

public. Many have suffered from service disruptions following recent mergers and consolidations. While I am very concerned about these situations, I believe the STB has worked within its mandate to address them.

I have an open mind on whether these matters need to be examined further. If that is the case, I urge that we move carefully. We should not return to the very regulatory schemes that led to near disaster a generation ago. I would not favor policies that deprive the railroads of their ability to generate capital, resulting in the federal government—rather than the private sector—having to assume the costs of maintaining and operating the freight rail network.●

TRIBUTE TO LT. BOB DOUGLAS

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding Kentuckian, Lt. Bob Douglas (ret).

For almost 30 years, Bob has crusaded against the scourge of drugs and served the people of Kentucky, helping to make the Commonwealth a safer place to live.

Bob worked for 25 years as a member of the Erlanger, Kentucky Police Department. For the last nine of those years, he was the primary instructor for the anti-drug program, D.A.R.E. When Bob retired from the police force in 1998, he became the Executive Director of the Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition. He is also a new member of the steering committee of the National Crime Prevention Council.

For his efforts, Bob was recently presented with a 2000 Mac Gray Award for his outstanding effort to promote the National Citizens' Crime Prevention Campaign. The award recognizes those who have made extraordinary contributions and pledged personal commitment to work with the media to promote anti-drug public service announcements and crime prevention education.

Some have kidded Bob about the Columbo-style overcoat he wears. But like Peter Falk's character, Bob gets results. For years, he visited children in schools to teach them about the dangers of drugs and to urge them to stay out of trouble. With his partner, the canine character, Officer McGruff, there is no doubt that Bob made an impression and steered more than a few children in the right direction.

Too often we hear about our problems and the trouble-makers in society, and we don't hear enough about our heroes and the everyday citizens who make a difference and improve our quality of life. Bob Douglas is one of those heroes, and he deserves our commendation.

I ask that an article on Lt. Douglas be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

DOUGLAS TAKES BITE OUT OF AWARD
(By Juli Hale)

With his Columbo-style overcoat, some might think Bob Douglas' long-time partner

needs to call the fashion police. But one look at the partner's big brown eyes and black, wet nose is usually all it takes to draw in a crowd of kids to listen to the pair's message of drug resistance and crime prevention.

Douglas and Officer McGruff, the tough-talking cartoon canine, spent years visiting school classrooms trying to turn at least one student away from a life of drug abuse and crime. Douglas and others believe they did much more. Today, the pair appears at community events and keeps spreading the message.

For his efforts in drug and crime prevention and for sharing the spotlight with McGruff, Douglas was presented with a 2000 Mac Gray Award last week in Washington. The Mac Gray Award honors outstanding efforts to promote the National Citizens' Crime Prevention Campaign. It memorializes Berkeley McCabe "Mac" Gray II, the late executive deputy director of the National Crime Prevention Council.

The award was one of only two presented in the nation this year to officers who use McGruff as part of their message. The award recognizes two winners each year—one at the national/state level and one at the local/regional level—who have made extraordinary contributions and personal commitments to work with the media to secure donated advertising for public service announcements as well as promoting McGruff and crime prevention education. Douglas won for the national/state level.

"I personally see this as an Erlanger award and I wanted to share it with you," Douglas said to City Council Tuesday night after showing a short video presentation about the award. Obviously touched by the video, which showed Douglas working with students over the years, Douglas held the glass award high for everyone to see. The video also highlighted Douglas' other achievements, such as his having McGruff's image painted on the side of a new police cruiser and pushing for the McGruff message "take a bite out of crime" to be placed on billboards.

Douglas worked for the Erlanger Police Department for 25 years, the last nine as the primary DARE instructor. Douglas retired in 1998 and became executive director of the Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition, which also used McGruff-related material. He was awarded the title of Kentucky DARE Officer of the Year in 1997.

"You never cease to amaze me," Mayor Marc Otto told Douglas. "Keep up the good work."

