

As we work to raise the bar for students and teachers, we must also ensure that schools across the country have adequate resources to hire and train teachers and principals, help all students attain fluency in English, integrate technology effectively in the classroom, and provide children with enriching after-school activities. I support the 21st Century Higher Education Initiative, which will substantially expand college opportunity through student aid, early intervention efforts, and more resources to strengthen minority-serving institutions. I also introduced the Children's Adjustment, Relief, and Education, CARE, Act to enable immigrant children to fulfill their potential and pursue higher education on the same terms as other children.

According to the 2000 Census, 60 percent of Latinos in this Nation are natives of the United States. Whether Hispanic Americans were born here or moved to our country later in life, most of them feel the impact of immigration policy. Many live in immigrant families or communities, and many, like most Americans, have strong memories of or connections to our immigrant heritage. I support reforming immigration laws to ensure the due process rights of immigrants, so that they are guaranteed fairness in our courts and are not unnecessarily detained for indefinite periods. We also need to enhance the efficiency and accountability of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Finally, it is essential to protect the safety of our Nation's immigrants and their due process rights at our borders, while enforcing our immigration laws and protecting our national security.

Hispanic Heritage Month in 2001 gives us an opportunity to deepen our understanding, appreciation, and common bonds with each other. It also gives us pause, reminding us of the American ideals we must continue to fight for. The challenges that we face in Congress and our Nation are not insurmountable. Together, we can stand up for the rights of all Americans, including our Hispanic American friends. And together, we can recognize how our diverse cultures and talents contribute to our collective strength as Americans.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. WILLIAM D. WATLEY

• Mr. CORZINE. Mr. President, I want to bring to the attention of my colleagues a great man in the State of New Jersey, Reverend Doctor William D. Watley.

Reverend Watley is a man of integrity who is committed to the spiritual, mental, social, and economic well being of his congregation and the residents of the City of Newark.

Reverend Watley has dedicated his life to his ministry. As Pastor of the

St. James A.M.E. Church in Newark, he ensures that everyone has a voice and gives hope to those who feel they have no hope. Under his leadership, St. James A.M.E. Church has reached out to the community and established numerous programs, including a soup kitchen that feed over 1,000 people per week, a clothing program, and a drug and alcohol abuse program. Reverend Watley is also an outstanding advocate for children and families. His vision was to start a state of the art preparatory school in the heart of Newark, preparing students mentally, physically, and spiritually for the challenges ahead. His dream realized, St. James Prep opens its doors every day stressing academic excellence and social responsibility.

Reverend Watley is a true American, one who believes that all people should have access to America's promise. One of his many gifts is the ability to bring people together to work for a common cause. Reverend Watley is an unselfish man whose motivation is not self-gratification. He possesses a higher calling.

This week, Reverend Watley celebrates 17 wonderful years of pastoral ministry at the St. James A.M.E. Church in Newark, NJ where over 3,000 people attend services each Sunday, and where I have frequently joined with the congregation in being spiritually uplifted by Reverend Watley's message of hope. Under his expert guidance, St. James A.M.E. Church has experienced enormous growth and is a warm congregation filled with joy and love.

Reverend Watley has been a true friend to me. I admire him for his leadership in and outside the walls of his church. He is a role model for all of us. I can boldly say that the State of New Jersey is a better place because of the leadership of Reverend Doctor William D. Watley and I am a better man today because of my friendship with him. It is an honor for me to bring him to your attention.●

##### RECOGNITION OF MISSOURI STATE REPRESENTATIVE LINDA BARTELSMEYER

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the contributions Missouri State Representative Linda Bartelsmeyer has made to her community, State and nation.

Missouri State Representative Linda Bartelsmeyer is a native of Southwest Missouri and is serving her fourth term in the Missouri Legislature representing Barry, Lawrence and Newton counties. This year, during the annual conference, she will have the distinct honor of becoming President for the 2001-2002 National Organization for Women Legislators. The National Order of Women Legislators is the oldest and largest bipartisan organization of its kind, created in part to kindle and promote a spirit of helpfulness among present and former women State legislators. Missouri State Rep-

resentative Linda Bartelsmeyer has devoted her life to public service by actively serving on the local, State and national levels for 27 years. She has led by example and proved be an outstanding citizen. I am privileged to call on the United States Senate to recognize her outstanding accomplishments.●

#### A SPECIAL POEM

• Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise to share a special poem with my colleagues. Ethel A. Smith is a friend and poet from the city of Baltimore. She is a former activist, who wrote poems for various Baltimore newsletters. She is now 93 years old and continues to write poems. She wrote the following poem to express how moved she was by the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Like so many Americans, she is drawing on her strong faith, family, and community to help at this difficult time.

I ask that the poem be printed in the RECORD.

The poem follows:

TURN BACK TO GOD  
(By Ethel Smith)

Turn back  
Turn back  
To God  
Dear friends  
He will not turn you away.  
Come back  
Come back  
To God  
Everyone  
We have wandered to far away.  
Then fall on your knees and pray.  
Come back  
Come back  
To the church of your choice  
Then ask that Faith take sway.  
Oh! Come back  
Come back  
Come back  
Dear friends  
Let not your prayers e'er cease.  
Come back  
Come back  
To God  
Everyone  
To pray for our country and peace.  
Then while you are praying for God's blessings  
On our land that we love so true  
Let us pray and ask God  
For his blessings  
On other lands  
Caught in this war too.  
We also pray  
Dear Father  
For the thousands that have lost their life  
and lie beneath all the rubble  
While their families await in strife.  
Have mercy on each and every one of us  
Dear Father  
As the suffering continues from the terrorist  
attack  
on September 11, 2001.  
Amen.●

#### ALASKAN SMOKEJUMPER: MR. DAVID LISTON

• Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, life as a smokejumper is not glamorous

with huge financial benefits or personal recognition. Smokejumping is a dangerous job undertaken by those with a strong spirit who simply love what they do fighting forest fires.

