violence offenders from owning a gun.

But Steve wasn't content merely to do a stellar job on the day to day duties of United States Attorney. He became a member of the Attorney Generals Advisory Committee, serving on the working Group on Interior Enforcement Immigration Law and on Subcommittees handling violence against women, organized crime, victim crime, juvenile justice and Native American issues. In addition, he served as chair of the Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area and has held forums across Northern Iowa to educate citizens and help reduce methamphetamine use.

When I think of all the work Steve Rapp has done for our state and our country, I'm reminded of the words of President John F. Kennedy who once noted, "Law is the strongest link between man and freedom." Steve Rapp has worked tirelessly to keep the people of Northern Iowa and America free, free from crime and violence, and free to raise their families and live their lives in safe, secure communities.

Steve has been honored by groups ranging from the Afro-American Community Broadcasting to the NAACP to the Black Hawk County Legal Secretaries Association. And it is my pleasure to add myself to that list and offer my deepest gratitude for his long and distinguished record of service.●

RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH BIRTHDAY OF ST. MARY PARISH OF NEW BALTIMORE, MICHIGAN

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask that the Senate join me today in congratulating the St. Mary Parish of New Baltimore, MI on their upcoming one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary. Since 1876, the St. Mary's has been serving the spiritual needs of it's congregation as well as the community at large.

The history of St. Mary Parish is too long and rich for me to recount here in full, but it is important to point out that New Baltimore has been home to a Catholic community since 1805, when "horseback priests" from Canada and Detroit would come to minister in private homes. It was in 1876, as America was celebrating its centennial, that Father Aloysius Lambert was appointed the first resident pastor and the St. Mary Parish was born. Father Lambert worked to establish a church and chapel, a grade school and a rectory. Other important events in the history of the Parish include the mortgage being paid off and burned in 1938, the addition of a war memorial shrine in 1949, and the completion of a new gymnasium in 1951. This gymnasium would serve as a temporary church when the 83 year old building burned to the ground in 1958. In 1963, the cornerstone was laid in

what was now to be known as St. Mary Queen of Creation.

The 1960's also saw the creation of a new mission for St. Mary Parish. A chapter of St. Vincent de Paul was opened to serve the needs of the poor in New Baltimore and seventh-grader Mary Jane Plague began a music ministry. This legacy of community stewardship grew with the addition of Sister Loretta Demick to the St. Mary Parish in 1974. Sister Demick began what was known as Sister Loretta's Closet, which helped feed the poor, elderly and infirmed of the Parish. Also in 1974, the former convent was turned into a home for women who are developmentally disabled. People with special needs are still being served in this building, and it is known as the Horizons Residential Centers. In the last decade, the St. Mary Parish has expanded outreach programs to help the homeless and those with HIV/AIDS.

Over the years, St. Mary Parish has grown from a few families to thousands of parishioners and along the way has dedicated itself to bettering the lives of everyone in its community. The community of New Baltimore and all of Macomb County have benefitted from many good deeds and continuing works of generosity that the St. Mary Parish has undertaken. I trust that my Senate colleagues will join me in wishing St. Mary Parish a happy one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary, and hoping that the next century and a quarter are as fruitful as the last.●

RECOGNIZING THE STUDENTS FROM CENTURY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

● Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, today I had the privilege to meet with twelve accomplished students from Century Senior High School in Bismarck, ND, who are in town to compete in the national finals of the "We the People. . ." competition. This competition focuses on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and these students have worked hard to reach the national finals.

These students are Adrienne Buckman, Nicole Elkin, Jessica Fritz, Nathan Grenz, Gwen Hobert, Chris Holzer, Reed Hushka, Whitney KreingKrairt, Rudie Martinson, Paul Nehring, Grant Neuharth, and Russel Pearson. They are ably led by their teacher, Jeff Aas, who also deserves credit for the success of the class.

I am proud of this class and their dedication to this project. The Constitution is not just a historical document; it is the basis for our entire system of government. The brilliance of the Constitution lies in its flexibility which has allowed it to stand the test of time. The Bill of Rights is a fundamental part of our national culture and has been the basis of freedom principles that have been adopted in other countries around the world.

