

U.S. Department of Defense Schools. This year the awards focused on K-6th grade teachers. Each teacher receives \$10,000 and a trip to our Nation's Capital.

The requirements for this award are difficult to attain and demand a great deal of effort on the part of the teacher. It is only given to those teachers who embody excellence in teaching, demonstrate devotion to the students, and are able to uphold the high standards that exemplify American education at its finest. It recognizes the important contributions teachers make to American young people and to the promise of America's future.

I am very proud of this Kentucky teacher's accomplishments. Since she began teaching in 1958, she has been an inspiration to many students. In the news release concerning the Award, one of Ms. Horton's students was quoted as saying, "Teaching is the art of making learning irresistible." I have no doubt which teacher that student was talking about. I congratulate Ms. Horton on her ability to make learning irresistible and I thank her for the work she has done to educate the next generation of Americans. ●

CONGRATULATING THE AMERICAN LEGACY FOUNDATION ON RECEIVING THE EPA CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AWARD

● Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President. I congratulate the American Legacy Foundation on the occasion of yesterday's announcement by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that the Foundation is a recipient of the agency's Children's Environmental Health Award.

The widespread use of tobacco and devastating effects of secondhand smoke create a serious environmental health risk for America's children. Since its inception 5 years ago, the American Legacy Foundation, a nonprofit health organization dedicated to building a world where young people reject tobacco and anyone can quit, has worked to discourage adult and youth tobacco use and reduce the effects of secondhand smoke.

Passive exposure through secondhand smoke, or environmental tobacco smoke, puts children at risk for a range of negative health consequences including asthma, ear infections, bronchitis, pneumonia, reduced lung function, respiratory infection, and other chronic respiratory symptoms. According to current population survey data, 13.8 million kids ages 0 to 17 are exposed to secondhand smoke and 22 percent of middle school students and 24 percent of high school students are exposed to secondhand smoke in the home. American Legacy's campaigns and programs to reduce smoking are helping to reduce the number of young people breathing environmental tobacco smoke.

The Environmental Protection Agency is recognizing the Foundation be-

cause of its initiatives to address the negative health effects of tobacco. Outreach efforts include public awareness campaigns and initiatives designed to educate and empower youth to take action against the environmental health threat that smoking and secondhand smoke poses to them.

It is with great pleasure today that I commend the agency for its program of recognition and the American Legacy Foundation for its award. ●

RANDY WHITE: AN IDAHO HERO

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, many times over the past few years that our military men and women have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, we have heard the accounts of combat, injury and death. Sometimes, we can lose sight of the fact that there are people here at home who put their lives on the line every day in the execution of their law enforcement duties. In September 2003, Randy White, a courageous police officer and 16-year veteran of the Minidoka County Sheriff's Office put his life on the line to protect innocent bystanders and fellow officers from injury and death. In the course of apprehending a fugitive from an Idaho bank robbery in Jackpot, NV, Randy sustained gunshots to his abdomen and legs, one of which was at point-blank range. He still suffers from these injuries, but returned to work very shortly following his harrowing experience and has not allowed the extent of his injuries to derail his work and activities.

Randy and his wife SunDee have four children, Jared, Jordan, Michelle and Dalen. Randy is active in the LDS church in Rupert, ID, serving as high priest group leader. He has devoted many years to the Boy Scouts, first serving as a Cub Scout Master for 10 years and then a Scout Master for 8. He now holds the position of Scout Committee Chairman. A third generation Idahoan, Randy spent 10 years on active duty with the Navy and 19 years in the Navy Reserves. His active duty time included a tour in Vietnam. Along with his devotion to his family and dedication to his job and community, he has retained his sense of humor, even in the recent trauma he experienced. He said this when asked about the shooting, "I spent two years in Vietnam and was shot at many times but never hit. I came back to sleepy Idaho and rural Nevada and got shot three times!" Randy is a courageous, hard-working father, husband and community leader. I wish him well as he continues his recovery, and congratulate him on his selection to be the new Rupert Chief of Police. Today, he is being awarded the FBI Shield of Bravery and Star Award in Rupert, ID. I am honored to recognize Randy's bravery and courage today in the United States Senate, as well as the bravery and courage of all other Americans in law enforcement across our country. Randy embodies the spirit of the great State of Idaho. We are all extremely fortun-

nate that individuals like this exceptional man we honor today protect our freedom here at home. ●

HONORING THE CAREER OF SECRETARY JAMES ELLENBECKER

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, it is with great honor that I recognize the leadership and many achievements of South Dakota Secretary of Social Services James Ellenbecker. Secretary Ellenbecker embodies the highest qualities of public service and has deservedly earned the respect and admiration of all those who have had the opportunity to work with him. After 35 years of public service, Secretary Ellenbecker is retiring as South Dakota's Secretary of Social Services, leaving behind an extraordinary legacy.

Secretary Ellenbecker began his career with the South Dakota government in 1970, and has since dedicated his life to serving the citizens of South Dakota. Working for the State Planning Agency and then the Department of Labor, he ultimately found himself in the Department of Social Services after providing then-Governor Bill Janklow with information he urgently needed late one Friday afternoon. Following their encounter, Governor Janklow appointed James Secretary of Social Services in 1980, a post he has held ever since.

During his 25 year tenure as secretary, under the leadership of four different governors, Secretary Ellenbecker played a vital role in enhancing South Dakota's Social Services infrastructure. As head of one of the largest and most complex agencies in the state, he promoted innovations which significantly enhanced its treatment of the elderly, children and single parent families. His influence on South Dakota's 1988 Elderly Initiative resulted in a responsive, efficient, and cost-effective long-term care system for the elderly, thus easing the burdens many families face both financially and emotionally. Under this new plan, more aged residents could live at home and maintain their independence.

Secretary Ellenbecker is also responsible for transforming South Dakota's welfare program. As a result of his vision and dedication, South Dakota has one of the most successful child support programs in the country. His strategy improved the lives of countless single parents by holding absent parents financially responsible for their children. Similarly, 67,000 uninsured children in South Dakota gained access to health care as a result of Secretary Ellenbecker's diligent management of South Dakota's medical services program.

I had the privilege of working with Secretary Ellenbecker during my years of service in the South Dakota Legislature. Throughout my years in Congress, when constituents contacted my office with issues involving the South Dakota Department of Social Services, I could always rely upon Secretary

Ellenbecker to provide a thorough review of the situation and supply a detailed response to my questions and the issues raised by the constituents. I appreciated his willingness to share insight into issues affecting his department and to coordinate briefings with my staff. Numerous South Dakotans and their families have benefited over the years from our working partnership, and I commend his tireless dedication to his agency and to the people of South Dakota.

I am honored to share Secretary Ellenbecker's accomplishments with my colleagues, and I publicly commend and thank him for his excellent service to South Dakota. I wish Jim the very best, along with his wife Kathy and their two children, Bradley and Ryon. ●

MR. PAUL HEMMER

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I pay tribute and congratulate Mr. Paul Hemmer of Northern Kentucky, who was recently honored with one of the "Movers and Shakers" awards for the Greater Cincinnati area. Mr. Hemmer's life accomplishments and dedication to the Commonwealth of Kentucky have given me reason to be proud.

Following his graduation from Saint Xavier High School, Mr. Hemmer entered the University of Cincinnati where he later earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He has held a variety of positions within the construction industry including general contracting, development, design/build and plan/spec with experience in the industrial, institutional, commercial, and residential fields. His is currently retired as the chairman of Paul Hemmer Companies.

Throughout his life, Mr. Hemmer has always been active in civic affairs in Northern Kentucky. He has been an integral part of his community serving as director for the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, a trustee for Thomas More College, a trustee for the Literacy Network of Greater Cincinnati, and the United Way chairman for Northern Kentucky.

The "Movers and Shakers" award of Northern Kentucky is an annual award presented to honor those within the Greater Cincinnati region who stand as an example for all. It is presented by the Kentucky Enquirer, the Sales and Marketing Council of Northern Kentucky, The Home Builders Association of Northern Kentucky and The Kentucky Post.

As a Senator from Kentucky, I appreciate the devotion Mr. Hemmer has shown over the years to the citizens of Kentucky. I commend his efforts and hope his example of dedication and hard work will serve as an inspiration to the entire State. ●

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 870. A bill to prohibit energy market manipulation.

S. 871. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that the strength of the Armed Forces and the protections and benefits for members of the Armed Forces and their families are adequate for keeping the commitment of the people of the United States to support their servicemembers, and for other purposes.

S. 872. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the taxation of income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property.

S. 873. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to deliver a meaningful benefit and lower prescription drug prices under the Medicare program.

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

S. 874. A bill to establish a national health program administered by the Office of Personnel Management to offer health benefits plans to individuals who are not Federal employees, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DODD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 890. A bill to provide for alternative transportation in certain federally owned or managed areas that are open to the general public; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 891. A bill to extend the water service contract for the Ainsworth Unit, Sandhills Division, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Nebraska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 892. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 321 Montgomery Road in Altamonte Springs, Florida, as the "Arthur Stacey Mastrapa Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 420

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 420, a bill to make the repeal of the estate tax permanent.

S. 577

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 577, a bill to promote health care coverage for individuals participating in legal recreational activities or legal transportation activities.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. AKAKA,

Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DODD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 890. A bill to provide for alternative transportation in certain federally owned or managed areas that are open to the general public; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, today is Earth Day, founded 35 years ago to celebrate our natural world and encourage efforts to protect its future. As part of that effort, I am introducing today legislation similar to measures I have introduced in previous Congresses that will help protect our Nation's natural resources and improve the visitor experience in our national parks and other public lands. The Transit in Parks Act, or TRIP, establishes a new Federal transit grant initiative to support the development of alternative transportation services for our national parks, wildlife refuges, Federal recreational areas, and other public lands. I am pleased to be joined by Senators ALEXANDER, AKAKA, BOXER, CORZINE, DODD, FEINSTEIN, KENNEDY, LAUTENBERG, LEVIN, SALAZAR, SCHUMER, STABENOW, and WYDEN, who are cosponsors of this legislation.

Over the last several years, both the Administration and the Congress have demonstrated support for transit in the parks by including either the TRIP Act or a similar initiative in their proposals for the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. In fact, the Transit in Parks program was included in the reauthorization bill that passed the Senate by an overwhelming vote during the last Congress. Unfortunately, that legislation was not completed by the House-Senate conference committee before the end of the Congress, and will have to be taken up anew during the current session.

It is in this context that I want to underscore again today some of the principal arguments I have made in past years as to why this legislation is urgently needed. Every year, millions of visitors head to our national parks to enjoy the incredible natural heritage with which our Nation was endowed. But too many of them will spend hours looking for parking, or staring at the bumper of the car in front of them.

Clearly, the world has changed significantly since the national parks first opened in the second half of the nineteenth century, when visitors arrived by stagecoach along dirt roads. At that time, travel through parklands, such as Yosemite or Yellowstone, was long, difficult, and costly. Not many people could afford or endure such a trip. The introduction of the automobile gave every American greater mobility and freedom, which included the freedom to travel and see some of our Nation's great natural