

Service in Sarajevo provided valuable assistance to the program. The goals of the program are to provide teachers with the tools necessary to help prepare students and their communities for competent and responsible citizenship, including participation in elections and other opportunities to take part in the political life of their communities. Achieving this goal will contribute to the reconstitution of a sense of community, cooperation, tolerance, and support for democracy and human rights in this war-torn area.

I am also pleased to announce that the curricular materials being used for the program in Bosnia and Herzegovina have been adapted from the We the People—the Citizen and the Constitution, Foundations of Democracy and the Project Citizen Programs which are supported by Congress and used in schools throughout the United States. Initial reports evaluating the summer program indicates the materials, selected and adapted by educators from Bosnia and Herzegovina, and teaching methods were enthusiastically received and will be adapted for use in classrooms in both entities of the country.

Anne Fickling is a resident of the District of Columbia and currently serves as program coordinator for the Center for Civic Education. She has traveled to Bosnia and Herzegovina 6 times spending 25 weeks assisting in the coordination of this important program to promote Democratic values in the classroom. Mr. Speaker, I wish to commend Anne Fickling for her dedication and commitment during the CIVITAS@Bosnia and Herzegovina program. Her work is helping to achieve the overall objective of building democracy in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

35TH ANNIVERSARY OF KVCR-TV

HON. GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 1997

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives with the greatest sense of pride to congratulate KVCR-TV, a public television station located at San Bernardino Valley College in my congressional district, on its 35th anniversary.

On September 11, 1997, KVCR-TV reached the milestone of 35 years serving the people of the Inland Empire. As a primary public television station, KVCR-TV, with consistent programming of local events, plays a vital role in the educational and cultural growth of the Inland Empire.

KVCR-TV was the first public TV station in California to be licensed to a college or university and the first in the Nation to be licensed to a community college.

Public broadcasting is a private-public partnership that works. At the local level, KVCR-TV successfully carries out its great responsibility of providing meaningful access to information to the community. Furthermore, KVCR-TV spearheads alternative learning opportunities such as community service projects, Internet-related activities, and workshops for teachers, parents, and caregivers.

Its commitment to the well-being of a community and community-based broadcast services set KVCR-TV apart from national tele-

communication services. The people of the Inland Empire have been very outspoken in their support of KVCR-TV and its quality programming. As a long-time supporter of Federal funding for public broadcasting stations, I am proud to have such an excellent example in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing KVCR-TV on its 35th anniversary. Let us commend KVCR-TV for its public information efforts for the benefit of the children and families who rely on public broadcasting as their source for news, information, and education.

CONGRATULATING TRINITY COLLEGE ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BARBARA B. KENNELLY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 1997

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate my alma mater, Trinity College of Washington, DC, which this year is celebrating its centennial anniversary of providing quality higher education to women in the Nation's Capital, across the country, and around the world.

Trinity College was founded in August 1897 by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur as the Nation's first Catholic liberal arts college for women. Chartered by an act of Congress, Trinity has a rich tradition of academic excellence, specializing in preparing women for roles of leadership and service.

The Sisters of Notre Dame had a vision of an institution for women, built on a challenging liberal arts curriculum that assumed that women are the intellectual equal of men, and composed of a student body national in scope. One hundred years later, as Trinity proudly celebrates its centennial, the work and beliefs of the community of the Sisters of Notre Dame live on.

Trinity welcomed its first students in 1900. In 1966, Trinity established its coeducational graduate program, and in 1984 created Weekend College, an undergraduate degree program designed to meet the educational goals of the Washington area's working women.

Today, with a diverse enrollment of nearly 1,500 students in its undergraduate and coeducational graduate programs, Trinity is a nationally recognized leader among the Nation's women's colleges and in the education of adult women. Using Washington, DC, as an extended classroom, generations of Trinity students have walked these very corridors, providing valuable services as interns and staff in so many of our offices.

In addition to its degree programs, Trinity also educates thousands of students each year through its nondegree and affiliated programs, including graduate workshops for teachers, Washington Very Special Arts, Upward Bound, Education for Parish Service, Notre Dame Education Center, and Elderhostel. The college is also home to the Pan American Symphony Orchestra, which performs concerts during the year for music lovers throughout the Washington area.

Carrying on the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame in helping those in need, Trinity students, faculty, and staff participate in var-

ious community service projects, including caring for boarder babies, tutoring and delivering meals to the homeless, and spending school breaks living and working with migrant farmworkers at the Farmworker Ministry run by the Sisters of Notre Dame in Apopka, FL. Trinity's graduate education students are active in partnerships with area schools, and undergraduate students conduct after-school programs for the children at neighborhood elementary schools, where faculty provide teaching assistance and mentoring programs.

Trinity graduates, including my esteemed colleague from the great State of California, NANCY PELOSI, are using their education to make a difference in their communities—across the country and around the globe—in corporate boardrooms, courtrooms, classrooms, laboratories, and families.

In 1997, the work of the Sisters of Notre Dame continues to thrive as Trinity College remains an institution centered around women, and enriched by the Catholic tradition, a place where women can gain the knowledge and tools necessary to succeed in their own lives and give back to their communities. As a member of Trinity's class of 1958, I am proud to wish Trinity College continued success as it celebrates "A Century of Women Leading the Way," and prepares to move forward into the 21st century.

JACOB WETTERLING CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN AND SEXUALLY VIOLENT OFFENDERS REGISTRATION IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 1997

HON. JENNIFER DUNN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 1997

Ms. DUNN. Madam Speaker, it is the responsibility of our Nation to make our communities safer. It is our responsibility to give communities and families the tools to protect women and children from sexual predators. Everything we can do to improve our laws and sharpen these tools is a top priority.

The Jacob Wetterling Improvements Act does just that. It improves upon existing sexual offender registration laws in order to ensure that sexual predators who may run, can no longer hide.

In 1994, Congress enacted The Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act. This act requires certain offenders to register their addresses and other pertinent information with local law enforcement upon release from prison. The Wetterling Improvements Act tightens this prudent law to prevent violent sex offenders from falling through the cracks.

In my home State of Washington, residents take sex offender registration laws very seriously. Legislators have enacted a new law which makes it a felony for sex offenders to ignore registration requirements. Violating the new law carries a penalty of up to 5 years in prison. A special police task force has been given the authority to track down and arrest sex offenders who fail to register their whereabouts with law enforcement.

Madam Speaker, these are the types of creative solutions that we need to protect our families and neighborhoods from sexual predators. The Jacob Wetterling Improvements Act