My home state of Alaska, and the states of many of my colleagues, have been struck by the wrath of forest fires. We often forget the men and women who bravely enter the ring of fire to battle the often times insurmountable flames. These courageous firefighters, known in the industry as smokejumpers, parachute out from DC-3 airplanes as they fly low over acres of intense smoke and flames shooting up from the forest canopy. On top of the physical and emotional danger related to smokejumping, work-related injuries such as broken bones, burns and chainsaw gashes are common but occasionally smokejumping claims the life of one of its own.

Twenty-eight-year-old Bureau of Land Management-Alaska smokejumper David J. Liston loved firefighting, and he died doing what he loved. During a refresher jump April 29, 2000 in Fort Wainwright, Alaska, David's parachute and the back-up chute failed to open. David was returning to work after his honeymoon in Mexico with new wife Kristin; the two were married 21 days earlier, on April 8.

Mr. President, David's dedication to firefighting will be remembered on October 7 by President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush at a Memorial Service at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland. David's name will be inscribed on a plaque at the memorial, along with the names of 100 other firefighters who died in 2000. Sadly, after the service, the memorial will bear the names of 2,181 firefighters from 38 states and Puerto Rico. Each family, including David's, will be presented with an American flag that has been flown over the nation's Capitol.

None of us can thank firefighters enough for the work they do everyday. The heroism and bravery we witnessed in the firefighters in New York City, at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania on September 11, remind us of the courage America's firefighters must embrace daily. Their selflessness and their desire to help others is to be commended, and we always need to remember those, like David Liston, for their service and determination to get the job done.●

#### EXCELLENCE IN PHYSICAL FITNESS

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise today to commend the students and faculty at three exemplary elementary schools in the great State of Idaho—Oakley Elementary in Oakley, Ucon Elementary in Idaho Falls, and Oakwood Elementary in Preston. The students' demonstrated excellence in physical fitness has earned them recognition by the President of the United States for their efforts to improve their physical well-being and raise

awareness for this important issue. Obesity among American youth has doubled in the past 10 years, and not only is this unhealthy by itself but can also lead to other physical ailments later in life, such as high blood pressure, type two diabetes, or cardiovascular disease.

Oakley, Ucon, and Oakwood Elementary schools were named "State Champion" schools by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports and selected based on their outstanding achievement in the President's Challenge Physical Activity and Fitness Awards Program.

I commend these students and their teachers for their commitment to physical fitness. Good habits need to start at a young age and I hope that these students' healthy behaviors will continue throughout their lives.●

#### TEXAS A&M/CORPS OF CADETS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize with pleasure Texas A&M University on its 125th anniversary. Texas A&M, one of our Nation's finest institutions of higher education, was opened on October 4, 1876 as the Agriculture and Mechanical College of Texas. From its roots of agriculture and engineering, A&M has grown into a world class university that is a leader in university research and development. It also offers an amazing 383 degree-granting programs. Although the university is justifiably proud of its academic reputation, A&M is especially proud of its famous Corps of Cadets.

For 125 years, A&M's Corps of Cadets have provided our State and country with leaders in the military, government and business. Texas A&M has the largest cadet corps outside the U.S. military academies and commissions more officers in all four branches of service than any other university military program. Former cadets have served in every military conflict, from the Indian Wars to Desert Storm. During World War II, 54,000 Aggies served as officers, more than any other school, including the service academies. They have always answered our Nation's call, and they have always met the challenge. Although only a small percentage of Texas A&M's student population, members of the Corps of Cadets are the keepers of the many famous traditions at A&M that contribute to the unique culture and spirit that is "Aggieland." Today, former cadets serve in leadership and frontline forces throughout our military services and will help lead our Nation to success in this 21st century war against terrorism.

Although the military has seen technology move from horse and rifle to spacecraft and lasers, the foundations of our military, leadership and teamwork, remain the same. These traits are the bedrock of the Corps and of Texas A&M University and explain the

success of the University and its graduates. During this most difficult time in our Nation's history, we are all learning the value and strength of A&M's Corps of Cadets motto, *Per Unitatem Vis—Through Unity, Strength.*

On behalf of my colleagues in the United States Senate, and with just and lasting pride, I offer heartfelt appreciation and respect to all the current and former members of the illustrious Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets. I also wish all Aggies around the world a Happy 125th Anniversary.●

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time

S. 1499. A bill to provide assistance to small business concerns adversely impacted by the terrorist attacks perpetrated against the United States on September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 1510. A bill to deter and punish terrorist acts in the United States and around the world, to enhance law enforcement investigatory tools, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-4293. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Columbia; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-4294. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4295. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, received on October 3, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4296. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Board of Veterans Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Board of Veterans Appeals: Rules of Practice-Subpoenas" (RIN2900-AJ58) received on October 3, 2001; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4297. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report on Veterans' Employment in the Federal Government for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4298. A communication from the Acting Deputy General Counsel, Office of Financial Assistance, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Business Loan Program and Office of Hearings and Appeals" (RIN3245-AE51) received on October 3, 2001; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-4299. A communication from the Acting Deputy General Counsel, Office of Financial Assistance, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of