

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVIESS
COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I stand today among my distinguished colleagues to congratulate the students, administration, and faculty of Daviess County High School for winning a Preparing America's Future Award from the U.S. Department of Education.

This recent accolade is just one in the line of many bestowed upon the diligent students and devout faculty of Daviess County High School. In 2001, the U.S. Department of Education selected Daviess County High School as a 1999-2000 National Blue Ribbon School shortly after the Commonwealth awarded them with a Kentucky Blue Ribbon award.

The prestigious Preparing America's Future prize is presented to six high schools throughout the entire nation that have taken significant strides in improving their academic standards for all students. Daviess County High School was among this elite group based specifically upon their reputation for excellence and a rigorous evaluation of their progress in 12 key school improvement strategies. The review showed above all else that the school is accurately meeting the needs and expectations of today's students. I would like to offer a special thanks to Principal Brad Stanley for his inspiring leadership and robust commitment to the education of our nation's and the Commonwealth's future. With this competent captain at the helm, Daviess County High School will surely experience smooth sailing ahead.

I hope Daviess County High is as proud of this accomplishment as I am. This award highly reflects upon not only the students and faculty but also the overall community and its dedication to its children. I thank you all for working towards a better educated Kentucky.●

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM GRAHAM

• Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize the outstanding public service contributions of Windham County Sheriff William Graham, who retired on Friday, February 1, 2002. For 33 years, Graham, who is now 70 years old, has run his department efficiently and with fiscal accountability to the taxpayers.

Since the attacks in New York City and at the Pentagon last September, many Americans have realized how important honest and hard-working law enforcement personnel are to our Nation and our communities. People from around the U.S. watched the police forces in New York and Virginia exhibit an integrity that all Americans appreciated. But I suspect that for the Vermonters of Windham County, in southern Vermont, they have always known this lesson: a trustworthy and reliable police department is indispensable to a community's health.

In 1969, William began his work as sheriff in a department in which he was

the only full-time employee. Since then, the department has grown to 20 full-time and an equal number of part-time employees. In Vermont, sheriffs' departments are responsible for transporting prisoners to and from criminal courts and with the paperwork from civil cases. But it hasn't been the duties that have given this sheriff's department distinction. Instead, Sheriff Graham's lengthy time in office has given his constituents the reliable and competent public service they deserve.

Even before being selected sheriff, William worked as a state police trooper and a parole officer. All-in-all, his work in law enforcement has spanned 48 years. I wish Sheriff Graham all the success in his retirement that he enjoyed during his long career. And especially so during hunting season.●

TRIBUTE TO KARYN BYE

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Karyn Bye of Hudson, Wisconsin, for winning a silver medal in the women's ice hockey event at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah.

I commend Karyn for her exemplary skills and talents as an ice hockey player on the United States team. The women's ice hockey team rose to the occasion representing the country with dedication and pride during a fiercely competitive series of games at the Winter Olympics.

Karyn was a member of the 1998 United States Olympic ice hockey team in Nagano, Japan, and she also participated in the World Championships in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 2001, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada in 2000 and Espoo and Vantaa, Finland in 1999. She is a six-time World Championship silver medalist who received an Outstanding Performance Award in 1994.

Karyn earned a bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire in physical education and was the Community Ambassador with Alana Blahoski for the Minnesota Wild team of the National Hockey League. She enjoys outdoor sports including camping, fishing and water skiing in addition to her passion for ice hockey.

On behalf of the citizens of New Hampshire and the country, I applaud Karyn's Olympic award. Through her focus and dedication to the sport of ice hockey, she has earned the Olympic silver medal and the respect of her peers and fellow countrymen. Congratulations for a job well done and best wishes as you pursue your goals and dreams as an accomplished athlete. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent you in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO SARAH TUETING

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Sarah Tueting of Winnetka, Illinois, for winning a silver medal in the women's ice hockey event at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

I commend Sarah for her exemplary skills and talents as an ice hockey player on the United States team. The women's ice hockey team rose to the occasion representing the country with dedication and pride during a fiercely competitive series of games at the Winter Olympics.

Sarah was the gold medal winning goalie on the 1998 United States Olympic ice hockey team in Nagano, Japan, and is a three-time silver medalist at the World Championships. Sarah played collegiate hockey at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. After playing in one ice hockey competition at the 1997 World Championships, she focused her efforts on the 1998 Olympic Winter games. She graduated from Dartmouth with a degree in neurobiology and her aspiration is to become a doctor when her ice hockey career ends.

On behalf of the citizens of New Hampshire and the country, I applaud Sarah's Olympic award. Through her focus and dedication to the sport of ice hockey, she has earned the Olympic silver medal and the respect of her peers and fellow countrymen. Congratulations for a job well done and best wishes as you pursue your goals and dreams as an accomplished athlete. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent you in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO BODE MILLER

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Bode Miller of Franconia, New Hampshire, for winning silver medals in the men's alpine combined event and the men's giant slalom event at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah.

I commend Bode for his exemplary skill and talent as he receives this prestigious award. An accomplished skier, Bode has won other important skiing competitions including the 1998 United States champion in the giant slalom and a bronze medal at the 2001 Giant Slalom World Cup in Val d'Isere, France. His silver medal represents Bode's first Olympic medal in his second Olympic games.

Bode is a 1996 alumni from the Carrabassett Valley Academy in Maine, who earned a place on the U.S. Ski Team by placing third in slalom at the 1996 U.S. National Championship at Sugarloaf, Maine. By 1998, he was on the World Cup circuit full time and, at age 21, made his Olympic debut in Nagano.

On behalf of the citizens of New Hampshire and the country, I wish to congratulate Bode for his Olympic award. There has been no United States dominance in the field of men's slalom events since 1983. Through his focus and dedication to the sport of skiing, Bode has earned the Olympic silver medal and the respect of his peers and fellow countrymen. We all wish you the very best as you pursue your goals and dreams as accomplished