

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