Douglas will continue his work both as the executive director of the Crime Prevention Coalition and as a new member of the steering committee of the National Crime Prevention Council. Douglas was asked to join that committee last week.●

CELEBRATING THE ARRIVAL OF THE "BAT"KIVSHCHYNA

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise to speak of a special event taking place in my home State on Saturday. After much hard work and preparation, the people of the City of Norwich and the State of Connecticut will proudly welcome the Ukrainian schooner, *Bat'Kivshchyna*, and her dedicated crew to their winter port at The Marina at American Wharf in Norwich Harbor.

It is a great honor for the State of Connecticut to host the *Bat'Kivshchyna* and her crew. This past summer, the *Bat'Kivshchyna* was a popular participant in Operation Sail 2000, a millen-

nial event that showcased numerous tall ships from around the globe in eight North American ports from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Portland, Maine. I had the opportunity to view these vessels when they visited New London, Connecticut, between July 12 and July 15. I was deeply impressed with the immense and graceful design of these ships and enjoyed visiting with the crews who hail from across the world.

The *Bat'Kivshchyna* hails from the Ukraine, a country which only ten years ago shed Soviet domination and embraced the principles of democracy. Led by her captain and owner, Dmytro Birioukovych, the *Bat'Kivshchyna* is on an ambitious multi-year mission called "Discover Ukraine." The goal of this mission is to arouse local awareness and interest in Ukrainian culture and in the Ukrainian economy. Thus, the *Bat'Kivshchyna*, which is Ukrainian for "Fatherland," has become an important ambassador for her nation as she makes ports-of-call in Europe, the Americas, Asia, and Oceania.

Much of the *Bat'Kivshchyna's* success is owed to Captain Birioukovych. Having purchased the *Bat'Kivshchyna* in 1988, he transformed an aging fishing vessel into a world-class tall ship. Encouraged by Ukrainian independence from the former Soviet Union in 1991, Captain Birioukovych co-founded "Discover Ukraine" with his Canadian son-in-law, Roy Kellogg, and decided to use his vessel to promote his nation's history and culture. When asked about his global expedition, Captain Birioukovych proudly calls himself, his crew and his ship "folk ambassadors of good will."

The *Bat'Kivshchyna* had a difficult journey from her home port in Kiev, Ukraine, to the Americas for the commencement of Operation Sail 2000. Regional political tensions, rough seas, and numerous technical difficulties threatened the *Bat'Kivshchyna's* mission in several instances throughout the late spring and early summer. However, the dedicated crew persevered and overcame each hurdle to arrive for their first OpSail2000 event in Miami, Florida.

In July, Captain Birioukovych put forth an appeal for a North American port in which to dock the *Bat'Kivshchyna* during the winter. With plans to attend the 2001 Great Lakes Sailing Expedition, it was economically unfeasible for the *Bat'Kivshchyna* to sail back to Kiev only to return to the United States in the following spring. With numerous offers from ports across the Northeast, I am proud to say that Captain Birioukovych chose the great city of Norwich as his "winter refuge."

Connecticut's honor of hosting the *Bat'Kivshchyna* in Norwich could not have been possible without the tireless effort of those in the Constitution State dedicated to providing a winter home for the vessel. I would like to thank especially Mr. Michael Lamperelli of the Connecticut Friends of the Ukraine Expedition, Mr. Ron D.

Aliano of The Marina at American Wharf in Norwich, and City Council President Mr. Richard Abele of Norwich. I would also like to thank all of those who are helping to prepare for Saturday's arrival of the Bat'Kivshchyna in Norwich Harbor: the Norwich Fire Department, the Norwich Police Department, the American Ambulance Service, Inc., the United States Coast Guard Academy, the Integrated Charter School of Norwich, and the Norwich Adult Education Center.

I know that Saturday's event will be a great day for the people of the City of Norwich and the State of Connecticut. The Bat'Kivshchyna's visit to the city will provide for a rich cultural exchange between the Ukraine and the State of Connecticut. I am proud that we, as a State, could provide a winter refuge for the Bat'Kivshchyna as she continues her global expedition, and I wish her crew success in future voyages.●

NINETY YEARS OF GIVING

● Mr. L. CHAFEE. Mr. President, next month a remarkable woman, who is a constituent of mine, will celebrate her ninetieth birthday; although, if you ask her, she will tell you that she still feels like a sixteen year-old.

