

Human Services and Education appropriations bill. I will continue to search for ways to increase LIHEAP funding and likewise will continue to search for additional offsets to help pay for such an increase.

I believe in the LIHEAP program; I believe it serves a vital function in helping as many as 5 million low-income households who need a bit of help paying their energy bills or weatherizing their homes.

However, I also believe that as Americans, we can and must find ways to pay for our priorities. LIHEAP is worth funding, and it's worth paying for.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

HONORING ARMY SPECIALIST CHRISTOPHER T. MONROE

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart and deep sense of gratitude to honor the life of a brave young man from Kendallville, Christopher Monroe, 19 years old, died on October 25 in Basra, Iraq. With his entire life before him, Chris risked everything to fight for the values Americans hold close to our hearts, in a land halfway around the world.

Remembered for his strong family ties and devotion to the Army, Chris was killed while filling in for a friend on a convoy, a change from his typical desk job. After September 11, Chris had yearned to serve his country and follow in the family tradition of military service. He begged his mother to allow him to enlist early at age 17. The 2004 East Noble High School student had been in Iraq for only a couple months when he was killed. Friends and family recounted that Chris was an outgoing, generous young man who had given up his Christmas leave to allow others in his unit to be with their families for the holidays. His mother, Annette, told local media outlets that she was proud of her son and that he died doing what he was born to do. Chris was engaged and was planning an October 2006 wedding.

Chris was killed while serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was a member of the Army Reserve's 785th Military Police Battalion, based out of Fraser, MI. This brave young soldier leaves behind his father Perry Bolton II; his mother Annette Monroe; and his brothers Greg and Nick.

Today, I join Chris's family and friends in mourning his death. While we struggle to bear our sorrow over this loss, we can also take pride in the example he set, bravely fighting to make the world a safer place. It is his courage and strength of character that people will remember when they think of Chris, a memory that will burn brightly during these continuing days of conflict and grief.

Chris was known for his dedication to his family and his love of country. Today and always, Chris will be remembered by family members, friends, and fellow Hoosiers as a true American

hero, and we honor the sacrifice he made while dutifully serving his country.

As I search for words to do justice in honoring Chris's sacrifice, I am reminded of President Lincoln's remarks as he addressed the families of the fallen soldiers in Gettysburg:

We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.

This statement is just as true today as it was nearly 150 years ago, as I am certain that the impact of Chris's actions will live on far longer than any record of these words.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Christopher Monroe in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the U.S. Senate for his service to this country and for his profound commitment to freedom, democracy and peace. When I think about this just cause in which we are engaged, and the unfortunate pain that comes with the loss of our heroes, I hope that families like Chris's can find comfort in the words of the prophet Isaiah who said, "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces."

May God grant strength and peace to those who mourn, and may God be with all of you, as I know He is with Chris.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM O'NEILL

• Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant and a dear friend, former Connecticut Governor, William O'Neill.

I had the honor of serving the people of Connecticut alongside Bill O'Neill for over 15 years, during which time we shared many of the same views and principles about the future of our great State. When I first took office in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1975, Bill O'Neill was the majority leader of the Connecticut House of Representatives. And, in December 1980, as I was preparing to take the oath of office as a newly elected U.S. Senator, Bill O'Neill became the new Governor of Connecticut, replacing the beloved Ella Grasso, who had resigned for health reasons.

Bill O'Neill had a remarkable ability to connect with the citizens of Connecticut. He was a pragmatic leader, but he also took pains to be forward-thinking. As a result, not only did Bill serve one of the longest gubernatorial tenures in Connecticut history, he also had one of the most influential.

Bill O'Neill understood the immense value of education to both the future of our State and the entire Nation. He fought to pass the Education Enhancement Act, which, among other things, improved the quality of Connecticut teachers and improved student per-

formance. He oversaw the consolidation of the four "State" colleges—Eastern, Western, Southern, and Central Connecticut State University—into a stronger unified system. And he funded critical capital improvements on campuses throughout Connecticut.

He invested in a strong transportation infrastructure. In the aftermath of the tragic collapse of the Mianus River Bridge, soon after he became Governor, he responded not with a quick fix but by making long-term investments that have served Connecticut and the rest of the northeastern United States for decades and that will continue to do so for years to come. He made these commitments despite the devastating effects of the Reagan administration's budget cuts. He looked to impact Connecticut's long-term needs, and, as a consequence, he repaired Connecticut's roadways, overhauled the bus and train lines, and modernized Bradley International Airport.

Bill O'Neill worked hard to protect the environment. He strictly enforced the Clean Water Act, instituted reporting requirements for toxic substances used in manufacturing, and set aside large tracts of land to be used for the benefit of the general public.

Governor O'Neill was also dedicated to bringing the best public servants, regardless of background, into our State government. He nominated the individuals who would become the first woman chief justice and the first African-American justice on the Connecticut Supreme Court. And he appointed the first woman attorney general and treasurer in Connecticut history.

Bill O'Neill will be honored this week on the 15th anniversary of his retirement from public service at Central Connecticut State University, where there is a professorship in "Public Policy and Practical Politics" endowed in his name. The athletic center at Western Connecticut State University, where I recently had the honor of delivering remarks with former President Clinton, also bears the name of the former Governor.

It is fitting and appropriate that Bill O'Neill's name graces these fine institutions of higher learning and others throughout the State of Connecticut, and that he is being honored with this ceremony.

Bill O'Neill has served this country for over 50 years—as a fighter pilot during the Korean war, as a six-term member of the Connecticut House of Representatives, as Lieutenant Governor, and as the Governor of Connecticut for more than a decade.

At a critical time in our State's and our country's history, Connecticut was fortunate to have the leadership of this remarkable patriot. His wisdom, his vision, and his ability to accomplish concrete changes for the good of the people of our State set a standard for public service that inspired me and I know continues to inspire those of us who believe in the value public service.

Bill O'Neill is a true public servant and has been a long-time friend. I wish him, his wife Nikki, and his family my best wishes on this wonderful occasion.●

ANNOUNCING THE BIRTH OF GRIFFIN MACK LUGAR

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, Char and I want to share with all of our colleagues and friends the joyous news of the birth of Griffin Mack Lugar on October 26, 2005, at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, DC. Griffin was a healthy 8 pounds at birth. His parents are our son, John Hoereth Lugar, and his wife, Kelly Smith Lugar, daughter of Robert Lee Smith and Renee Routon Smith. Griffin was born at 8:13 p.m. and within the next hour, John's brother, David Lugar, joined Char and me in the hospital room to see a very healthy newborn baby and to congratulate John and Kelly and to share their joy during unforgettable moments. On the next day, Griffin met his brother, Preston Charles Lugar, who was born at Sibley Memorial Hospital on February 20, 2004. The two boys and their parents are now safe and healthy in their Arlington, VA residence.

Kelly and John were married on November 5, 2001, in the Washington Cathedral with Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie, former Chaplain of the Senate, presiding. They and their families and guests had enjoyed a rehearsal dinner in the Mansfield Room of the Capitol on the night before the wedding. Kelly worked with many of our colleagues during her service to the administration of President George Bush and our former colleague, Secretary of Energy, Spencer Abraham, as Deputy Assistant Secretary with responsibilities for congressional relations. She now has a private consulting business. A graduate of the University of Texas, she was once a member of the staff of Congressman Ralph Hall of Texas. John Lugar came with us to Washington, along with his three brothers, 28 years ago. He graduated from Langley High School in McLean, VA; Indiana University, and received his masters of business administration degree from Arizona State University. He is currently a vice president with Jones Lang LaSalle, a commercial real estate services and investment management firm.

We know that you will understand our excitement and our gratitude that they and we have been given divine blessing and responsibility for a glorious new chapter in our lives.●

MERCER COUNTY DRUG FREE COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Mercer County Drug Free Community Support Program. The course provides initiatives towards fighting substance abuse, developing links between the community and its leaders in helping to educate the public, and allow young citi-

zens the opportunity to help their peers. They have received numerous awards for their work in helping the citizens of Mercer County deal with problems they may encounter daily, be it alcohol, prescription drugs, or illegal substances. The county has received a prestigious national award for its efforts, and deserves acknowledgment and praise for this accomplishment.

Recognizing the importance that this program brings to the community is important; America's Promise, the Alliance for Youth announced that Mercer County is the winner of a national award to identify the 100 Best Communities for Young People; the award shows the true extent of the value of such programs as the Mercer County drug-free program, helping communities create better lives for the people who live in areas afflicted by substance abuse, and the problems arising from drug abuse. The 100 Best Communities for Young People celebrates outstanding, innovative efforts across the country that improve the well-being of our young citizens. Mercer County truly deserved this award for its efficient and pioneering ways of dealing with social problems and substance abuse.

Mercer County has put in place community programs that help teens learn about problems arising from drug abuse, social misconduct, and other related issues. One particular project which deserves praise is the "teen court" in which offenders are judged by their peers. The Mercer County Teen Court was designed to provide youth with the necessary tools to demonstrate the power they have, individually and collectively, to influence others and make positive changes in their own lives and in their community. The teen court is especially effective in allowing teens the chance to see what problems have arisen from their offense, and to be given a punishment fitting to the crime handed out by their own peers.

As a Vista volunteer in 1964, I realized the importance of community work in combating poverty, helping individuals and low-income neighborhoods make positive changes for themselves and their communities. The Mercer County Drug Free Community Support Program is also part of the Creating Opportunities for Youth coalition, a group of community leaders who work hard creating a strategy to address the problematic behaviors plaguing our children and youth in the community.

The organization plays a vital role in helping young citizens avoid the dangers of substance abuse; government grants and awards have allowed the program to set up successful workshops that deal with educating youngsters and parents alike. It is, in effect, a leading community source for prevention and awareness of substance abuse. The program has worked closely with leaders and the citizens to bring together Mercer County and, as a result,

it is a good, safe place to live, work, and raise children.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and two withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SUDAN—PM 29

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. Consistent with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the Federal Register for publication, stating that the Sudan emergency is to continue in effect beyond November 3, 2005. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the Federal Register on November 2, 2004 (69 FR 63915).

The crisis between the United States and Sudan constituted by the actions and policies of the Government of Sudan that led to the declaration of a national emergency on November 3, 1997, has not been resolved. These actions and policies are hostile to U.S. interests and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to Sudan and maintain in force comprehensive sanctions against Sudan to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, November 1, 2005.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:38 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks,