

store, agreed to sell some of their material in its home furnishings store, which was just opening.

During a trip to Venice with her husband, glassblower Robin Mix, Dollenmaier got the idea of making and selling new, heirloom quality textiles, which is essentially what Anichini does today.

"In Italy I found women who were still making the same kind of textiles I was buying and selling," she says. "That's really where the seed of the business was formed."

Soon after that, Anichini caught another break when one of Italy's premier textile weavers took a chance on the fledgling company and agreed to give it \$50,000 worth of materials on consignment.

The business sold all \$50,000, and was on its way. It grossed \$100,000 in its first year, and has continued to expand and grow. Dollenmaier and Anichini eventually sold their loft in New York, and used the proceeds to buy the buildings the company still owns in Tunbridge.

The partners went their separate ways a few years ago, when Dollenmaier bought out Anichini's share in the business.

Today, Anichini has a furniture division, a line of products for infants and is widening its scope to include fabrics and designs from India, the Far East, Eastern Europe and other countries. It no longer bills itself as simply an purveyor of Italian, Dollenmaier says.

The company recently worked out an agreement with a weaver in India who is trying to keep some of the country's old techniques alive.

Dollenmaier acknowledges that the 2,000 or so women who make textiles for Anichini in India are, at least by Western standards, poor. Asked how this squares with Anichini's Ben & Jerry's-style commitment to social responsibility, Dollenmaier says she has thought deeply about this question.

"I guess I'd say they've got to be working doing something, and they are making a lot more money making stuff for us as opposed to someone else."

One thing is certain, Anichini's 60 employees in the United States are treated quite well. The company provides profit sharing, which has averaged more than 10 percent of the employee's salary over the past five years, 11 paid holidays, five weeks vacation after five years of service, and paid membership in gym.

Dollenmaier hopes to eventually move Anichini's outlet store in West Lebanon across the river to the Route 4 corridor in Vermont. Long-range, she also plans to consolidate all of Anichini's operations in a new facility in Tunbridge that will be even harder to find than its existing buildings.

Looking back on her life and how she has parlayed a hobby and passion into a highly successful business, Dollenmaier says: "I'm really doing exactly what I want. I really have very few regrets."●

#### TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL MICHAEL W. DAVIDSON

● Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, today I rise to pay tribute to a great American, Major General Michael W. Davidson for his 32 years of meritorious service to our Nation. On June 16, 2001, Major General Davidson will retire from the service, and I know my colleagues join me in expressing our gratitude for his many contributions.

Major General Davidson began his career as an enlisted member of the Army 32 years ago. Since that begin-

ning, he served his Nation in the Active Duty Army, U.S. Army Reserve, and the Army National Guard. His diligence and commitment to the United States Army did not go unnoticed, he was eventually promoted to the rank of two-star General Officer. In this capacity, General Davidson served a three year term as the first ever Assistant to the Chief Joint Chiefs of Staff for National Guard Matters.

During his tenure as Assistant to the Chief Joint Chiefs of Staff for National Guard Matters, Major General Davidson provided considerable insight and made lasting contributions regarding the integration of the Nation's Reserve Component forces into the planning and strategies of the United States Armed Forces. Major General Davidson's comprehensive knowledge of the Reserve Component and its capabilities as well as insightful analysis of our national security concerns were invaluable assets and set the tone for this new position. I am confident that all who follow Major General Davidson will benefit tremendously from his example.

Perhaps even more than his distinguished service, Major General Davidson is justifiably proud of his loving family. He and his wife Jo Ann have three children, twins Megan and Claire, both 22, and Brian, age 15. General Davidson and his family make their home in my hometown of Louisville, KY. Although he lives and was educated in Louisville, Major General Davidson's true allegiance is a few miles down the road in Lexington, or perhaps more specifically, Rupp Arena. Like so many others in the Bluegrass, The General is a huge supporter and fan of Kentucky Wildcat Basketball and I can hope that the next phase of his life will afford him many opportunities to enjoy the Wildcats in person.

In addition to catching as many Big Blue games as possible, Major General Davidson plans to busy himself with consultation work and teaching at the college level. Clearly, his commitment to service will endure.

Michael Davidson's time in uniform may be drawing to a close, however his record of dedicated service will continue for many years to come. On behalf of this body, I thank him for his dedication and contributions to this nation, and sincerely wish him and the entire Davidson family the very best in his retirement.●

#### NORTHWEST GEORGIA GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD WINNERS

● Mr. MILLER. Mr. President, I am proud to announce that 53 girls from Northwest Georgia have achieved the Girl Scout Gold Award for the year 2001. The Gold Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout can accomplish, and each girl has endured a rigorous process during the last three years of the Scouting program.

The many lessons learned through the Girl Scout program will serve each

girl well in the years to come. Setting and accomplishing goals, becoming effective leaders, and making a commitment to help others are among the many experiences each girl has had that set them apart from their peers. The special skills that the girls developed will be a tremendous asset to them as they finish their education and progress onto greater experiences.

Over the previous 3 years, each girl has illustrated tremendous dedication, effort, and hard work to achieve this prestigious award. However their success could not have been achieved without the support and encouragement of their family, friends, teachers, and troop leaders. On the quest for the Gold Award, each girl has endured challenges and hardships that would not have been overcome without the assistance of their community. As we recognize the achievement of these 53 girls, let us not forget to acknowledge the sacrifice that each family went through to help them reach their goal.

Below are the young ladies from the Girl Scout Council of Northwest Georgia who have achieved the 2001 Gold Award.

The list follows:

Anna Maria Arias, Atlanta, Georgia; Elizabeth Anne Baynes, Conyers, Georgia; Meredith Jane Bridges, Stone Mountain, Georgia; MeChelle A. Brown, East Point, Georgia. Whitney Suzanne Calhoun, Stone Mountain, Georgia; Lauren Catchpole, Roswell, Georgia; Lisa Collins, Lawrenceville, Georgia; Erin E. Conboy, Roswell, Georgia; Katherine Davis, Lawrenceville, Georgia; and Amiris Duckwyler-Watson, College Park, Georgia.

Jennifer MaryAlice Ellis, Smyrna, Georgia; Valerie Jaye Elston, Alpharetta, Georgia; Catherine Anne Farrington, Lithonia, Georgia; Courtney Lashan Foster, Ellenwood, Georgia; Elizabeth K. Gilbert, Powder Springs, Georgia; Kara Renita Greene, Fairburn, Georgia; Lindsey B. Harris, Roswell, Georgia; Elizabeth Hollis, College Park, Georgia; and Amanda Katie Lillian Honea, Woodstock, Georgia.

Sharon Ashley Johnson, Stone Mountain, Georgia; Katherine Kauffman, Lilburn, Georgia; Katherine Killebrew, Marietta, Georgia; Adrienne Janiece Lee, Atlanta, Georgia; Catrina Marie Madore, Lilburn, Georgia; Laura Emily Cuvo, Lawrenceville, Georgia; Leanna Jane Dailey, Dalton, Georgia; Maire M. Daly, Roswell, Georgia; Amanda Suzanne Mullis, Marietta, Georgia; and Mai-Lise Trinh Nguyen, Dunwoody, Georgia.

Natalie Nicole Parks, Jonesboro, Georgia; Virginia LaShea Powell, Fayetteville, Georgia; Jessica Ransom, Riverdale, Georgia; Jennifer C. Rausch, Norcross, Georgia; Charlotte Anne Grover, Lawrenceville, Georgia; Ashley Nicole Haney, Atlanta, Georgia; Farrah Leah Harden, Atlanta, Georgia; Joyce Elizabeth Reid, Conyers, Georgia; and Sarah Ellen Sattlemeyer, Stone Mountain, Georgia.