

And rains fall soft upon your fields.  
 And until we meet again,  
 May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### CONGRATULATING DR. SCOTT D. MILLER

• Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I wish to commend a true leader, someone who has left an indelible impression on thousands of Delaware's college students. Dr. Scott D. Miller, after 10 years at the helm of Wesley College in Dover, is moving on to the next phase in his professional life.

Dr. Miller's tenure at Wesley has been marked by previously unknown success. He took over a quiet school in our State capital and turned it into a nationally recognized institution with a burgeoning and diverse student population.

Evidence of his quick influence is the fact that Wesley was named as one of just four "amazing turnarounds" featured in the book, "The Small College Guide to Financial Health," after only 5 years of Dr. Miller at the helm.

Dr. Miller's accomplishments are too numerous to name in one statement, but I would like to mention a few of the most notable:

Wesley's faculty is stronger in number and diversity, which has improved the retention rate and academic profile of Wesley's student body.

Enrollment has nearly tripled in the 10 years Dr. Miller has been president.

He has presided over the most prolific fundraising era in Wesley's history.

And he has developed community service partnerships for his students with five campus-based affiliates.

In short, Wesley College has been changed permanently—and for the better—by Dr. Miller's leadership and vision. My State's oldest private college will retain its prominence for years to come, thanks to Dr. Miller's guidance in leading that institution into the 21st century.

Dr. Scott Miller is moving on, being rewarded for his excellent work over the last decade, and he will surely be missed. But his efforts will not soon be forgotten in Dover, surely not among all of the lives that he touched.●

##### RECOGNIZING KITTY ROBERTS

• Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to recognize Kitty L. Roberts, the superintendent of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, who will retire on December 3, 2007, after 28 years with the National Park Service. Currently the superintendent of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Rainbow Bridge National Monument, for many years Kitty headed the National Park Service's Office of Legislative and Congressional Affairs, where she worked very closely with the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

A native of Milton, WV, Kitty graduated from the University of Maryland

and attended graduate school at Indiana University. She then worked for the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, where she remained for 9 years.

Kitty began her career with the National Park Service in 1979 as a management assistant in the National Capital Region. She went on to become the assistant superintendent at the George Washington Memorial Parkway between 1980 and 1984. From 1984 to 1990, Kitty was the Deputy Associate Regional Director, White House Liaison, in the National Capital Region. During this time, Kitty was the NPS Inaugural coordinator and oversaw the development of East Executive Park that now serves as a visitor entrance to the White House. In 1990, Kitty returned to the George Washington Memorial Parkway, where she served as superintendent. In 1993, former National Park Service Director Roger Kennedy asked Kitty to become the assistant director for Legislative and Congressional Affairs. Kitty served in that position for 8 years, and during that time was extremely helpful to the committee in its consideration of national park-related legislation.

During Kitty's tenure as assistant director, over 230 laws were passed affecting our national parks. Among the notable laws passed during that period were the California Desert Protection Act and the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996, with its creation of 5 new park units, 10 new national heritage areas, 12 park boundary adjustments, and numerous other changes that benefited several units of the National Park System. Kitty also worked on the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, which doubled the amount of funding for national park roads, and the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998, which reformed the National Park Service's concessions program, created a park research mandate, and supported employee career development and training.

In February 2001, Kitty left Washington to become the superintendent of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Rainbow Bridge National Monument. During her time at the park, Kitty has worked on a policy for personal watercraft and off-highway vehicle use. She has found ways to maintain access to Lake Powell even as ongoing drought conditions have led to a 145-foot drop in the lake's water level. Perhaps one of her most important contributions has been a program of public education to prevent needless deaths due to individuals swimming behind boats where exhaust fumes were vented. In early June of this year, Kitty presided with the President of the Navajo Nation at the grand opening of the new floating marina village at Antelope Point, with its architectural elements from the surrounding red rock landscape and its unique cooling system using lake water from 75 feet below the surface.

Kitty has had a distinguished career with the National Park Service and will be greatly missed by those she has worked with over the years, both in the Park Service and in Congress. I want to congratulate Kitty on her retirement and thank her for the many contributions she has made toward making our national parks the pride of our Nation, and I wish her the best in the years ahead.●

##### TRIBUTE TO JERRY PARKS

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Jerry Parks of Georgetown, KY, for being recognized on USA Today's 2007 All-USA Teacher Team.

For 10 years USA Today has selected K-12 teachers nationwide for the All-USA Teacher Team. This year the nominees were judged on how well they recognize and respond to the needs of their students as well as the effectiveness of their teaching methods. Each team member demonstrates dedication and enthusiasm for educating the youth and future of this great country.

Mr. Parks, a seventh-grade social studies teacher at Georgetown Middle School, was recognized in the top 8 of 20 teachers on this national team. His creative hands-on teaching techniques produce students who value education and are eager to learn more. Mr. Parks also holds a doctorate in theology and has had several teacher guides published. Because of his commitment to education, Mr. Parks established student scholarships with the profits from these publications. His passion for teaching serves as an inspiration to his peers and to teachers everywhere.

I now ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Parks for his remarkable achievement and his devotion to educating young minds. Our Nation can look forward to a brighter future because of individuals like Jerry Parks.●

##### COMMENDING JOE FREEMAN

• Mrs. DOLE. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Joe Freeman of Mistletoe Meadows Christmas Tree Farm in Laurel Springs, NC, for winning the National Christmas Tree Association's 2007 National Christmas Tree Contest. As the Grand Champion, Mr. Freeman has the distinguished honor of providing this year's Official White House Christmas Tree. This storied tradition began in 1966, and I applaud Mr. Freeman for producing North Carolina's tenth Official White House Christmas Tree. After winning at the State level, the Mr. Freeman's prized 18½ foot Fraser fir was selected at the national competition. The prized tree was chosen to be the Blue Room Christmas Tree by White House Chief Usher Stephen Rochon, Superintendent of Grounds Irv Williams, Grounds Foreman Mike Lawn and White House Florist Nancy Clarke. Mr. Freeman and Ms. Linda Jones will have the honor of presenting the prized Blue Room Tree