

of the Pharaoh's troops. When we particularly preserve our adversary's humanity, difficult as it is, we maintain our own essential human stature.

We rejoice in the presence of our special guest, Adam Nguyen, who escaped from Vietnam in 1971 and is president of the Zen Buddhism Association of Hampton Roads and whose first Seder it is. As we share our celebration with him, we protest the destruction and desecration of the irreplaceable, precious and priceless two giant Buddha statues from the third and fifth centuries respectively, by the oppressive and repressive Taliban regime in Afghanistan. Pleas from the world at large, including Muslim countries along with its ally Pakistan, to desist from such an unwarranted act fell on deaf ears. An assault on one religion is an assault on all religions and on civilization itself. We congratulate neighboring Tajikistan for restoring another historic Buddha relic.

We suffer the ongoing lethal violence substituting for life-enhancing vision in our American society sacrificing its precious youth, tomorrow's promise, on the alien altars of the false gods of wanton conduct and perverted values. The plight of the three kidnapped Israeli soldiers and their agonizing families, including Benny Avraham from our sister city of Pardes Katz, remains of grave concern to us. We are in pain given the deadly deadlocked scenario in our beloved Land of Israel, ancient source of shalom's holy wellspring of blessings, still so tragically eluding it and the vastness of a wondrous universe designed to reflect the Divine's loving embrace.

Rabbi Israel Zoberman, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, is President of the Hampton Roads Board of Rabbis and Chairman of the Community Relations Council of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater. He was born in Kazakhstan in 1945 to Polish Holocaust Survivors.●

RETIREMENT OF LILLIE PETIT GALLAGHER

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment out of this morning's business to commemorate a very special occasion in the life of a dear friend and a valued advisor, Lillie Petit Gallagher. This Friday, May 4, 2001, marks the last day of a long and distinguished career in public service for Lillie. As the Executive Director of St. Elizabeth Foundation in Baton Rouge, she has not only counseled hundreds of birth mothers but also helped in placing their children with loving families. In the thirteen years she has served as executive director of this fine organization, she has been a trusted friend, a surrogate mother, a guardian angel and a wise counsel to hundreds of parents and families.

The US Census Bureau estimates that in one year 500,000 teenagers will choose to parent their babies; 450,000 will have abortions. Because of people like Lillie, these young adults have the confidence and support they need to choose adoption for their child. To demonstrate for you the kind of impact Lillie has had in shaping St. Elizabeth's, let me read an excerpt from a letter from one of her birth mothers, "I was eighteen and fresh out of a bad relationship when I found out I was preg-

nant. I can remember not knowing what I was going to do. I guess in a lot of ways I just acted as if there was nothing wrong. For about three months no one knew of my pregnancy but me and a friend. Then we just really started talking about what to do one day and that's when it happened, just like a sign from God, a billboard sign saying: "Pregnant and alone call . . ." so we rode back to her house and called. A soft sweet voice answered the phone, "St. Elizabeth Foundation." That is how I started my friendship and love for the people at St. Elizabeth's." This is just one of many examples of the special interventions that bring strength, hope and comfort to hundreds of families.

A native of Cut Off, LA, Lillie's work on behalf of the children of Louisiana is not limited to her outstanding work at St. Elizabeth's. After graduating from St. Mary's Dominican College in New Orleans, she returned to LSU to obtain a graduate degree in child development and social services. She used those skills to teach early childhood at the college level, found a Montessori pre-school and served as the founding director of the statewide Gifted/Talented Program in the Louisiana State Department of Education. As if that is not enough, she also spent several years as host of a popular TV education program.

Anyone who meets Lillie knows they have met someone very special. Her loving heart and determined spirit make her a tenacious advocate for children and their families and Louisiana and the Nation have been the great beneficiary. Her 36 year marriage to her husband, George, serves as a loving example, not only to her four beautiful children and precious grandchild, but to the young people she serves. My best wishes to you, Lillie, your husband, George, and your beautiful family.●

TIMEOUT FOR THE UNINSURED

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask consent that the following article be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

[From the Washington Post, May 2, 2001]

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House Conferees have been fighting with their Senate counterparts to reduce the spending levels in the congressional budget resolution. No doubt some cuts can be made in the Senate totals without the country's suffering harm. But at least one relatively minor Senate proposal deserves to remain.

Oregon Sens. Gordon Smith and Ron Wyden won inclusion in the budget of an additional \$28 billion over three years to reduce the number of Americans without health insurance. The money would mainly be spent on lower-income people. Exactly how would be up to the authorizing committees, but an add-on of some kind to Medicaid and/or the children's health insurance program that Congress enacted several years ago seems most likely. The modest expansion would hardly solve the un-insurance problem, but it would push in the right direction.

About a seventh of the population remains uninsured. Most are poor or near poor. They

lack insurance mainly because they can't afford it. The administration has proposed a tax credit to help those whose employers don't offer insurance. But the credit would cover only part of the cost of an average policy, and most uninsured families still would find such a policy beyond their means. Some people think the industry might respond by offering only partial policies, but it's not clear that would be a good result, either.

The administration proposal has some interesting features and would do limited good, but limited is the operative word. The spending programs for the lower-income uninsured have shown themselves to be efficient ways of increasing coverage. Whatever the fate of the tax credit, they should be expanded. Much attention has lately been paid to the health care problems of the already insured. The elderly lack a drug benefit; people enrolled in managed care complain that care is sometimes sacrificed to cost. But at least these people have insurance. More than 40 million don't. The budget argument this year has been mainly about how large a tax cut to give the better-off. What about a timeout to pay a little heed to those who can't afford to get sick?●

DR. NAN S. HUTCHISON BROWARD SENIOR HALL OF FAME

● Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, today I am delighted to recognize an outstanding group of men and women from Broward County. The dedication and compassion demonstrated by these 10 inspiring senior citizens who have been nominated to the Dr. Nan S. Hutchison Broward Senior Hall of Fame is truly exceptional. The selfless efforts of these nominees to address the needs of individuals in all walks of life serve as an example for others throughout our Nation to emulate.

This year's honorees are Ilo Cox, Sydney Dworkin, Flora Fasciani, Ena Henry, Edward Levy, Johnnie McCray, Elizabeth Phillips Scheuerman, Bert Soft, Lotte Stein, and Ralph Weinstein.

Ilo Cox has endeavored to improve the quality of life for Floridians by promoting such diverse initiatives as crime prevention, community development, advancement of the arts and funding research to find a cure for cystic fibrosis. In addition, she has held positions of leadership with the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club.

Sydney Dworkin has given generously of his time to the Florida Lakes Alzheimer Care Center since its inception in 1993. At the center he brings warmth and light into the lives of all those whom he assists. He has recognized the importance of a friendship in the life of someone afflicted by a mentally debilitating disease.

Flora Fasciani has been a steadfast supporter of children's programs and charities, coordinating and supervising several fundraising Salvation Army balls in Broward. She also acts as a spokesperson for the University of Miami Organ Donor Program and organizes the biannual Red Cross blood drive.

Ena Henry has been an active member of her church community; volunteering her time in programs aimed at educating the youth and fostering a