

years of age. In fact, this year there is one 84-year-old volunteer. That said, our Nation's college campuses are still the largest source of Peace Corps volunteers. Our universities are "immense reservoirs" of talent and idealism, and each year thousands of college students seek to join the Peace Corps in hopes of pursuing a difficult yet rewarding task.

Last week, the Peace Corps released a list ranking the schools that provided the largest number of graduates accepted to the Peace Corps this year. Two schools from my home State, the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and Michigan State University, were ranked fourth and eighth respectively in terms of the numbers of volunteers they provided. Since the inception of the program, these schools are ranked fourth and fifth overall in terms of the number of total volunteers that they have provided to the program. Both schools have worked to instill an ethos of volunteerism and service in their graduates, and for that they are to be commended.

All Peace Corps volunteers, regardless of their alma mater, deserve our respect and gratitude. By giving of themselves, they take concrete actions to improve the lives of countless individuals around the world.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT HARRIS

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I today in the Senate pay tribute to Robert Harris, of Daviess County, KY. Recently, Mr. Harris received the AP State Scholar Awards based on his outstanding performance on the advanced placement program examinations.

AP State Scholar awards are presented to one female and one male student in each State and the District of Columbia. As a senior at Daviess County's Apollo High School, Mr. Harris was one of only 105 from across the Nation who have qualified to receive this honor.

The citizens of Daviess County are fortunate to have Mr. Harris living and learning in their community. His example of hard work and determination should be followed by all in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

I congratulate Mr. Harris for his success. But also, I congratulate all his peers, coaches, teachers, administrators, and his parents for their support and sacrifices they've made to help Mr. Harris reach this goal and fulfill his dreams.●

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DETROIT RESCUE MISSION MINISTRIES

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to celebrate the 95th anniversary of the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries. This very successful faith-based organization began as a food assistance program and over the years has broadened its scope to in-

clude 13 different ministries to combat problems such as homelessness, substance abuse, hunger and teen pregnancy.

The Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries provides food, shelter and spiritual guidance to more than 725 people a day and donates over 75,000 articles of clothing to the poor annually. The organization also provides over 500,000 meals and 146,000 nights of emergency shelter annually.

The Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries has consistently met the changing and growing needs of the Detroit community by partnering with churches, schools, and social and governmental agencies. The Christian Guidance Center, one ministry of the Detroit Rescue Mission, operates in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Corrections and provides individual counseling, group therapy, substance abuse support, rehabilitation groups, and social activities for Detroit area prisoners.

A pioneer in the field of serving the less fortunate, the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries established the "Genesis Houses," one of Michigan's first longer term residential facilities. In addition to sheltering the homeless, these homes provide food, clothing, advocacy and referral services.

Understanding the importance education plays in reducing poverty, the Detroit Rescue Mission established the Teen Moms Program, which provides housing to teen mothers who are enrolled in high school, GED training or junior high. To further educational opportunities, the Oasis Library furnishes residents with access to knowledge and facilitates computer literacy skills.

I know my Senate colleagues join me in offering our congratulations and sincerest appreciation to the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries on its 95th anniversary. We recognize and thank the dedicated staff and volunteers who have made the organization a success and offer our support as they continue to work to fulfill their mission of rebuilding the inner city one life at a time.●

TRIBUTE TO JESSICA LOWELL

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today in the Senate to pay tribute to Jessica Lowell, of Louisville, KY. Recently, Ms. Lowell received the AP State Scholar Awards based on her outstanding performance on the advanced placement program examinations.

AP State Scholar awards are presented to one female and one male student in each State and the District of Columbia. As a senior at Louisville's DuPont Manual High School, Ms. Lowell was one of only 105 from across the Nation who have qualified to receive this honor.

The citizens of Louisville, Kentucky are fortunate to have Ms. Lowell living and learning in their community. Her example of hard work and determina-

tion should be followed by all in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

I congratulate Ms. Lowell for her success. But also, I congratulate all her peers, coaches, teachers, administrators, and her parents for their support and sacrifices they've made to help Ms. Lowell reach this goal and fulfill her dreams.●

REVEREND MICHAEL JONES

• Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I honor Reverend Michael Jones, who is the senior pastor of Friendly Temple Missionary Baptist Church in St. Louis. I was moved to do this after recently attending a wonderful service at the church in celebration of the 10th anniversary of Reverend Jones becoming pastor.

Reverend Jones accepted a call into ministry at Friendly Temple in 1979, and he worked for several years under the tutelage of his grandfather, Reverend R.F. Davis. After his grandfather's passing, he was commissioned to serve as senior pastor in 1994. During Reverend Jones' 9 years as senior pastor, the church has been very active in meeting the needs of the community around it, helping to feed the hungry, house the homeless and educate the unskilled to prepare them for jobs.

Friendly Temple also has a jail ministry, an alcohol and drug ministry and a youth ministry, among others, which seek to provide a hand up to many of society's most troubled members. In all its efforts, the church reaches out to people with a message of rebirth, renewal, restoration, revival and resurrection based on the teachings of the Gospels. That is because Pastor Jones and the leaders of the church are committed to the glory service of their Lord and Savior.

Reverend Jones and his wife Phyllis are proud parents of three children, Kawonza, Mike and Joshua. In addition, Reverend Jones has a bachelor's degree in business management and marketing management and a master's degree from Covenant Theological Seminary in General Theological Studies.

I commend Reverend Jones and the congregation of Friendly Temple Missionary Baptist Church for their outstanding service to the community. His message of hope and strong moral values is an inspiration and a blessing to all of us. I am honored to share his successes with my colleagues, and I wish him and his congregation all the best for the future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages