

decades of growth and expansion on campus. With his support a center for the arts was built, as was the Kade-Duesenberg German House and Cultural Center, the Christopher Center for Library and Information Resources, and the Kallay-Christopher Hall. In addition, several renovation and structural expansion projects owe their success to Dr. Harre's commitment and vision toward making Valparaiso a world-class collegiate environment.

But perhaps President Harre's most impressive achievements have very little to do with mere brick and mortar building projects. They include a considerable expansion of the university's nationally ranked graduate programs, greater enrollment of minorities and international students, the establishment of 11 endowed chairs and professorships to attract and retain high caliber instructors, and technological upgrades that offer students 21st century tools and skill-sets.

While President Harre will be dearly missed back in Valparaiso, I am confident that the legacy he leaves behind will continue to be a great boon for this lauded institution of learning. I wish Alan every success as he pursues new challenges and adventures.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO SHAWNEE  
MISSION NORTH NAVAL JUNIOR  
RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING  
CORPS

● Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I wish today to recognize the Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, NJROTC, of Shawnee Mission North High School in Overland Park, KS, for their outstanding performance in the 2008 NJROTC Nationals competition. For 3 consecutive years, the Shawnee Mission North NJROTC, under the leadership and guidance of Chief Warrant Officer 4 Dennis C. Grayless, USMC (Ret) and Chief Petty Officer Christopher W. Neven, USN (Ret), has qualified to compete in the prestigious NJROTC National Academic, Athletic and Drill Championship hosted by the Navy League of the United States at the Pensacola Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL. The NJROTC Nationals, or "Navy Nationals" as it is affectionately referred to by the participants, is the most comprehensive test of overall JROTC training and performance in existence today. The Nation's finest NJROTC units from each of the 11 Navy Areas participate in this two-day academic, athletic, and drill competition. There is no competition in JROTC that provides a more comprehensive test of program quality.

Earlier this year, the Shawnee Mission North team was recognized as the Area 9 Most Outstanding Unit after sweeping the NJROTC Area 9 Championship Drill Team Competition. The team placed first in armed exhibition, unarmed exhibition, armed regulation, unarmed regulation, push-ups, curl-ups/sit-ups and in the 16 x 100 shuttle relay. While they placed second in the

competition for Color Guard, 8 x 200 oval relay, academics, and personnel inspection. As 2008 Area 9 Regional Champion, the team qualified to return to the Navy Nationals for the third consecutive year.

At the 2008 national competition, the Shawnee Mission North team placed first in the Nation in the Armed Regulation Drill and finished seventh in the overall competition. Cadet Dylan Warnick received individual honors by finishing third in the Nation in the male curl-up/sit-up competition by completing 320 cadenced curl-ups/sit-ups in 5 minutes. Cadet Bethany Krzesinski received individual honors by finishing sixth in the Nation in the female curl-up/sit up competition by completing 268 cadenced curl-ups/sit-ups in 5 minutes. While Cadet Michael Hoffman received individual honors by tying for fifth in the Nation in the male push-up competition by completing 114 cadenced push-ups in 5 minutes.

As reflected in the success achieved by the Shawnee Mission North NJROTC unit, it is apparent the breadth and depth of commitment, dedication, hard work, resolve and motivation each member of this team possesses. The Shawnee Mission North NJROTC unit has been recognized as a Naval Honor Unit (1992-1999), a Naval Distinguished Unit (2000, 2007, 2008), recipient of the Unit Achievement Award (2003), a Chief of Naval Education and Training Unit (1988, 1989), the 2007 National Academic, Athletic and Drill Champions, and the 2008 Area 9 Most Outstanding Unit. Five of its graduating cadets have enlisted into the U.S. Armed Forces; one has been awarded an NROTC scholarship to attend Purdue University; and two cadets from the junior class have been accepted into the 2008 summer semester at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD.

Mr. President, I ask my distinguished colleagues in the Senate to join me in recognizing and congratulating the Shawnee Mission North Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps 2008 National Championship Team: Sara Atwood, Michael Barr, Jessie Biggs, Andrew Boyce, Amiee Busch, Robert Byrd, Matthew Carlyon, Bryan Chapple, Faith Cole, Amanda Fuller, Tyler Gearin, Darrell Hayes, Joshua Hoffman, Michael Hoffman, Alisyn Katsantones, Stacey Kennedy, Bethany Krzesinski, Lauren Lawson, Megan Lawson, Shelby McIntosh, Justin Manford, Kyle Middaugh, Timothy Oehlert, Philip Park, Brandon Patrick, Aaron Patterson, Jeremy Payne, Jersey Payne, Devin Root, Niklas Rueter, Djourdan Stephens, Aliana Swiercinsky, Brandon Ware, Dylan Warnick, Gregory Wynn, and Rachel Yearsley.●

TRIBUTE TO HENRY AND HOMER  
MONTGOMERY

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I wish today, June 6, 2008, the 64th anniversary

of the Allied Powers' invasion of Normandy, to pay tribute to Henry and Homer Montgomery, two brothers who answered their Nation's call to duty. These brothers, like so many of their peers, gave up the comforts of home to go to an unfamiliar land to fight in defense of our Nation.

Henry Montgomery, now 92, hit the beach at Normandy on June 7, 1944. He served in the European theater as an artilleryman and motorcycle courier, walking much of the way between Normandy and Berlin. This journey of nearly 1,000 miles was so arduous that when he arrived in Berlin, he was medically discharged and returned to our shores on a hospital ship.

Homer Montgomery, now 82, served in the Pacific theater toward the end of World War II halfway around the world from his brother. He was a Military Police officer who served through the end of the war.

The contributions made by these two brothers are an excellent example of the sacrifices made by our greatest generation. They were able to see our nation and our allies emerge from the war victorious and return home unlike so many of their brothers in arms. Their commitment to this struggle and that of their comrades was critical to securing our liberties, and our nation is forever indebted to them.

And so, Mr. President I am honored to pay tribute to these two great American patriots. May they greatly enjoy the freedom they have secured for all of us.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:26 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3021. An act to direct the Secretary of Education to make grants to State educational agencies for the modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5540. An act to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the continuing authorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network.

H.R. 5940. An act to authorize activities for support of nanotechnology research and development, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5940. An act to authorize activities for support of nanotechnology research and development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE  
CALENDAR

The following joint resolution was read the second time, and placed on the calendar: