

Senator RICHARD LUGAR to improve children's health care.

While in Congress, Julia Carson served on the Committee of Financial Services, the Subcommittee of Financial Services and Consumer Credit, the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Material, and the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. Carson was also a member of the Congressional Black Caucus. Throughout her 10 years in Congress, Julia Carson worked tirelessly for the poor and forgotten.

Shortly after announcing her diagnosis with terminal lung cancer, Julia Carson died on December 15, 2007, at age 69. At her funeral service, those who spoke all said Carson, the daughter of an unwed teenage mother who worked as a housekeeper, never forgot where she came from. Therefore, it is only fitting that the Congress designate a post office in the name of Julia M. Carson in her hometown of Indianapolis.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO THE GEORGIAN CLUB

• Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I wish to honor in the RECORD the 25th anniversary of the Georgian Club, the first suburban city club in metropolitan Atlanta.

The citizens of Cobb County immediately embraced the Georgian Club when it first opened its doors on April 19, 1983. I was proud to be a founding board member and I am proud to serve as chairman of the board of directors today.

With its breathtaking view of the Atlanta skyline, the Georgian Club offers unparalleled service, fine dining, and a relaxed atmosphere. Its consistently high standards ensure an enjoyable experience every time.

Many great leaders of Georgia have graced the halls of the Georgian Club, including my predecessor here in the U.S. Senate, Zell Miller, my colleague, Senator SAXBY CHAMBLISS, former Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, and President Jimmy Carter.

The Georgian Club is the vision of Jim Rhoden who has contributed to Cobb County and Georgia in countless civic and charitable ways.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure and it is a privilege to recognize in the U.S. Senate the 25th anniversary of the Georgian Club. The Georgian Club is a wonderful asset to our community and I congratulate this fine establishment on its well-deserved success.●

TRIBUTE TO DICK HALLIBURTON

• Mrs. MCCASKILL. Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me today in honoring Dick Halliburton, an accomplished advocate at Legal Aid of West-

ern Missouri. He has fought tirelessly for 38 years for the rights of low-income Missourians, first as a Legal Aid of Western Missouri, LAWMO, attorney and for the last 20 years as LAWMO's executive director. During his time as executive director, LAWMO's staff has represented clients in more than 250,000 cases—obtaining thousands of protective orders for victims of domestic violence, preventing thousands of unlawful evictions, obtaining safe and affordable public and federally subsidized housing for thousands of families; and obtaining Medicaid, SSI and other public benefits for thousands of Missourians.

His work has empowered low-income people throughout western Missouri, by giving them the means to assert and protect their legal rights in court. Without his leadership, many low-income people throughout Western Missouri would not have had meaningful access to the civil justice system.

Dick has worked for years as a governor of the Missouri bar to advocate for the interest of low-income people. This work has encouraged the bar to provide direct funding for Missouri's legal services programs and to advocate for State funding for legal services, which the programs now receive.

He has led LAWMO through many difficult challenges. Through it all, he has maintained the integrity of the program and made sure that LAWMO continues to provide high quality legal services that meet its clients' needs.

Dick has greatly increased private donations, grants and other non-LSC funding for the program. When he began as executive director, LSC funding accounted for well over half of LAWMO's budget. Now it is barely a quarter of the organization's budget.

Dick has trained and nurtured one of the most experienced and well-respected groups of case handlers in any legal services program in the country, and those case handlers have achieved consistently high-quality results for their clients.

Dick's work takes into account the words and commitment to public service of Reginald Heber Smith, who in his book, "Justice and the Poor," stated:

Without equal access to the law, the system not only robs the poor of their only protection, but it places it in the hands of their oppressors the most powerful and ruthless weapon ever created.

In short, Dick Halliburton has made Missouri's justice system more accessible for low-income people and, in doing so, he has improved the lives of all Missourians. We are sincerely grateful for his work.●

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I honor the University of South Dakota Coyotes women's basketball team on their second place finish in the 2008 NCAA Division II Tournament. This was USD's first trip to the National Championship game.

The USD women's basketball team has a long history of success, including three NCC Conference Championships from 1982 to 1985, as well as eight appearances in the NCAA Division II National Tournament. South Dakota, which concluded the season with a 33 and 2 overall record, won the North Central Conference with a 12 and 0 record. This was USD's final season in Division II athletics and it was undoubtedly one of the best in school history.

Certainly, this historic season would not have been possible without the players themselves. The members of the 2007–2008 University of South Dakota women's basketball team are as follows: Natalie Carda, Shannon Daly, Michelle Dirks, Anne Doshier, Kelli Fargen, Amber Hegge, Jeana Hoffman, Jenna Hoffman, Kara Iverson, Jasmine Mosley, Amy Robinette, Ashley Robinette, Annie Roche, Kendra Schomer, Bridget Yoerger, Maggie Youngberg.

Although this accomplishment was truly a team effort, I would like to pay special recognition to their coach Chad Lavin, who will be retiring after 14 years with the USD women's basketball team. Coach Lavin is USD's career wins leader with 271. Lavin's coaching success has not gone unnoticed as he has been named the NCC Coach of the Year four different times and has been selected as the Russell Athletic/WBCA North Central Regional Coach of the Year for the 2007–2008 season.

The coaches and student athletes of USD's women's basketball team should be very proud of all of their remarkable achievements this season. On behalf of the State of South Dakota, I am pleased to say congratulations to the Coyotes on this impressive season.●

CONGRATULATING JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL'S BASKETBALL TEAMS

• Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I wish to take a few minutes to talk to the Senate and America about the great pride that I and other Oregonians are feeling about the recent championships of Jefferson High School's girls' and boys' basketball teams, the Democrats. Both teams have been crowned winners of the 2008 5A state championship, respectively. Both the boys' and girls' basketball teams have had amazing seasons. In fact, Jefferson is the first high school in 5A history to ever win dual championships in the same season. This is an extraordinary accomplishment for a school that has only 600 kids in their student body and competes with schools that are much larger in size all the time.

The championships capped a regular season in which both teams turned in performances that were unprecedented in Oregon sports history. The Jefferson girls went undefeated with a regular season record of 27–0 and won their championship against a very tough Hermiston team on March 8, 2008. The