

Dr. Schrieffer is a graduate of Eustis High School in Florida, whose studies took him to the University of Illinois, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of California in Santa Barbara. In 1972, he won the Nobel Prize in Physics for his research on superconductivity.

We welcomed Dr. Schrieffer back to Florida in 1991 when he became the Chief Scientist of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory at Florida State University in Tallahassee. His dedication has meant that this laboratory has become one of the world's preeminent sites for high magnetic field research.

Dr. Schrieffer also serves as a University Eminent Scholar at Florida State. He received the National Medal of Science in 1984. He has been a member of the Council of the National Academy of Science since 1990. He served as President of the American Physical Society in 1996, and was the recipient of the prestigious Oliver E. Buckley Solid State Physics prize in 1968.

The State of Florida, and the Magnetic Laboratory, are fortunate to have Dr. Schrieffer's expertise and enthusiasm. I join Dr. Schrieffer's many friends and colleagues who will undoubtedly be wishing him all the best on May 31st of this year.●

RETIREMENT OF CAROL HURT

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise to make a few comments on the retirement of Carol Hurt and her 25 years of dedication to Missouri.

On June 1, 2001, Carol Hurt will retire from the State of Missouri. Her long and varied career has spanned more than 25 years, beginning at the Department of Revenue in 1976. Since then she has held the position of Assistant Director of Administration in the Attorney General's office and Director of Administration in the State Auditor's office. As Governor, I had the privilege to work with Carol Hurt when she was Office Manager for the Governor's office, as did my successor John Ashcroft.

Carol currently serves as a member of the Professional Advisory Board for the Business and Public Administration department for the University of Missouri, the Missouri Institute of Public Administrators and the Association of Governmental Accountants. She has also served the community as a board member for the Greater Missouri Women's Leadership Foundation, Homemaker Health Care and Rotary International.

Carol will complete her distinguished career of dedication and service at the Missouri Department of Transportation where she is a Senior Human Resource Specialist.

I would like to thank Carol Hurt for her commitment to the state of Missouri and for all her hard work. I join with her family, friends, and colleagues in congratulating her on this outstanding accomplishment and wish her the best in all her future endeavors.●

DEPARTURE OF JAMES A. HARMON FROM THE U.S. EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

● Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, I would like to recognize the accomplishments of James A. Harmon, the outgoing Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States. When Chairman Harmon steps down from this position on May 25, he will have served Ex-Im Bank for 4 years, one of the longest terms as Chairman in the Bank's history.

Chairman Harmon came to Ex-Im Bank in 1997 after a distinguished 38-year career as an investment banker in New York. He brought his wealth of private sector experience to Washington and immediately set about the task of enhancing Ex-Im Bank's ability to achieve its important mission, supporting U.S. jobs through exports.

One of the early challenges he had to face was the global financial crisis that hit Asia and other emerging markets in 1997-98. Recognizing the important role Ex-Im Bank could play in this crisis, Chairman Harmon directed the Bank to extend much needed credit to many of the impacted Asian nations to keep trade flowing between this region and the United States. Perhaps the most dramatic example was in South Korea, where Ex-Im Bank provided \$1 billion of short-term export credit insurance for South Korean banks that allowed South Korean businesses to purchase urgently needed raw materials and equipment from the United States. Ex-Im Bank supported more than 2,400 transactions in South Korea during this crucial period, compared to less than 60 the prior year. Ex-Im Bank also worked to shore up the struggling Asian markets by coordinating assistance for the region from the other major export credit agencies. Ex-Im Bank's aggressive response to the Asian financial crisis helped stabilize these economies and keep U.S. goods and services flowing to the region until commercial financing was once again available.

Under Chairman Harmon's leadership, Ex-Im Bank forged into new markets in an effort to increase opportunities for U.S. exporters. I am particularly pleased to cite the Bank's expanded involvement in Africa. During Chairman Harmon's tenure, Ex-Im Bank unveiled new programs for facilitating U.S. exports to sub-Saharan Africa and expanded the number of countries in this region for which financing support is available. Notably, Chairman Harmon demonstrated his personal commitment to sub-Saharan Africa by traveling to the region three times, becoming the first Ex-Im Bank Chairman to visit southern Africa. The results of these efforts have been dramatic. Ex-Im Bank support for transactions in sub-Saharan Africa rose from \$50 million in 1998 to nearly \$1 billion in 2000. I know from my own visits to sub-Saharan Africa the vital importance of increased U.S. trade with the region and I commend Chairman Harmon for his efforts.

Ex-Im Bank also enhanced its presence in Russia and the New Independent States, developing innovative financing structures that allowed U.S. exporters to capitalize on the vast opportunities of this market. In June 2000, Ex-Im Bank launched a Southeast Europe Initiative to develop U.S. trade opportunities in Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia and Romania, an initiative that can help foster the development of these emerging market economies as well as benefit U.S. exporters.

While working to support exports to new markets abroad, Chairman Harmon also pushed Ex-Im Bank to reach out to new groups of exporters here at home. During Chairman Harmon's tenure, Ex-Im Bank implemented program changes and marketing efforts aimed at expanding its support for women- and minority-owned businesses, two groups that have traditionally had difficulty accessing export financing. Chairman Harmon also made environmental exports a top priority, recognizing both the potential export opportunities for U.S. producers of environmental goods and services and the importance of promoting environmentally sound development. At the same time, Chairman Harmon championed the need for greater environmental responsibility in export financing, urging his G-7 and other major export credit agency counterparts to adopt uniform, meaningful environmental standards for the projects they finance.

Jim Harmon has worked tirelessly at Ex-Im Bank to create high-paying export-related jobs here at home by expanding opportunities for U.S. exporters abroad. I am pleased to welcome him back to New York after four years of distinguished service to Ex-Im Bank and the Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO KAHUKU HIGH AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

● Mr. INOUE. Mr. president, I rise in tribute to Kahuku High and Intermediate School located in Kahuku, Hawaii, for its outstanding performance in the "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" national finals held on April 21-23, 2001, in Washington, DC.

The following Kahuku students competed in the Competition: Brooke Barker, Chenoah Couvillion, Daniel Ditto, James Hayes, Erin Hickman, Dana Ishii, Mostaffah Karodia, Rachael Kekaula, Justin Keys, Losaline Lautaha, Vaueli Ma Sun, Brad Makaiau, Brenda McCallum, Melodie Navalta, Kaulania Ostrem, Travis Ostrem, Jill Peterson, Andrew Pontti, Karess Purcell, Florangelie Ramirez, Dylan Small, Savani Toluta'u, Talahiva Tuifua, Masina Tutor, Jake Whetten, and Melissa Zolkepy.

I commend these young scholars for their remarkable understanding of the fundamental ideals and values of America's constitutional government.

Their hard work, sacrifice, and diligence have earned them national distinction, and I join their family and friends in applauding their efforts. These students are our Nation's future leaders, and they someday may be seated on this floor as Senators. Please join me in recognizing them for they are a source of pride, not only for their school and their home State, but also for our Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO FRED KOCHER

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Fred Kocher of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on being honored as the 2001 Journalist of the Year by the Small Business Administration.

Fred has been the host of New Hampshire's Business for eight years. Every week he reports on the local, regional and national business environment analyzing companies, business trends and economic indicators.

Fred has enhanced the awareness of the issues that face business owners in our state, region and country. He has worked diligently to benefit the business community and has also been a strong advocate on behalf of small business entrepreneurs in New Hampshire.

He is a former small business owner who helped create the New Hampshire International Trade Resource Center in Portsmouth. Fred is currently the Director of Corporate Communications and Investor Relations for NEON Communications, Inc.

