

named the national champions in the Universal Cheerleaders Association-sponsored competition earlier this year.

The Northern Kentucky University cheerleading squad was awarded their first national title. The title was in the small unit coed category of NCAA Division II competition. They captured this championship at Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL on January 14, 2006.

The citizens of northern Kentucky are proud to have these national cheerleading champs living and learning in their community. Their example of hard work and determination should be followed by all in the Commonwealth.

I congratulate the members of the squad for their success. I also want to congratulate their coaches, along with their peers, faculty, administrators, and parents for their support and sacrifices they have made to help them meet their achievements and dreams. They all represent Kentucky honorably.●

CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL OF DELAWARE

● Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, today I rise to honor an outstanding group of young choir members who have brought joy and musical harmony to countless people in Delaware and around the world.

The Cathedral Choir School of Delaware has been chosen to perform on January 25, 2006, for an audience at the White House that will include First Lady Laura Bush. They will also be presented with the Coming Up Taller Award. This award is the Nation's highest honor for afterschool and out-of-school programs that use arts and humanities to enrich the lives of children. Created in 1998, this awards program is a project of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities in partnership with Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Cathedral Choir School has had an enormous positive impact on the lives of the students who pass through its halls. The more than 50 students, ranging in age from 7 to 17, who attend the school are encouraged to learn the enduring values of discipline, responsibility, leadership and teamwork.

With more than 800 alumni since its inception in 1883, the Cathedral choir school has had a positive impact on both the lives of the students who have had the privilege of participating in this choir school and the lives of those around them. By training Delaware's young people in life skills and community involvement, the Cathedral Choir School has consistently enhanced the lives of all that it touches.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that the paid staff and volunteers of the Cathedral Choir School have demonstrated over the

years. Under the direction today of Dr. Darryl Roland, these dedicated men and women have helped the lives of countless children. During his time of overseeing the Cathedral Choir School, Dr. Roland has served as a shining example of what is possible when good and caring adults decide to make a positive difference in the lives of children.

I would especially like to acknowledge the commitment and enthusiasm that the individual members of the choir have shown during their time with the choir. These outstanding young people have made a personal commitment to themselves and to their communities to challenge themselves and try their best to live up to the high standards of the Cathedral Choir School. The rehearsals and afterschool music training are done with a sense of love for artistic expression. It takes a special type of person to share that gift with the rest of us.

The faculty and students of the Cathedral Choir School are to be commended and applauded for their extraordinary efforts. Their dedication and love of music continues to serve as an example of what is possible when young people are given the opportunity to follow their dreams. All of Delaware is proud of them.●

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAURICE GUERRY

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, this past December Idaho unexpectedly lost a generous and gracious man who will be missed terribly by all who had the pleasure of experiencing his welcoming spirit and warm heart.

Maurice was a sheep rancher from Three Creek, ID, who was known for his ready smile, charm and unequivocal love for his wife, family and the land on which he made his livelihood. I had the distinct privilege of working with him a number of times on collaborative land management endeavors and remember well that he made an extraordinary effort to get those who thought themselves at odds to find common ground and work together. He saw the wisdom and value of this approach and was respected for it.

With his sheep dog keeping a sharp eye from the back of his truck, Maurice diligently cared for his land and was known to carry candy with him to share in case he met someone on one of the remote roads near his ranch. He and his wife, Marlene, would put together a dinner party for dozens at the drop of a hat, welcoming strangers with open arms. He was especially close to his fellow Basque friends.

Maurice had a soul of generosity, gentleness, and wisdom and knew the value of hard, honest work. This legacy is his gift and it lives on in his family and friends. My prayers are with them during this difficult time.●

TRIBUTE TO DOUGLAS W. BOOK

● Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I was saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Forest City Chief of Police Douglas "Doug" Book on January 13. Doug leaves behind a remarkable career in law enforcement that spans over three decades. He has had an immense impact not only in his community of Forest City but throughout the entire State of Iowa.

