

the transfer of discoveries from the laboratory bench to actual medical treatments. I am continuing to develop legislation to enhance our Federal translational research efforts. I believe we can and must bring new treatments for diseases such as dystonia to the public faster than ever.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR REBEKAH FRESE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize the accomplishment of a particularly talented student from my home State of Iowa. Rebekah Frese has been chosen to present her National History Day documentary, "Boarding the Freedom Train: The Underground Railroad in Iowa," at the Smithsonian American Art Museum. I congratulate her on this achievement and commend her for her hard work and determination in creating such a wonderful project.

Rebekah's documentary highlights the significant role Iowa and Iowans played in the effort to ensure the safety of escaped slaves prior to the American Civil War. She is a student at the Lenihan Intermediate School in Melbourne, IA and was selected as one of 22 presenters out of 2000 finalists that attended the National History Day national contest at the University of Maryland June 10 to 14.

In Iowa, we take great pride in our educational system, and it is personally rewarding when one of our students sets themselves apart at the national level. Programs such as National History Day give students opportunities to succeed through hard work and determination, encouraging what is at the heart of the American spirit. I appreciate National History Day and its commitment to improving the teaching and learning of American history in our schools.

I would also like to take this opportunity to make special mention of teachers Millie Frese and Karen Roessler, who offered their assistance and encouragement to Rebekah while undertaking this difficult project. Quality teachers like these motivate and inspire students to push themselves to realize their potential. By helping to shape citizens and future leaders, teachers like Millie Frese and Karen Roessler are indispensable parts of our democracy. Once again, congratulations, Rebekah, for your first-class work bringing greater awareness to Iowa's role in the Underground Railroad.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING LINDA DAVIS AND BRIGID O'CONNOR

• Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I wish to honor Linda Davis and Brigid O'Connor. I want to recognize their public service, their courage, and their dedication. As public health nurses in Lake

County, MT, they worked tirelessly since last year to manage the care of a person diagnosed with tuberculosis. They did this while continuing to ensure the safety of other Lake County residents.

Let me share with you a little more about Linda and Brigid.

Linda Davis has been the director of nursing services for the Lake County Health Department since 1991. Her vision and leadership have transformed Lake County's nursing services. Under her guidance, the office staff has grown from 3 to 15. And services have become more comprehensive.

For Linda, public health is about creating programs that address all the community's needs. Linda's resourcefulness and ingenuity have made her a success. She continues to overcome barriers and move forward. This current example of patient care shows that.

Linda is a dedicated public servant. She has worked in public health for 29 years, all in Lake County. And Linda is a fine example of Montana's education system. She is a graduate of the Montana State University-Bozeman School of Nursing.

Brigid O'Connor is the communicable and infectious disease nurse for Lake County. She has worked in public health for the last 10 years, all in Lake County. Before that, she worked in home health. Although Brigid is not originally from Montana, she has spent her entire nursing career in our great State. Brigid also received her degree from the Montana State University-Bozeman School of Nursing. Before moving to Montana, she spent some time in India working with leprosy patients. This experience moved her to pursue nursing. Brigid is a compassionate, driven, and dedicated professional.

The residents of Lake County are fortunate to be served by such outstanding nurses as Linda and Brigid.

The Lake County Health Department's handling of this case is exemplary. It worked because Linda and Brigid focused on patient education and community awareness. They balanced respect for a patient's rights with taking appropriate steps to protect public health.

Lake County is a low-incidence area. That means that these cases are uncommon. Typically, one patient a year is diagnosed with tuberculosis in Lake County. And that makes Linda's and Brigid's ability to react effectively even more impressive.

And people are recognizing Linda's and Brigid's handling of this case. The Montana Tuberculosis Officer is presenting the case at the Centers for Disease Control's annual meeting on tuberculosis.

This case exemplifies the creativity of individuals across Montana. It highlights their resourcefulness. The Lake County Health Department has been able to use emergency preparedness funds to help create an infectious dis-

ease response program. These funds have also allowed them to step up their after-hours capabilities.

Linda and Brigid worked with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services in caring for this individual and the community. Responding to a challenge like tuberculosis requires cooperation, ingenuity, and hard work.

I am very proud, not only of Linda and Brigid's work, but of all of Montana's State and local health officials.

We are lucky in Montana. Even though we are a big State with a small population, we are well prepared to respond to such public health challenges because of our dedicated and capable public health professionals.

Working together, the Montana health care community has found ways to beat challenges like these, despite apparent obstacles.

We depend on our public health professionals to constantly come up with creative ways to respond to such challenges while continuing to provide high quality care for the sick.

Linda and Brigid are two such professionals. It is my honor to recognize them here today in the Senate. And it is an honor to be able to work with them to create a safe and healthy Montana. •

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

• Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, today I recognize three New Mexico students who participated in the National History Day contest that took place earlier this week at the University of Maryland. More than half a million students in grades 6 through 12 from all over the country prepared research projects to be presented at local- and state-level competitions this year. I am very proud that three New Mexico students were chosen to present their National History Day projects at the National Portrait Gallery here in Washington yesterday.

Ryan Andrews-Armijo and Ashley Page, from Moriarty Middle School, used this year's National History Day theme: "Triumph and Tragedy in History" to produce a documentary entitled "Breaking the Unwritten Rules." Ryan and Ashley put in many hours of hard work, researching the 1966 Texas Western Miners basketball team. I commend them for their excellent work.

Shannon Burns, from Los Alamos Middle School, filmed a documentary entitled: "Léaró Dóchas (Ray of Hope) The Irish Triumph over Tragedy in America." Shannon did a superb job in putting together a beautiful documentary about the history of Irish immigration in America.

Along with these three exceptional New Mexico students, I would also like to recognize their outstanding teachers: Ms. Bethany Vaughn from Moriarty and Ms. Gayle Beckett from Los Alamos. These teachers have demonstrated great skill and commitment