Fred has been a contributor to his community serving as president of the New Hampshire High Technology Council and he also served as president of the New Hampshire International Trade Association. Fred is the creator and chairman of the "Politics & Eggs" statewide breakfast series that allows members of the business community to hear directly from presidential candidates every four years.

Fred Kocher has served the citizens of New Hampshire with selfless dedication. I commend him for his contributions to the business community of our state. It is an honor and a privilege to represent him in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO MARIE MEUNIER-BOUCHARD

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Marie Meunier-Bouchard of Conway, New Hampshire, on being honored as the 2001 Small Business Exporter of the Year by the Small Business Administration.

Marie is the owner of Wild Things, Inc. which designs and manufactures state-of-the-art lightweight climbing equipment and clothing for expedition and mountain climbing. The business sells its products domestically and has also increased export sales to over \$3 million. The largest overseas accounts

for Wild Things, Inc. includes companies in Korea, Singapore and Hong Kong.

Marie has worked with selfless dedication to the success of her business. She has provided quality products to both the domestic and international markets resulting in impressive financial achievement for the company.

She is a native of France and graduate of the University of Geneva in Switzerland, and is an accomplished mountain climber. Her company was founded in 1981 and sales have grown to \$4 million in 2001. Wild Things, Inc. has 15 employees in North Conway and Gorham, and contracts other manufacturing jobs in Chatham and Silver Lake, New Hampshire.

Marie is a proven business leader in the New Hampshire community. I commend her for her selfless dedication to the betterment of her company and the business community in our state. It is an honor and a privilege to represent her in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES W. KELLER

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Charles W. Keller of Meredith, New Hampshire, for the honor of receiving the 2001 New Hampshire Small Business Person of the Year Award from the Small Business Administration.

Charles is the president and CEO of C.W. Keller & Associates, Inc., of Plaistow, New Hampshire. His firm manufactures high-end retail display fixtures and executive office furnishings.

He started his business in his garage in the early 1970's as a one-person business. Since then, his firm has experienced steady growth and now employs 35 people, grosses more than \$5 million annually, and has expanded its operation projects in Boston, New York, Washington, Los Angeles and the Middle East.

Charles has been recognized by the Small Business Administration as an outstanding business owner who has worked diligently and successfully at building his firm. His talented staff and quality products have attributed to the success of C.W.Keller & Associates, Inc.

Charles has been a strong supporter of the community at large and has served as a director with the New England Chapter of the Architectural Woodwork Institute, for five years. He is also a member of the National Association of Store Fixture Manufacturers. His company contributes to many charitable organizations including the American Cancer Society and the Diabetes Foundation.

Charles Keller has served the citizens of New Hampshire with dedication and charity. I commend him for his success in his business and for his generosity to the charitable organizations in our state. It is an honor and a privilege to represent him in the United States Senate.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 22

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to section 204(b) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(b) (IEEPA), and section 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1631, I hereby report that I have exercised my statutory authority to expand the scope of an existing national emergency in response to the unusual and extraordinary threat posed to the foreign policy of the United States by the Government of Liberia's complicity in the illicit trade in diamonds from Sierra Leone by the insurgent Revolutionary United Front of Sierra Leone (RUF) and by the Government of Liberia's other forms of support for the RUF. I also have exercised my statutory authority to issue an Executive Order that prohibits the importation into the United States of all rough diamonds from Liberia, whether or not such diamonds originated in Liberia. These actions are mandated in part by United Nations Security Council Resolution 1343 of March 7, 2001.

The Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, is authorized to issue regulations in exercise of my authorities under the IEEPA and the United Nations Participation Act, 22 U.S.C. 287c, to implement this prohibition. All Federal agencies are also directed to take actions within their authority to carry out the provisions of the Executive Order.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued. The Order was effective at 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on May 23, 2001.

I have authorized these measures in furtherance of Executive Order 13194 of January 18, 2001, and in response to the Government of Liberia's continuing facilitation of and participation in the