The knowledge that these students have gained by studying the Constitu-

tion will serve them well for years to come. Congratulations to these outstanding students from my home State.●

TRIBUTE TO DENNIS H. BLOME

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I would like to take a few moments today to honor Dennis H. Blome for his outstanding work as United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa.

Before he even set foot in the U.S. Marshal's office, Dennis Blome had already distinguished himself with over two decades of dedicated law enforcement service. During these years, he took on just about every position in the field of law enforcement, and he performed them all with diligence, passion and honor.

Dennis started out as a Deputy in the Linn County Sheriff's Office in 1971. He then took on the positions of Jail Officer, dispatcher and patrolman before becoming First Deputy for Sheriff Walter H. Grant. And he later served as Jail Administrator, Sergeant, Lieutenant and head of Detectives for the Sheriff's Office.

In 1984, Dennis was elected as Sheriff, and he took the lead in helping build a new jail and provide critically needed training for jail personnel throughout Iowa. He was also an enthusiastic member of the legislative Committee of the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association and of the National Sheriffs' Association.

Dennis' passion for learning and taking on new challenges led him to continue his education at the FBI National Academy, the National Institute of Corrections and Mount Mercy College where he got his BA degree in Criminal Justice and Psychology. He also took advantage of special training seminars through the National Sheriffs' Conference and the International Chiefs of Police.

Dennis' extensive job experience and solid education served him well when he was appointed as United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa back in 1994. He focused his boundless energy on a number of projects, most notably, that of strengthening security in our courthouses. Today, thanks to Dennis, our courthouses in Cedar Rapids and Sioux City have interior and exterior camera systems as well as recording systems and multiple monitoring systems.

But even more important than what Dennis accomplished is how he accomplished it. Dennis never considered any job to be "beneath" him. He was always willing to pitch in whether it meant being present in court, transporting prisoners or doing anything else necessary to keep the agency in good running order. His humility and commitment to his work made him a popular leader.

Dennis Blome embodies all of the highest ideals of public service. He's served our state with honor and loyalty for thirty years, and it is my pleasure

to offer my deepest gratitude for his considerable contributions.●

HONORING BILL BRADLEY

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, today we celebrate the long career of dedicated public service rendered by Mr. Bill Bradley of Ware, MA. His deep love of policy and politics has inspired me and many others, and I am fortunate to have Bill's friendship and counsel in my life.

This weekend, Bill's friends and colleagues will gather to look back on 25 years of service to two United States Senators, a Congressman, the US Department of Agriculture and the people of Massachusetts. Bill retires from a distinguished career of government service, most recently having held the post of Regional Director for the Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Program and today I join his extended political family in this celebration.

The same interest and passion that Bill brought to his USDA service can be found in earlier chapters of his life. As a freshman in high school, he pursued an early interest in politics by working as a congressional page in Washington D.C. in 1962, and his sponsor was a son of Dorchester who went on to become the great Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, John W. McCormack. Bill was a page through the next two years, and capped his early Washington experience by witnessing Lyndon Johnson's inauguration in 1965. After graduating from the University of California and serving a brief stint with the U.S. Forest Service in Alaska, Bill got his first job on Capitol Hill as a Legislative Aide for Congressman Dale Milford of Texas during the Carter Administration. Soon he moved closer to his Massachusetts up north to run a mobile office for my predecessor in this chamber, the late Paul Tsongas. From 1979 to 1983, Bill traveled in this capacity through the same towns he would later serve through the USDA. Once established in Western Massachusetts with Senator Tsongas, Bill dug deeper into the issues closest to the heart of those communities, and soon his knowledge and understanding of the region and its needs was exemplary. Even greater was his passion to serve them.

Bill coordinated these cities and towns in my first Senate campaign in 1984 and later became the Director of Constituent Services for my whole state-wide operation. Throughout the nine years he spent on my staff, he held positions that ranged from Director of Western Massachusetts to Director of Local Relations. In each position, Bill demonstrated the same tenacity and dedication to improving people's lives he carries to this day.

It came as no surprise to those who worked with and knew Bill that President Clinton would recognize and embrace these same qualities as he assumed office in 1993. The President appointed Bill to the position of Regional