TRIBUTE TO SERVICE CORPS OF RETIRED EXECUTIVES CHAPTER NO. 38 ON THEIR 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Service Corps of Retired Executives Chapter No. 38. This year, Chapter 38 celebrates 30 years of service to the Laconia area. As a former small business owner myself, I am proud to extend my warmest congratulations to this outstanding business advocacy organization on this momentous occasion.

SCORE is a volunteer program sponsored by the Small Business Administration which helps New Hampshire’s small businesses to establish themselves, expand, and create jobs in our communities. It is a nationwide service organization with 13,000 volunteers. There are 383 locally organized and self-administered chapters, all of which work in or near their home communities and offer their services at no charge. SCORE has been helping American small businesses to prosper since 1964.

SCORE matches volunteers with small businesses that need expert advice. They share management skills and technical advice with prospective and present small business owners. Their in-depth counseling and training helps business owners identify management problems and find solutions. Most of SCORE’s volunteers are retired executives, but some are still employed full time. New Hampshire Chapter 38’s 24 active members have worked tirelessly, handling one of the largest case-loads in the state. One member, Horace Walsh, for example, has been with Chapter 38 for 25 years. This outstanding record of service is the epitome of the Granite State community spirit and entrepreneurship.

SCORE is an excellent example of community service at its finest. It gives people the opportunity to share their skills with others, that they may find the same measure of success. Such service allows executives to give back to the community that supported them. By helping small businesses grow, they are contributing to the growth of their local economy and providing more opportunities for the community.

New Hampshire is fortunate to have an organization like SCORE helping small businesses. I commend SCORE and each one of their committed and dedicated volunteers for their tremendous community service as they celebrate their 30th anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PATRICIA MACK

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to my constituent, Patricia Mack, an outstanding Housing and Urban Development (HUD) employee and housing activist. Over the years, she has accomplished a great deal in her work in the area of public housing.

In 1971, Patricia began her first job in the housing field in the Chicago Regional Office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). She worked as an Urban Renewal Representative, advocating for and advancing the city’s comprehensive civic renewal projects in the Chicago area.

In October 1971, HUD established an office in Patricia’s home State of Minnesota. Patricia moved back to the Twin Cities to serve as a Metropolitan Development Representative where she worked closely with metro-area communities to use HUD grant funds for water and sewer projects, neighborhood facilities, parks, and historical preservation initiatives. She played crucial roles in both the Minnesota Valley Restoration Project and the Hennepin County Park Reserve District.

In July 1974, Patricia’s career path took her to Alexandria, VA, to serve as assistant to the director of the Alexandria Urban Development, Work, Planning, and Employment Department. Working primarily on housing issues, she helped to lay the groundwork for Alexandria’s Housing Assistance Program.

In February 1976 she returned to Minnesota to the HUD Office in Minneapolis as a Housing Assistance Specialist. She worked with Minnesota communities on the implementation of the Housing Assistance Program much as she had in Virginia.

In 1985, Patricia was named Special Assistant to the Field Office Manager, a position in which she handled responsibilities ranging from public and congressional affairs to HUD special projects like affirmative action plans. In this capacity, Patricia played a key role in assuring that adequate minority participation was utilized in the construction of the new Federal building that was being built in downtown Minneapolis.

In the last decade, Patricia has continued to become actively and centrally involved in many programs pertaining to housing and the homeless. Patricia’s dedication, leadership, and spirit have been instrumental in countless successes as a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and in working with the Metropolitan Interfaith Community for Affordable Housing.

In 1985, Patricia was the first Government official to receive a well-deserved award from the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless.

Today, Patricia continues her work helping to address such serious and complex issues as homelessness and the availability, quality, and affordability of public housing on behalf of Minnesotans and their communities.

It is a privilege for me to recognize and applaud Patricia Mack for her fine work and her many contributions over the years. She is an inspiration, and I wish her continued future success.

RECIPIENTS OF EDISON ELECTRIC INSTITUTE’S 1996 COMMON GOALS AWARDS

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I am proud to announce that two local electric companies in Arizona recently were honored as recipients of the Edison Electric Institute’s 1996 Common Goals Awards.

The Arizona Public Service Company received a Special Distinction Award for energy efficiency from Edison Electric Institute for its work in electrical efficiency in architectural design. Specifically, Arizona Public Service Co. was honored for its design of an Environmental Showcase Home that uses 60 percent less electricity and water than standard energy efficient homes built in Arizona today. Increased energy efficiency is of great importance to Arizona and the Nation. I commend Arizona Public Service Co. for its efforts to achieve greater energy efficiency in our homes and encourage other utilities across the country to follow their lead in working toward more energy efficient architectural designs.

I also want to congratulate the Tucson Electric Power Co. for their work on a project entitled “Driving Drunk Will Put Your Lights Out.” The Tucson Electric Power Co. received a Community Responsibility-Special Needs Award from the Edison Electric Institute for this successful project to combat drunk driving. Their efforts were recognized for producing dramatic results, including a 60-percent decline in alcohol-related traffic incidents in Pima County after ten months. The national conscience has been raised to the need for community involvement in order to eliminate the preventable deaths associated with drunk driving. Tucson Electric Power Co. is to be commended for working to meet the special needs of their community and getting involved in such a worthwhile cause.

Energy efficiency and meeting the special needs of our communities to prevent the harms caused by drunk driving are important public matters that are very well-addressed. These companies have been recognized for their leadership in those areas.

U.S. INTELLIGENCE RESPONSE TO TERRORISM

Mr. KERREY. Mr. President, when I took to the floor to discuss the bombing at Khobar Towers several weeks ago I stated someone is making war on us and I would like to make a point.

We are in active conflict, Mr. President, and this is not the time for politicians safe behind secure barriers to publicly snipe at the way our Government is fighting this battle. Yet I note the Speaker of the House of Representatives is accusing the administration of having undermined and crippled one of our principal weapons against terrorism, the human intelligence capabilities of the Central Intelligence Agency.

This charge is baseless. Mr. President, in fact, the greatest build-up of our human intelligence capability occurred under the bipartisan leadership.