

HONORING JIMMY WILLIAMS

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I have the privilege and honor of rising today to recognize Jimmy Williams of Lexington, KY. Jimmy was selected as a member of the 2003 Youth Leadership Team by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

Jimmy is a unique teen with an important message and opportunity to share his story with thousands of people. He works diligently to educate his peers on the ramifications of sexual activity in an attempt to halt America's teen pregnancy rate.

Currently attending Bryan Station High School, Jimmy is an active Teen Leader of the Postponing Sexual Involvement, PSI, program and was once a training session panelist for the Kentucky Coalition. Teen Leaders, such as Jimmy, must complete a minimum of 20 training hours before talking directly to middle school students about sexual peer pressure and health concerns.

His dedication to delivering this message caught the eye of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. Jimmy's strong work ethic made him the perfect candidate for the Youth Leadership Team. He writes letters in support of the National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy to schools, students, teachers, media sources, and political leaders. Even on his off time, Jimmy can be found at local baseball games handing out flyers promoting abstinence.

I'm pleased that Jimmy cares so much for the health and well-being of his peers. Please join me in congratulating Jimmy Williams and wishing him the best of luck in his new position as a member of the Youth Leadership Team.●

HONORING SOUTH DAKOTA VOLUNTEERS

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, on May 4, 2003, Rachel Petersen and Elizabeth Volzke were honored for their outstanding volunteer service at the Eighth Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. The two State honorees for South Dakota received a \$1,000 award in addition to an engraved silver medallion and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent or guardian to Washington, DC.

Petersen, 18, of Rapid City, is a senior at Stevens High School. In addition to being named a State honoree, Petersen was named South Dakota's top high school youth volunteer and Rapid City's Citizen of the Month. Petersen earned this prestigious honor by initiating and leading a group of teen volunteers who prepare and serve hot lunches every Sunday to homeless and disadvantaged people in her community. When Rachel learned that hungry people were turned away from the community's food program for breaking program rules or other reasons, she decided to help. "It still seemed like a terrible tragedy that good people with

a few problems had nowhere to eat," she said. Rachel first arranged for a steady source of donated food, then began recruiting reliable student volunteers to help. Each week, Rachel picks up the donated ingredients, and then prepares her menu—usually a 5-gallon pot of soup, with bread, a side dish, and a drink. Volunteers help set up a feeding station in a city park, where they stay each Sunday for 2 or 3 hours, serving 40 to 50 hungry people. Rachel is training other teen volunteers to take over when she leaves for college next year. "The eradication of world hunger will happen one meal at a time," Rachel said.

Elizabeth Volzke, 11, a member of the Girl Scouts of Nyoda Council in Huron and a fifth-grader at Eureka Public School, received this award as recognition of her work at a local assisted living center, daycare center, and church services, among other events. Elizabeth began her volunteerism by vowing to perform 100 hours of community service to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 4-H program. Beginning with visits to residents of the assisted living center where her mother works and playing games with them, Elizabeth and her sister also made cookies, door and table decorations, party favors, and tray liners for holiday celebrations, paying for supplies with money earned from recycling aluminum. Elizabeth was soon visiting and playing piano at other nursing homes, as well. She then expanded her volunteering to a children's daycare center because, as Elizabeth said, "I love babies and young children." She plans to continue her volunteer efforts, adding, "What a wonderful feeling it is to help others."

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards recognizes students in middle and high school grades who have demonstrated exemplary community service. For their commendable and inspiring efforts to aid those afflicted by illness, poverty, and other difficult circumstances, 10 students are chosen as America's top volunteers, in addition to 104 individual State honorees. State honorees, such as Rachel and Elizabeth, are chosen by their outstanding dedication to community from a pool of more than 24,000 applications. Carried out in a joint venture with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards were originally created to encourage and reward youth volunteerism and young role models.

People of all ages need to think more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to ensure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods. Young volunteers like Rachel and Elizabeth are examples to all of us. These two South Dakotans are extraordinary individuals who richly deserve this distinguished recognition. I strongly commend their hard work and dedication, and I am very pleased that their efforts are being publicly honored and celebrated.

It is with great honor that I share their impressive accomplishments with my colleagues.●

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM BIVIN FORENSIC SOCIETY

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the William E. Bivin Forensic Society at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, KY. The Western Kentucky University Forensic Team recently defeated forensic teams from all over the world to claim the 2003 International Forensic Association, IFA, Championship in Vancouver, BC.

Led by Director of Forensics Judy Woodring, the team of 36 students and eight coaches defeated 87 other universities to win the 2003 American Forensic Association, AFA, National Championship and the Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha, DSR-TKA, National Championship earlier this year. The Western Kentucky Forensic Team has a long tradition of honors and distinctions. Over the program's storied history, it has won four IFA International Championships, one AFA National Championship, five DSR-TKA National Championships, and thirteen Kentucky State Forensic Association Championships.

I ask my colleagues in the Senate to pay tribute to the Western Kentucky University Forensic Team of Corey Alderdice, Drew Allen, Elizabeth Au, Margaret Au, Stacy Bernaugh, Chris Blackford, Keith Blaser, Chris Brasfield, Grace Bruenderman, David Burns, Jenny Corum, Ashley Courtney, Justin Cress, Tony Damico, Nicole Estenfelder, Reagan Gibson, Nicole Hawk, Adam Henze, Kate Hertweck, Ryan Howell, Lindsey Nave, Jacob Peregoy, Jennifer Purcell, Hanna Reliford, Alex Rogers, Nick Romerhausen, Evelio Silvera, Rebecca Simms, Courtney Smith, Joel Smith, Jen Taylor, Katie Tyree, Jordon Wadlington, Caleb Williams, Jeff Woods, Courtney Wright and led by Coaches Judy Woodring, Jace Lux, Bonnie McDonald, Greg Robertson, Matt Gerbig, Doug Mory, Chris Grove, and Joe Day. I am proud of their achievements and admirable representation of Western Kentucky University and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.●

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD W. VOLLMER, JR.

• Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, the death of United States District Judge Judge Richard W. Vollmer, Jr. was a great loss to our country, the American legal system, his friends, and especially his wonderful family. Judge Vollmer was born March 7, 1926, in St. Louis, MO, and moved to Mobile, AL, in 1941 where he attended McGill Institute. After graduation he enrolled in the U.S. Navy and served until 1946 in the South Pacific. He returned to Mobile where he graduated from Springhill College in 1949. He began attending the University of Alabama