

Garland said he missed the students terribly for a while after he left the classroom, as well as the good people he worked with at the central office and the school system in general.

"I worked with a lot of good people," he said. "We had a great team. I give any credit due to my family, my church and all the people I worked with. Also, I think we all owe a debt of gratitude to our current board members and to all who have ever served in that role."

MONTANA TAA

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I want to thank all those Montanans who have participated in TAA and have shared their stories with me. They include Jerry Ann Ross, Wilfred Johnson, Daryl Blasing, Larry Netzel, Albert Drebes, and Kris Allen.

These Montanans embody the ideals of the TAA Program, which encourages people to keep trying, even when they have been let down or let go. Their hard work and perseverance led them to their success today.

I also want to thank a few more Montanans. These folks work tirelessly to deliver the TAA program and to help people like Jerry Ann and Larry get good-paying jobs. I want to recognize and thank the following: Kathy Yankoff, Elaine Eidum, Laura Gardner, and Wolf Ametsbichler.

And I want to thank the educational institutions that have helped to train these workers to find good-paying jobs. These include Flathead Valley Community College, University of Montana, especially the College of Technology; and Helena College of Technology.

I know these names are just a few of the many American success stories across the country.

For those Americans who have good paying jobs, keep at it. And for those of you who are looking for a job, help is on the way.

I am proud to support these Montanans. I am proud to support TAA.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to join in the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month and to recognize the many invaluable contributions that have been made by the Hispanic-American community.

For generations, a vibrant Hispanic community has worked tirelessly to enrich and strengthen our Nation.

With ancestors coming to the U.S. from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America, the Hispanic community's rich culture has enhanced the great diversity of the United States.

According to the latest census numbers, there are more than 54 million people of Hispanic heritage living in the United States, including 4 million in Puerto Rico alone.

All across America, a vibrant Hispanic-American community is contributing to all sectors of our economy and is playing a key role as small business

entrepreneurs and government leaders on the Federal, State and local levels.

This is especially true in California, my home State, which boasts over 1,000 publicly elected officials of Hispanic heritage. These dedicated public officials serve as Members of the U.S. Congress, the California State Legislature, and hold numerous positions on the city and county levels of government.

This year, I was proud to support the nomination of Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers to serve as a U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of California. Her nomination is historic, as she would be the first Latina judge to serve on that court.

Judge Gonzalez represents an American success story, as her path in life has been extraordinary. Of her parents, her sixteen aunts and uncles, and their children, Judge Gonzalez Rogers is one of only three family members to attend college.

She has been able to rise from modest beginnings to graduate from two of the best universities in the country.

It is my hope that many more young people will follow Judge Gonzalez's journey. That is why I believe it is in America's best interest to give talented young adults who have good moral character and are dedicated to serving the United States the opportunity to succeed. The DREAM Act embodies the values of hard work that make this country great and I will continue to support this important legislation.

I believe it is also important to recognize the 1.1 million Hispanic Americans 18 years or older who are veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. Americans of Hispanic descent have defended and served our country with valor in every conflict since the Revolutionary War.

Forty-one Hispanic Americans have received the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest military award presented by the United States.

I commend our Hispanic-American veterans, as well as those on active duty, who have risked and given their lives for the safety and well-being of our Nation.

It is my hope that more of today's young people, including those of Hispanic heritage, will soon have the opportunity to pursue their dreams of obtaining a higher education degree or serving in the U.S. military.

On the larger front, we must continue to strive towards reforming our broken immigration system, which is crucial to the future success of the Nation's economy.

This country was built by people who risked everything because they believed in the promise and opportunities available in America. Part of the American dream is that anyone with a desire and a will to work can make a life for themselves here.

As the current generation of Hispanic Americans continues to strive to fulfill the American dream, I am pleased to celebrate their past accomplishments as well as their future achievements

that will continue to make this country great.

TRIBUTE TO LAWRENCE H. LEE AND GERALD GRINSTEIN

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to two men whose influence has greatly benefitted my State.

My good friend Lawrence H. Lee was, at one time, the CEO of Western Airlines. As you may know, before merging with Delta Air Lines in 1986, Western was one of the largest airlines serving the western U.S.

In 1982, as an executive at Western Airlines, Lawrence was responsible for establishing a hub for the airline in Salt Lake City, UT. This would prove to be a consequential decision, both for the airline and, most especially, for the economic future of the State of Utah.

In the early 1980s, Western Airlines was on the verge of bankruptcy. Lawrence was appointed CEO in 1983 and tasked with the job of turning the airline around. Under his leadership, they were able to reduce costs and return Western to profitability. Ultimately, this success led to Western's merger with Delta Air Lines.

During his tenure as CEO of Western Airlines, Lawrence's right-hand man was none other than Gerald Grinstein, Delta's future CEO. An excerpt from Lawrence's journal gives an account of Mr. Grinstein's efforts to save Delta Air Lines and preserve its Salt Lake hub.

It is important to note that Delta's Salt Lake hub, which exists as a direct result of my friend Lawrence's decision to create a hub there for Western Airlines, is vital to Utah's economy. Salt Lake City is small relative to other major airline hubs in the U.S. Therefore, the city and its surrounding community receive an almost inordinate economic benefit from the presence of the Delta hub. Delta's Salt Lake hub attracts untold amounts of business to Utah. It was cited as a reason that Utah was able to secure the Winter Olympics in 2002. All told, Utah receives nearly \$18 billion every year from commercial aviation, most of which is derived from Delta's presence in the market.

I thank my good friend Lawrence Lee for his contribution to Utah's growth and development. In his journal, Lawrence states that Gerald Grinstein should be considered a "Giant of Salt Lake City." I certainly agree. But, I believe much the same could be said about Lawrence Lee.

Mr. President, as testimony to the importance of Lawrence Lee and Gerald Grinstein to Utah's economic growth, I ask unanimous consent that an excerpt from the Personal Journal of Lawrence H. Lee be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows: