

Hampshire Teacher of the Year. Vicki is a fourth grade teacher at Belmont Elementary School in Belmont, New Hampshire, and is being recognized for her excellence in teaching and leadership in innovative curriculum reform.

As a teacher for over 15 years, Vicki has proven her dedication to her students and her community, going far beyond her classroom duties. As a member of the Belmont Elementary Language Arts Curriculum Committee, Vicki facilitated a pilot program in their new language arts curriculum. She is involved in Belmont Elementary School's extracurricular activities, and has always displayed an avid interest in the lives and well-being of her students. She is a member of the newly formed Health Fair Committee that involves school staff and local health care officials in providing resources and information to students and families. She is an elected member of the Government Study Committee that has done exhaustive work in attempting to restructure and improve the Belmont town government, and she is involved with the Youth and Education Committee of the Belmont Civic Pride Organization. This is just a sampling of Vicki's professional and civic involvements; her contributions to Belmont Elementary School and the Town of Belmont are immeasurable.

Vicki's own educational record proves the value that she places in learning. She has continued to take professional courses throughout her teaching career, and in 1996 completed her Masters degree in Education. She has supported future teachers by supervising student teachers, and helped improve herself and other teachers through her participation at professional workshops. She has previously been recognized in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" and with the Academy of Applied Science and Central New Hampshire Educational Collaborative Award.

Mr. President, as a former teacher myself, I recognize the challenges, responsibilities and dedication involved in teaching. Teachers are entrusted with the enormous responsibility of preparing our youth to be active and responsible citizens. I am very honored to have Vicki Donovan as a teacher in the Granite State, and it is with great pride that I represent her in the U.S. Senate.●

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\$3 ELECTION CHECK-OFF CAN ADD UP
(By Samuel L. Shipley)

The presidential tax check-off needs promoting by the Federal Election Commission. It's been a secret to most Americans. One of the most effective strategies to increase taxpayer awareness would be through public service announcements in the news media, particularly national television.

And there would be no better time to air them than now, when Americans have their 1040 forms in hand, complete with instructions on making the check-off.

This year, the 1040 forms for 1997 taxes will allow each taxpayer to check off \$3 as a matching contribution to the presidential campaign. This can be doubled to \$6 on joint tax returns, even if only one spouse is employed.

The money from the presidential campaign check-off on Form 1040 is allocated equally among presidential candidates, after they raise a certain amount of funds on their own.

In the 1990s, despite a national decline in voting participation, more than 100 million Americans turned out to cast ballots for president. No doubt the overwhelming majority of these people file annual income tax returns.

This means that this year alone, there is the potential for hundreds of millions of dollars from citizens of all walks of life to be set aside for the 2000 elections.

It has been estimated that \$1 billion or more was spent on the 1996 presidential election by the respective candidates and their parties. If taxpaying Americans would begin using the presidential campaign funding check-off this year and next, federal election funds to presidential races could replace a large percentage of the money that candidates see fit to seek from the special interests.

As a Delaware state Democratic Party chairman for many years and participant in many national political activities and campaigns, I am absolutely convinced of one point. The overwhelming majority of candidates for high national office do not like to go, hat in hand, asking people—particularly special interests—for money. Some absolutely detest it. But with the high cost of staff, organization and particularly media, they see no other alternative.

The American people have it in their hands, now more than ever, to give presidential candidates the opportunity to back off from special interests—if they will only use the voluntary \$3 tax check-off. This would go a long way to let presidential contenders campaign and serve with honor and dignity. This is the beginning of an answer to the cancer of politics, if only the people will take a scalpel to sleazy special-interest money. This could act as a catalyst to pressure on Congress to overhaul campaign spending practices.●

**TRIBUTE TO EXERCISE TIGER
WAR VETERANS**

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, on April 23, in a ceremony held in Kings Bay, Georgia on the U.S.S. *Maine*, Exercise Tiger veterans will be honored. Following the dockside ceremony, there will be a 24 hour embark on the nuclear missile submarine of the United States Navy's Sub Group 10. In addition, my home State of Missouri will receive a memorial anchor commemorating the D-day dress rehearsal turned battle that took place during World War II.

This week in 1944, German "E" boats, patrolling the English Channel attacked Eight American tank landing ships near the Devon coast killing 749 United States Army and United States Navy soldiers. Of Tiger's death toll, 201 men were from the 3206th Quartermaster Company in my home State of Missouri. Due to the secrecy of this mission, to see the soldiers, who fought so bravely, finally received the acknowledgment they deserve.

Knowing that I cannot adequately express my admiration and respect, I join in the opportunity to say thank you. I hope the raising of the anchor memorial will in some way compensate the brave soldiers who risked or lost their lives during this crucial exercise. This week will be a great occasion for the survivors of Exercise Tiger and I pay tribute to their courage and service to the United States of America.●

**MORE QUESTIONS ON GLOBAL
WARMING**

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, last year the Senate passed a bipartisan resolution, S. Res. 98, which expressed the Sense of the Senate that the United States should not enter into any global warming treaty unless developing nations joined in the effort by agreeing to emission limits. This resolution passed by a vote of 95-0.

Despite this clear and specific resolution, the Administration negotiated and agreed to a treaty in Kyoto which sets binding limits on carbon emissions by developed nations, but which compels no similar participation from the developing world. Clearly, the Kyoto treaty fails to meet the criteria established by S. Res. 98.

To date, China, India, Brazil, Mexico, South Korea and other emerging trading partners have no obligations under the Kyoto Treaty. Since signing the agreement, the Administration has worked to secure some level of participation by these nations with the intention of amending the Treaty. Of course, these countries understand the economic impact of emissions limits, so it is not surprising that the United States is having a difficult time convincing these governments that their participation is necessary.

Recently, however, the State Department reports that it has reached "a conceptual agreement" with some countries to "pursue an umbrella group to trade emissions permits." No details about the nature or design of the agreement have been released, so it is difficult to judge the success of the recent efforts. A few questions come to mind however. What limits would these nations agree to? Would this be a part of the Protocol or a separate agreement outside the Protocol? How would this "umbrella group" even be recognized by the Protocol Parties? Finally, what is the U.S. offering to entice this group?

Mr. President, the Administration's actions and comments since Kyoto

PRESIDENTIAL TAX CHECK-OFF

● Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I rise today to call my colleagues' attention to a guest editorial by a long-time friend of mine, Mr. Sam Shipley, which recently appeared in the Wilmington News Journal. I think he makes some very important points about the presidential tax check-off box, and I commend the article to my colleagues. I ask that it be printed in the RECORD.

The editorial follows: