

has resulted in a revised academic curriculum and an increased focus on the profession of officership. From the outset, General Christman sought the insight of Academy graduates and the neighboring community, where appropriate, to give these groups a closer identification with his decisions.

A consummate professional, General Christman's dedication to excellence and his unsurpassed devotion to duty, honor, and country have marked his distinguished service over the last 36 years. His service reflects a deep commitment to West Point, the Army, and our nation. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking General Christman for his honorable service to the citizens of the United States of America. I wish him, his wife Susan, and their children, continued success and happiness in all their future endeavors.●

RETIREMENT OF RONALD CARL CASNER OF McVEY TOWN, PA

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ronald Carl Casner of McVeytown, PA, as he retires as Vice-President from Omega National Bank after 42 years. He has given a great deal of time and energy to his profession, and has ensured a trustworthy banking service to his customers for many years. On June 30, 2001, he will bring his lengthy and accomplished career to a close, and I commend him for the many years of service he has provided to his community.

Mr. Casner was born February 7, 1936 in Lewistown, PA. After he graduated from high school, he served in the United States Marine Corps from 1954–1958. Upon his return to the United States from his military service, Ronald became employed at the former Penn Central National Bank, located in Mount Union and Huntingdon, PA. When Mr. Casner retires in June, he will retire as Vice-President of what is now Omega National Bank.

Mr. Casner is a member of the McVeytown United Methodist Church, serves on the Church's Board of Trustees, is an avid sportsman, and is a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose. His involvement in these civic organizations displays Mr. Casner's dedication both as a professional and in the community. Ronald and his wife, Anna, have two daughters, one grandson and one granddaughter.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing Mr. Ronald Casner for the many years he has given to his community. May his retirement be filled with health, happiness and memorable times with family and friends for many years to come.●

LEON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

● Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I am pleased to have this opportunity to honor the outstanding history of the Leon High School Band in Tallahassee, Florida. Now in its 61st year, Leon

High School Band's tradition of distinction is second only to the academic and personal integrity of its members.

Officially organized in 1940, Leon Band and its colorful history remain a source of great pride for everyone involved with the program. During those early years, the "Marching Redcoats" took the field at the 1946 Orange Bowl in Miami, Florida, attended the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C. and was proclaimed the official band of the State of Florida. The honors, acclaim and achievements, however, did not stop there; the band visited Mexico in 1974 to enter the Festival of Bands and toured Austria for the International Music Festival in 1977.

More recently, under the direction of Timothy Paul, the Leon High Band has continued its quest for excellence. Not only have they won the Sudler Order of Merit for Historical Bands, but in December, 2000, the band was presented with the prestigious Sulder Flag of Honor, an international award honoring musical expertise. Individually, band members consistently attain superior ratings in district and state competition. The grand tradition of the Leon High School Band continues and richly deserves our commendation and recognition.●

SEARCHING FOR SEQUOYAH

● Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize a family that has dedicated much time and energy into preserving its Cherokee heritage. Dr. Charles Rogers of Brownsville, TX, his wife Sheron, his son, George Charles Sherson, and his mother, Mary Layton Rogers, have traveled to Mexico in search of the grave of the famous Cherokee, Sequoyah.

Sequoyah is credited with inventing a writing system for the Cherokees by making symbols which form words. As a result of this syllabary, thousands of Cherokees became literate. In recognition of his monumental contribution, the Cherokee Nation awarded him a silver medal, along with a lifetime literary pension.

Sequoyah was born in Tennessee, in 1776, to Nathaniel Gist, a Virginia fur trader, and Wut-teh, the daughter of a Cherokee Chief. He also lived in Georgia, Alabama and Arkansas before moving to Oklahoma, where he lived until 1842. He then set out to find the Chickamauga Cherokees, who had moved to Mexico. He died the following year in Mexico, but the exact location of his grave has remained unknown.

Dr. Rogers and his family, who come from a long line of Cherokees themselves, have searched extensively for Sequoyah's grave. Their efforts may have paid-off as they believe they have found the burial site in a rock-covered cave near the "lost-village" of Sequoyah. Epic and Gloria Rodriguez of Mexico, whose ancestors helped Sequoyah and other Cherokees, directed the Rogers to the location. The Rogers' intent is not to return the re-

mains of Sequoyah to Oklahoma, but to recognize his grave in order to preserve the richness of the Cherokee heritage.

I hope you will join me today in honoring Sequoyah, for his contribution to the Cherokee people, as well as the Rogers family, for their work to preserve the legacy of this Cherokee hero.●

TRIBUTE TO PAGE GROTON

● Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Page Groton. He was a native of Baltimore who served his country with pride.

Page Groton spent his career working to improve the lives of working men and women. He played an important role in America's labor movement. He understood why unions are so important. He put his values into action.

Page enjoyed a long career as a trade union member, leader and lobbyist. He began working in Baltimore as a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps before becoming an electrician at a shipyard in Pennsylvania. Page answered his country's call to duty by joining the Navy in the Pacific during World War II.

After returning to the shipyard when the war ended, Page was elected union president of his boilermakers local. In 1962, Page Groton moved to Washington and became vice president of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers Union. Once in Washington, Page found the time to share his knowledge of labor issues with students from the University of Wisconsin School for workers. He finished his career as a lobbyist for the Metal Trades Department of the AFL-CIO.

I am so grateful for Page's friendship and support. In 1986, I found myself in a tough Senate primary campaign against two good friends of mine: Congressman Mike Barnes of Montgomery County, and Governor Harry Hughes of Maryland. Page was instrumental in helping the statewide AFL-CIO to know me.

Page Groton's life is an example of dedication to a cause higher than oneself. His legacy is his family, as well as an ethic of service that Americans and Marylanders may follow with pride. His beloved wife Mayrene Williams Groton and their two children, seven grandchildren, and five great grandchildren are in my thoughts and prayers.●

RETIREMENT OF A. REID LEOPOLD, JR., MD, OF LEWISTOWN, PA

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize A. Reid Leopold, Jr., MD, an accomplished physician from the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who will be retiring on June 30, 2001. Dr. Leopold has dedicated his entire professional life to improving the health and well-being of others in our communities.