

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
TEAMSTERS UNION

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, it is a special honor to take this opportunity to congratulate the Teamsters Union on the 100th anniversary of their formation. On that historic occasion a century ago, the merger of two smaller unions of local delivery men using vehicles drawn by teams of horses launched the extraordinary union we know today as the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

In those early days, such workers were often fired for union activity, and some were even killed. But the Teamsters persevered and began to thrive. By the 1930s, inter-city truck drivers had become the predominant members of the union, and they fought hard for legal protections, especially the National Labor Relations Act and basic laws setting minimum wages and maximum work hours for their work.

In World War II, the Teamsters were a key part of the war effort. They served with great courage in the armed forces. They vigorously promoted war bonds and the collection of scrap metal and rubber.

When the war was won, they came home and took up the great cause of social justice in communities across the land, fighting for civil rights and striving to see that America's workers received their fair share of the Nation's amazing post-war prosperity.

Now, on this remarkable centennial, the Teamsters are one of the Nation's largest, most vital and most effective unions. They are at the forefront of ongoing major battles for the fundamental rights and dignity of all workers, especially on key issues such as jobs, civil rights, and worker health and safety. I am proud to have worked with them on so many of these important issues. I congratulate them on this very auspicious centennial, and I look forward to working with them in the years ahead as they begin their new century.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES S. SEIDEL

• Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, the children of the United States lost a great champion on July 25 when Dr. James S. Seidel died at the age of 60. Dr. Seidel was a professor of pediatrics at the University of California at Los Angeles School of Medicine and was chief of the Division of General and Emergency Pediatrics at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

He was an excellent teacher and researcher, but he was also a tenacious advocate for children. Through his students, residents, and fellows, he leaves behind a legacy of energetic inquiry and dedicated service to children and their families. Through his advocacy work, he leaves behind a much improved system of care, particularly emergency care, for children. While we

will all miss the man, we will continue to benefit from his work.

A major concern of Dr. Seidel, and a concern I share, was the challenge our Emergency Medical Services system faces in appropriately caring for the emergency needs of children. The system responds well to adult needs but is not always so successful in meeting the needs of children. He was a driving force behind the Emergency Departments Approved for Pediatrics, EDAP, system in California, but he also recognized that a national problem such as this required national support if it was to be solved. Along with my good friend, Dr. Calvin Sia, and a small group of pediatric emergency care advocates, Dr. Seidel worked with Senators HATCH, Weiker, and myself to help us enact in 1984 the Emergency Medical Services for Children, EMSC, program. This modest program has made a tremendous difference in the lives of many children and their families in every State and Territory. Dr. Seidel was a driving force in shaping the direction of the EMSC program, and was one of the program's first grantees. He maintained his interest and advocacy as the program matured. There is almost nothing in EMSC that was not influenced by Dr. Seidel. Dr. Sia received the first National Heroes Award for Lifetime Achievement in emergency medical services for children. In 2000, Dr. Seidel received the second. It was an honor well deserved.

In 1991, Dr. Seidel edited *Emergency Medical Services for Children: A Report to the Nation*. He asked me to write the Foreword. In it, I said, "History has repeatedly shown that persistence is most often the key to success. We must persist in our advocacy for those most vulnerable children of all: the ill and the injured." Dr. Seidel's life is a testimony as to how persistence will lead to success. We still have a long way to go, but we are much further down the road thanks to remarkable people such as James S. Seidel. ●

TRIBUTE TO DOUGLAS D. FARIS

• Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I pay tribute today to a dedicated and respected steward of our National Park system, Douglas D. Faris, superintendent of the C & O Canal National Historical Park. Doug is retiring after a long and distinguished career in the National Park Service and I thank him for his outstanding achievements in managing and protecting the C & O Canal and other units of our National Park system over the past three decades.

Throughout his career in public service, Doug Faris has distinguished himself as a leader in natural and cultural resource planning, management and conservation. Beginning as a seasonal employee at Yellowstone National Park in 1970, Doug quickly advanced to top planning positions at the Park Service's Denver Service Center, the Lowell, MA, field office, and the South-

west Regional office, where he made substantial contributions to developing new park units, improving park facilities, and protecting park resources. In 1989, he was selected as Associate Regional Director of the Southwest Region and worked for 6 years building partnerships with Native American leaders and other organizations, developing highly professional work forces, supervising special resource studies, and working with the Congress.

I came to know Doug shortly after he was appointed Superintendent of the C & O Canal National Historical Park in 1994 and, over the past 9 years, have had the opportunity and privilege to work closely with him on a number of initiatives. I saw first hand the tremendous leadership he provided in repairing and reopening the Park after two floods completely destroyed portions of the Canal and many historic structures, picnic areas, and other park facilities during the winter of 1995-1996. Doug worked tirelessly to develop a strategic plan for restoring the park and to mobilize and coordinate the work of hundreds of volunteers and organizations that came to the aid of the Park. Thanks to his efforts, more than \$25 million in public and private funds were raised to repair the damages and reopen the park. Likewise, Doug spearheaded efforts to re-water the Canal at its Cumberland, MD, terminus, stabilize the historic Monocacy Aqueduct, and construct new visitor facilities. Under his leadership, new partnerships were formed with organizations and communities along the Canal, an Historic Leasing Program was implemented to help repair and protect the historic lockhouses and other dwellings in the Park; and many improvements have been made to the C & O Canal.

The efforts of Doug Faris throughout his career in the National Park Service have had a lasting effect not only on the parks and National Park system he has worked to protect, but on the people with whom he has come in contact. He has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues in the Park Service as well as the visitors and citizens in the local communities surrounding the parks. It is my firm conviction that public service is one of the most honorable callings, one that demands the very best, most dedicated efforts of those who have the opportunity to serve their fellow citizens and country. Throughout his career, Doug has exemplified a steadfast commitment to meeting this demand. I want to extend my personal congratulations and thanks for his many years of hard work and dedication to the principal conservation mission of the National Park Service and join with his friends and coworkers in wishing him and his family well in the years ahead. ●

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
ANTHONY SBONA

• Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise to speak in memory of a distinguished