Doug Book began his career as a full-time patrolman in 1968 and quickly rose amongst the ranks of his department until he was appointed chief of police in 1973. He served faithfully in this capacity until his passing. In addition to his dedicated service to his community, Doug also served Iowa as the head of the North Central Iowa Narcotics Task Force for the past 10 years. Doug also served as chairman of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Board and as president of the Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police and Peace Officers.

Doug's constant support and guidance for his fellow officers did not stop at Iowa's borders but spilled over to other departments in New York City. Chief Book joined a group of Iowa police officers as part of a critical incident stress management team that helped New York City police officers cope with the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

One of Doug's colleagues described him simply as a "good guy, a good cop, and a good friend." His friends and family should be very proud of what he has done for so many people. Chief Book's devotion, hard work, and dedication to duty will be sorely missed.●

40 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY FEDERAL SERVICE

● Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, on February 3, 2006, Mr. Ray H. Jyo, Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management/Chief, Programs and Project Management Division, Honolulu Engineer District, HED, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will retire from the Government following nearly 40 years of exemplary service to Hawaii, the Pacific Region, the military and the Nation.

Born and raised in Hawaii, Mr. Jyo is a registered professional engineer and a member of the American Society of Military Engineers, who served in numerous engineering and executive management positions in the U.S. Army. He holds a bachelor's of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Minnesota. He has attended the Senior Officials in National Security Program, the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and the Emerging Issues in Public Management Training at the Brookings Institute.

Over the course of his 40-year career, Mr. Jyo has served with pride and distinction. I have witnessed his steadfast dedication and hard work to improve

and safeguard the lives of our citizens and servicemembers.

Mr. Jyo has demonstrated the highest values and ideals in his many accomplishments throughout his distinguished Federal service. Upon retirement, he will have served the Federal Government for 39 years, 11 months and 13 days. He has succeeded at every job position in his career, which covers every facet of the design/construction/management continuum of the construction industry. He has used his considerable leadership and management skills on behalf of the Army Corps and the Nation to achieve much success.

As the chief of the Far East Surveillance Branch from 1982 to 1986, Mr. Jyo pioneered the regionalization concept at the Pacific Ocean Division, POD. His program managers monitored engineering, design and construction efforts at the Japan and Far East Districts with the focus of providing valued-added service to the districts and our regional partners with the Army and Air Force. Mr. Jyo's branch became the "strike" arm of POD's rapid deployment force which led and provided hands-on project management and technical assistance to the districts. His teams would deploy to the districts to support them during times of peak workload or during crisis situations making them invaluable to District operations. He also had the responsibility of keeping U.S. Army, Pacific and Pacific Air Forces informed and involved in our large construction program overseas. Many of the principles and policies he pioneered are still being followed at POD today. During this timeframe, Mr. Jyo led by example when he deployed to Ft. Drum for 2 months to lead the planning and programming efforts to provide quality facilities for the 10th Mountain Division.

During his tenure as the chief, Technical Engineering Division, 1986 to 1987, Mr. Jyo provided quality technical services to all the districts in POD. In addition, he instituted the concept of life-cycle technical services by sending his technical reviewers to the field to assist the construction offices in coming up with viable solutions to sticky construction problems. This formed the basis of the latter consolidation of the technical review and quality assurance staffs at POD. Responsive to the customer, Mr. Jyo has consistently strived to provide high-quality technical services and products in a responsive manner.

As the chief of Military Division, Mr. Jyo led the planning, engineering, and construction of the military program POD-wide. Through his leadership and experience, POD has become the proven leader in project execution and accomplishment.

As the acting director of Engineering and Construction Directorate, Mr. Jyo forged a solid link between engineering, design, and construction quality. He brought all of POD's technical assets together to work toward common

goals to provide responsive service and engineering and construction excellence to POD. The Engineering and Construction Directorate was the largest directorate at POD and included the operational elements of design, construction, engineering services, environmental, cost engineering as well as design and construction quality assurance. Mr. Jyo maintained technical excellence by pioneering innovative design and procurement tools, such as the construction indefinite delivery-indefinite quantity contracting for Tripler Army Medical Center, later to be applied across the division programs, and such technical tools as the Computer Aided Drafting and Design, CADD, and Geographical Information Systems (GIS). By combining the technical elements of design, engineering and construction quality assurance into one division, he unified the quality function and created "life cycle" accountability for a design/construction continuum. Mr. Jyo truly was an innovator and made POD a better organization.

