

F.I.A. assisted Ms. Cole with child care and provided her with funds to purchase a car.

In December of 1999, her cash assistance from F.I.A. ended because of earned income. Nonetheless, by budgeting her money wisely, Ms. Cole recently has signed the lease on her first apartment. With the help of her Family Independence Specialist, electric and heat accounts were established for her at this residence.

Ms. Cole has her high school diploma and would like to attend Wayne County Community College to study Business Management. Her ultimate goal is to own her own beauty shop.

Mr. President, I applaud Ms. Dionne Cole for being named Achiever of the Month for March of 2000. It is an honor for which she has worked very hard and she truly deserves. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate Ms. Cole, and wish her continued success in the future. ●

HILLEL JEWISH DAY SCHOOL HONORS MR. AND MRS. DAVID HERMELIN

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I am honored to rise today in recognition of David and Doreen Hermelin, long-time residents of Detroit, Michigan. The couple recently returned home from Norway, where Mr. Hermelin served as United States Ambassador. On June 6, 2000, the Hermelins will be honored by Hillel Day School, an independent Conservative Jewish Day School located in Farmington Hills, Michigan. Together, they will receive the 2000 Dream Maker Award, which recognizes the achievements of a person or persons who are committed to the cause of Jewish education, and also the Rabbi Jacob Segal Award, given annually in blessed memory of Rabbi Segal, one of the founders of Hillel Day School.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermelin have often been recognized for their dedication to the Jewish community, both nationally and internationally. Before his ambassadorship, Mr. Hermelin served as the International Chairman of State of Israel Bonds, and as Vice-Chair of United Jewish Appeal. He has been honored by the State of Israel with the Golda Meir Leadership Award, given the Knights of Charity Award by the Archdiocese of Detroit, and received the Golden Menorah Award for Community Service from B'nai B'rith. Mrs. Hermelin is a recipient of the Women of Valor Award from the State of Israel Bonds, the Humanitarian Award from B'nai B'rith, the Heart of Gold from the United Foundation, and was also named the Woman of the Year by B'nai B'rith Women.

The Hermelin's philanthropic and humanitarian work has extended well past the bounds of their faith. Mrs. Hermelin currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Foundation for the Arts and on the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Opera Theater and the Michigan Parkinson's

Foundation. She is a member of the Cranbrook Art Association and the Women's Committee of the Michigan Lung Association. Mr. Hermelin serves on the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, the Greater Detroit Interfaith Round Table, and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall. He sits on the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Developmental Foundation and on the Advisory Board of the United Way for Southeastern Michigan. Together, David and Doreen have volunteered their efforts on behalf of Friends of Modern Art of the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Mr. President, I am sure that June 6 will be a special day for David and Doreen Hermelin. They have long supported Hillel Day School, and their eldest of six grandchildren, Matthew Orley, will also be rewarded by the school this spring, with his high-school diploma.

It is my hope that these two events remind David Hermelin and Doreen Curtis how far they have come since they first met at Camp Tamakwa in 1949. I also hope that they take the time to think about just how many lives they have touched with their many charitable efforts.

Mr. President, I would like to welcome Ambassador and Mrs. Hermelin back to metropolitan Detroit. While I do appreciate the work the couple did in Norway, it is my preference that they stay in Michigan for a while. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate David and Doreen Hermelin on receiving the 2000 Dream Maker Award and the Rabbi Jacob Segal Award, and I applaud Hillel Day School for recognizing this magnificent pair. ●

A TRIBUTE TO MR. JIM CASH

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today in honor and in memory of a dear friend of mine, Mr. Jim Cash, who passed away on March 24 at the age of 59. Jim is internationally recognized as a screenplay writer. He co-wrote the movies "Top Gun," "The Secret of My Success," "Dick Tracy," and "Turner and Hooch," among others. I would like to recognize him today, however, not for his writing achievements, but for his contributions to the Lansing, Michigan, community, and the campus of our alma mater, Michigan State University. It is there, I believe, where his words found their most attentive listeners. It is also there where they had their most profound effects.

Jim began teaching a film history course at Michigan State in 1974, taking the job as an adjunct professor. He hoped only to earn some money to continue his screenplay writing. When he and co-writer Jack Epps, Jr., a former student, found success together in the mid-1980's, it would have been easy for Jim to leave Michigan State behind for the brighter pastures of Hollywood. In-

stead, Jim stayed in Lansing. He stayed because he had discovered that he loved to teach as much as he loved to write. And the reason that he loved teaching was because he loved instilling into his students the same love for writing and for film that he had. Witnessing this process occur in his students never got old. He stayed, Mr. President, because he realized that with his teaching he had a true impact on the lives of individuals, something he could not have attained in Hollywood, not on the same level as he could at Michigan State.

Jim taught more than just the six-hundred students who often filled his classrooms, though. He and his wife, Cynthia, were very active in Lansing community fine arts programs, volunteering their time throughout the area. They provided money for the creation of many fine arts scholarships. Jim also helped to write and direct a production at East Lansing High School entitled "4 Years to Life," which dramatized the rigors of high school life. In the last year of his life, Jim and Cynthia could often be found at the Silverscreen Café, a coffee shop that they owned together.

Mr. President, with his writing ability, Jim forever left his mark on Hollywood. With his incredible spirit and immense knowledge, he forever left his mark on Lansing, Michigan, Michigan State University, and thousands upon thousands of students. And with his personality, he forever left his mark on anyone who had the chance to meet him. Plain and simple, he was an incredible man, and he will be greatly missed. ●

DR. MAUREEN A. FAY RECEIVES ALTERNATIVES FOR GIRLS ROLE MODEL AWARD

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, Alternatives for Girls is an organization which provides aid and assistance to vulnerable young women in the metropolitan Detroit area. Founded in 1987, Alternatives for Girls remains committed to its original mission of helping homeless and high-risk girls and young women avoid violence, teen pregnancy, and exploitation, while at the same time helping them explore and access the support, resources and opportunities necessary to be safe, to grow strong, and to make positive choices for their lives. It has been recognized by Newsweek as a social service agency that works, and named one of the best managed non-profit organizations in the Detroit area by Crain's Business Weekly.

Each year, the Alternatives For Girls selects two female role models to receive its Role Model Award. With this award, the organization seeks to identify and honor women who, through their professional accomplishments, personal attributes, and demonstrated commitment to community, affirm the principles embodied in Alternative For Girls' purpose, and provide inspiration