unique and special role. The Nation has given reporters the awesome responsibility to help communicate the needs of the Nation, report on and analyze the functioning of government, and chronicle the day-to-day events that affect our communities. In return, we hope those journalists recognize the importance of their responsibility and carefully tend their role as stewards of public information.

To maintain this profoundly important and delicate relationship, it is essential that journalists have strong training in writing, investigation, and ethics. That is why I am so proud of The Rampage, its staff, and its advisor. Mr. Keegan is teaching the important fundamentals of journalism, instilling in these young people the power and obligation of a free press, and encouraging them to grow personally and professionally in the process. Along the way, their hard work and commitment has earned these young journalists great respect and renown.

I would like to say a special word of thanks to The Rampage advisor, Mr. Keegan. He is well-known in Rockville and across the state for his commitment to teaching and to his students. As a journalism teacher and advisor for 20 years and coach of Team Maryland, a state all-star academic team, Mr. Keegan embodies all that is great and good about education in America. He inspires students personally, challenges them academically, and donates enormous amounts of energy and time to give kids the extra attention and encouragement they need to succeed. In 1997, he was recognized statewide when Hood College in Frederick honored him with its Maryland Distinguished Teacher award.

Mr. President, I have worked with quite a few journalists in my years of public service. I have been proud that many Maryland reporters and news outlets have earned national reputations and honors. But I am uniquely proud of The Rampage today because they represent great hope for maintaining a strong free press and a strong democratic society. In their ranks we may well find some of the next generation's Pulitzer Prize winners. I congratulate them today on their tremendous accomplishments and wish them all the best for their future endeavors. Maryland is very proud of them.●

MS. ROSA PARKS AND MR. OLIVER W. HILL

● Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, I wanted to say a few words today about two civil rights leaders to whom this nation owes an immense debt of gratitude. Ms. Rosa Parks and Mr. Oliver W. Hill, both, in very distinct ways, took action that has helped make our children more free, our society more enlightened, our culture more enriched.

I was pleased to add my name to the list of cosponsors of S. 531, legislation to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Ms. Rosa Parks, who as everyone knows stood up to segregation by sitting down in the front seats of a city bus in Montgomery, Alabama. It is difficult to adequately put in words the courage it took on the part of Ms. Parks to oppose decades of institutionalized racism. It is also hard to describe the pride we feel today in Ms. Parks' action, and in how our nation's conscience grew, although too slowly, in response to the bus boycott that followed.

Ms. Parks' action set off a 382-day bus boycott by 40,000 people, which in turn led to a federal court challenge and the end of Montgomery's segregated buses. The decade of peaceful protests that followed brought us a string of liberating Supreme Court decisions and the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Today, Ms. Parks, an unassuming seamstress, stands like a giant in the history of the 20th century.

Mr. Oliver W. Hill, an aggressive attorney for the Civil Rights movement, is less well known. But Mr. Hill is no less courageous, and the contributions he made to this country deserve much greater recognition. For that reason, I've asked the President to award him the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

I describe Mr. Hill as ''aggressive'' because he trained as a warrior in the cause of justice: he went to law school specifically to overturn Plessy v. Ferguson. His training paid off. He prevailed in Alston v. School Board of City of Norfolk to grant equal pay for African American teachers. And he defended the rights of African American students in Davis v. County School Board of Prince Edward County, which was one of the five cases decided as part of Brown v. The Board of Education. Sadly, all this success was not without cost. Mr. Hill remembers the terrible telephone calls to his home, and the cross that was burned on his yard in Richmond.

The courage and accomplishments of this man and this woman are truly historic and important to our nation. I hope we can pass S. 531 quickly to recognize Ms. Parks, and I hope the President will decide very soon to reward Mr. Hill with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.●

DR. CHARLENE R. NUNLEY, PRESIDENT OF MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the installation of Dr. Charlene R. Nunley as the new President of Montgomery College. After a national search by the College's Board of Trustees, Dr. Nunley becomes the sixth President of Montgomery College, Maryland's largest community college, founded in 1946.

Dr. Nunley has already contributed enormously to this institution in her former position as Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, where she was responsible for a $110 million budget, and provided academic leadership for 40,000 credit and noncredit students each year on three different campuses. Dr. Nunley takes over the helm from Robert E. Parilla, whose two-decade tenure was critical to the vision and growth that enabled Montgomery College to become one of Maryland's premier community colleges. Not only was Dr. Nunley Mr. Parilla's personal choice for President, she also has been with Montgomery College even longer than he, beginning her involvement six months prior to the start of the Parilla Presidency. It is, in fact, Dr. Nunley's longevity that is at the root of her deep and personal dedication to this institution. This extensive institutional knowledge also gives her the wisdom and credibility to formulate a clear vision for the future growth of Montgomery College as we approach the new millennium.

Dr. Parilla and the Board of Directors were certainly not the only ones who felt strongly that Nunley was the right person for this job. Corporate securities advisor Gordon Macklin announced that he and his wife would be making a $1.26 million gift to the school after Nunley became President. This gift, announced on January 27, 1999, constitutes the largest single charitable gift to a Maryland community college and will provide for the establishment of the Gordon and Marilyn Mack in Business Institute. The Macklin Institute, expected to open in the fall of 1999, will offer an honors program for second-year students who will be provided with a scholarship, a laptop computer, a summer internship, and a faculty and corporate mentor. Therefore not only does this Institute offer an increased business curriculum and high-tech training to Montgomery College students, but it will encourage strong business students to enroll at Montgomery College, and will promote economic development in the area.

Additionally, on March 24, 1999, Montgomery College received its second historic gift since Nunley was named President on January 4 of this year. Paul Peek, a computer systems manager from McLean, Virginia donated $1.3 million to the College's Humanities Institute and Art Department. This represents the single largest individual gift ever to a Maryland community college, and will be used to support the ongoing work of both the Humanities Institute and the Department of Art. In appreciation for this gift, Montgomery College has named the Humanities Institute and the Rockville Campus's Art Building in Peck's name.

Dr. Nunley was educated at Pennsylvania State University and received a Ph.D. in Educational Policy Studies from George Washington University. Before joining Montgomery College 26 years ago, Dr. Nunley served as Director of Institutional Research at Howard Community College in Columbia, Maryland, and began her career in education at the Potomac State College of West Virginia University.

Mr. President, Dr. Nunley's creativity, effectiveness and dedication