Since 1997, Mr. Jyo has been the deputy district engineer for programs and project management for the Honolulu District. He has continued to utilize his leadership skills to accomplish considerable successes on their behalf. He has executed programs and projects in a team-oriented matrixed organization. He has led the effort to incorporate a quality management system into the district along with International Organization for Standardization 9001 certification. He has instituted a learning organization with a system of After Action Reviews and Lessons-Learned. He is successfully leading the district through its biggest construction program with highly visible programs such as the Stryker Brigade Combat Team and C-17 implementation in Hawaii. Under his leadership, the Honolulu District has achieved the highest customer satisfaction rating in its history.

Mr. Jyo is a recognized representative of the Corps in the Pacific Region. He has established lasting relationships with the Hawaii Congressional Delegation as well as the Governors of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. Mr. Jyo's efforts have made lasting impacts on the abilities of our service men and women to fight the global war on terror, bolster the region's economy while ardently protecting the environment.

Mr. Jyo played an instrumental role in expanding the civil works and capital improvement programs to Guam, American Samoa, Kwajalein, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. In addition, Mr. Jyo oversaw the construction of the Alenaio Stream Flood Control project in Hilo, HI, which was completed in 1997 at a cost of \$16 million. During the storm of November 2000, the improvements prevented approximately \$13 million in damages and remains fully functional today.

Prominent projects on the island of Oahu include the construction and renovation of military housing and improving facilities at Hickam AFB, Wheeler, Schofield, Aliamanu, and Fort Shafter. In 1989, HED began the design of the \$110 million Hale Koa—Phase 2 recreational hotel at Fort DeRussy in Waikiki. Upon its completion in 1994, the Fort DeRussy area was transformed into a visually pleasing enhancement of Waikiki for the benefit of the military and civilian communities.

His lifelong contributions and achievements to the Army are considerable. His recognized leadership and ability to forge lasting relationships and his clear vision describes an outstanding individual who has dedicated his life to public service. Ray Jyo's distinguished career may be coming to an end, but his loyalty to the goals of the Army and the Nation will carry on. On behalf of a grateful Nation, thank you for your service and for a job well done.●

TRIBUTE TO PAMELA ALTMeyer-ALVEY

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate a distinguished Hoosier, Mrs. Pamela Altmeyer of Indianapolis, IN, who this year celebrates 25 years of leadership at Gleaners Food Bank of Central Indiana.

Mrs. Altmeyer is a 1964 graduate of Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis and studied at Vincennes University, the University of Indianapolis, and the University of Wisconsin at Madison. She has 35 years of experience in managing nonprofit organizations and is a valuable contributor as a member of numerous boards of important community associations.

Gleaners Food Bank was formed in 1980 in a garage in Indianapolis and, under the leadership of Mrs. Altmeyer and other dedicated individuals, has grown into the largest nonprofit provider of assistance to needy families in our State. Over the last 12 months, Gleaners has distributed nearly 11 million pounds of food and other critical grocery products to 400 hunger relief charities in 29 central Indiana counties. Since inception Gleaners has distributed over 173 million pounds of product to Hoosiers in their time of need.

I have had the joy of working closely with Mrs. Altmeyer and Gleaners Food Bank in procuring resources for needy Hoosiers. I believe that, both as a Nation and as individuals, we can do more to improve the lives of those in need. I am deeply grateful for Mrs. Altmeyer's important service and leadership as well as for the remarkable work done by her colleagues at Gleaners Food Bank of Central Indiana.●

BIRTH OF KATHERINE RILEY LUGAR

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I am pleased to share the news of the birth