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TRUE AMERICAN HEROES: A SALUTE TO BOYD CLINES, LARRY ROGERS, AND MATT MOSELEY FOR THEIR BRAVERY AND COURAGE IN THE APRIL 12, 1999 DARING RESCUE OF IVERS SIMS

● Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge and salute the heroism and bravery displayed during the brave and daring rescue of Ivers Sims by Atlanta firefighter Matt Moseley, Georgia Department of Natural Resources pilot Boyd Clines, and his navigator, Larry Rogers on April 12, 1999.

Many Americans watched this frightening drama unfold on television, and all prayed for a successful and joyous rescue. Last Monday afternoon, as members of the Atlanta City Fire Department fought a raging fire throughout the historic Fulton Bag and Cotton Mill in southeast Atlanta, Ivers Sims, a construction worker, found himself trapped on top of a swaying, 250-foot crane above the raging fire that had erupted in the mill. Boyd Clines and Larry Rogers arrived on the scene and miraculously negotiated their helicopter through the menacing wind, smoke, and fire which emanated from the cotton mill, while Atlanta firefighter, Matt Moseley, dangled from a rope near the flames—all working together to save the life of Mr. Sims.

Thanks to dedicated teamwork, amazing heroism, courage and valor in risking their own lives, these three brave men rescued Ivers Sims from above the flames, and moments later, all four safely returned to the ground. When I think of these three heroic Americans and their brave actions I am reminded of the words of Theodore Roosevelt who once said, "Americanism means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity, and hardihood—the virtues that made America." These three men have brought pride and honor to the State of Georgia and to the entire Nation. Boyd, Larry and Matt are true examples of the courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity, and hardihood that this Nation is built upon, and are indeed great Americans!

I would like to salute all Atlanta firefighters, police officers and Sheriffs deputies who diligently worked together in order to fight the massive fire that engulfed the historic cotton mill. I would also like to praise the fire fighters throughout the Nation who, like Matt Moseley, put their lives on the line every day to protect and serve our communities. Mr. President, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in recognizing and honoring the heroism and bravery displayed by Boyd Clines, Larry Rogers, and Matt Moseley under the most dangerous of circumstances in saving the life of Ivers Sims.●

CONGRATULATING SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL FOR ITS FIRST PLACE FINISH IN THE "WE THE PEOPLE . . . THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION" STATE COMPETITION

● Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, on May 1st, fifteen outstanding students from Scituate High School in Rhode Island will visit Washington to begin their competition in the national finals of the "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" program.

For those of my colleagues who are not familiar with it, the "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" program is among the most extensive educational programs in the country focusing on citizenship. The program was developed specifically to ensure that young people understand the history and philosophy of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The three-day national competition simulates a congressional hearing in which students are given the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge while they evaluate, take, and defend positions on historical and contemporary constitutional issues.

Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" program provides an excellent opportunity for students to gain an informed perspective on the significance of the U.S. Constitution and its place in our history. It is heartwarming to see young Rhode Islanders taking such an active and participatory interest in public affairs.

I am very proud of Philip Amylon, Matthew Bilotti, Caitlin Bouchard, Jessica Bradbury, Kathleen Burdett, Jacqueline Gallo, Christopher Granatino, Thomas Hynes, Carolyn Jacobs, Danielle Lachance, Catherine Moser, Ross Mtangi, Christopher Natalizia, Ian Noonan, and Christina Rossi for making it to the national finals. I applaud this terrific group of young men and women for their hard work and perseverance. Also, Mr. President, I want to congratulate Amy Grundt, a fine teacher who deserves so much credit for guiding the Scituate High School team to the national finals.

Congratulations to Ms. Grundt and her students for what they have already achieved, and best of luck in the final competition. These students, with the guidance of Ms. Grundt, have learned what our Nation is all about and what countless men and women have fought and died to protect. No matter what the outcome of the contest is, they have each earned the greatest prize of all: knowledge.●

#### TRIBUTE TO KATHRYN HOLM OF THE FLORIDA ORCHESTRA

● Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise to offer a tribute to an outstanding Floridian and a premier musician, Ms. Kathryn Holm, of The Florida Orches-

tra, will be recognized this evening at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts as "Arts Administrator of the Year."

As we prepare to begin a new millennium, we must remember that a key indicator of the health and well-being of any society has always been its treatment of the arts. Our society is one which admires its artists, and Ms. Holm has spent her career providing a basis for our reverence of music, working with The Florida Orchestra to transform sounds into majestic expressions.

Kathryn Holm joined The Florida Orchestra as a principal harpist in 1977. Some 17 years later, she was named executive of the orchestra, which was, at the time, heavily in debt.

Combining her musical talent with her business acumen, she was able to restore fiscal solvency to The Florida Orchestra. Her effective three-stage recovery plan earned Kathryn Holm the "Jessie Ball DuPont Turnaround Award," while restoring credibility to the orchestra. Now in its fourth consecutive year without operating losses, The Florida Orchestra has boosted ticket sales, sponsorships and donations, and released its first compact disc.

Mr. President, I am honored to join the art world in applauding the leadership of Kathryn Holm on this special day.●

#### RECOGNIZING PEGGY O'NEILL-SKINNER FROM THE BUSH SCHOOL, SEATTLE, WA

● Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, during this past recess, I had the pleasure of presenting Innovation in Education Awards to two excellent recipients; the first of which I noted in a previous floor speech.

The second Innovation in Education Award went to Peggy O'Neill-Skinner, a truly remarkable science teacher at the Bush School in Seattle. Peggy has been a science teacher for 28 years and is doing outstanding work in helping her students learn the importance of biology and technology in today's world. Her years of devotion in teaching AP Biology, general biology, and numerous elective science courses have shown great dividends. In fact, at a larger education event at which this award was presented, my staff was approached by a number of attendees who had one universally similar point to share: "my child went to Bush and Peggy is a truly remarkable teacher. She is the kind of teacher that can change a student's life and is a perfect fit for this award." Such praise needs no elaboration.

Last December, Peggy was given the prestigious Siemens Award for Advance Placement, one of only 20 award winners across the country. The Siemens Award recognizes excellence AP courses for math and science. By virtue of being selected with such a small number of her peers to receive such