Alice B. Dwyer—known to family and close friends as “Lally” and to literally thousands of Rhode Islanders, who learned in her classroom, as “Miss Dwyer”—was born on November 12, 1910. She was the second of four children of Matthew S. Dwyer and Alice Barry Dwyer of Providence. Her older sister, Matt, suffered from crippling polio at a time long before public accommodations for people with disabilities. Nevertheless, they set off together for Manhattanville College in New York City.

Alice Dwyer shies away from any words of recognition for her part in enabling her older sister, who had an insatiable lust for learning, to attend college. Alice simply was doing what has always come most naturally to her, giving to others.

After college, Alice went on to receive a Masters Degree in English Literature from Brown University, my own alma mater. With degrees in hand she began a lifetime of service to children in the Providence Public School system. The majority of her years teaching were spent at Classical High School where she taught sophomore English.

Today's public opinion polls tell us that education is the number one issue on the minds of Americans. We hear and talk a lot about holding students to high academic standards. But Alice Dwyer never needed pollsters and politicians to tell her about the importance of high standards. The students who read Shakespeare in her classroom knew that she expected each of them to do his or her best.

In addition to her love of teaching, Alice always has been an avid admirer

of acting. She was among the Rhode Islanders to answer the casting call for “The Great Gatsby,” starring Robert Redford and Mia Farrow. At sunset each evening for weeks, she would cross the bridge to Newport, where she would don a glittering 1920s flapper gown and join the guests at Hollywood's most recent rendition of Jay Gatsby's famed summer parties.

After retiring from the Providence Public School system, Alice took on various volunteer activities. She read to children and worked in the library of the Fox Point Elementary School in Providence, and she was a regular in the phone bank on New London Avenue in Cranston, making calls to turn out the vote for my father's 1982 Senate campaign. She worked relentlessly on the two unsuccessful campaigns of Fred Lippitt to be mayor of Providence.

In 1994 when my father ran for his fourth Senate term, difficulty walking kept Alice away from campaign headquarters. However, as a woman who cannot do enough for others, she found a way to help. Campaign workers would drop off box loads of envelopes and lists of names and addresses with her. When one box was done, it would be picked up and another delivered in its place.

Combining her love of reading with her natural tendency to help others, Alice spent a great deal of time taping textbooks for blind and visually impaired students.

Whether it's the young person working at the Newport Creamery on Wayland Square where Alice is known for liking her coffee piping hot, or the students (now middle-aged men and women) who recall the lessons they learned from her at Classical High School, or her own family members, all agree that Alice Dwyer has filled their lives with her own giving spirit.

Alice Dwyer will celebrate her ninetieth year with her sister, Rita Scotti, with her eleven nieces and nephews and their families, and with dozens of friends and neighbors. It is my great privilege to wish this woman, who has warmed so many hearts with her un-failing kindness and generosity, a very Happy Birthday.●

TRIBUTE TO VIRGINIA SHEHEE

● Mr. BREAUX. Mr. President, on the evening of Friday, November 3, the people of Shreveport will gather to pay tribute to one of the most exceptional people the State of Louisiana has ever produced, Virginia Shehee. The tribute to Virginia is organized by the Biomedical Research Foundation of northwest Louisiana, whose establishment is but one of the remarkable achievements in the life of this remarkable woman.

It is my pleasure and honor to tell my colleagues in the United States Senate about my friend Virginia Shehee. She is a superb model for everything she has done: wife, mother,

businesswoman, political leader, community activist and economic visionary. My former colleague, Senator Bennett Johnston, once said, “In a state that is blessed with an abundance of natural resources, Virginia Shehee may be Louisiana's single greatest natural resource.” I certainly know that is a view shared by many of those who know Virginia best and who have benefited from her lifetime of dedication to improve lives in Shreveport and northwest Louisiana.

Nothing better exemplifies her accomplishments than the creation of the Biomedical Research Foundation, and the construction of the Biomedical Research Institute that today stands proudly adjacent to the LSU Medical Center in Shreveport. It is an understatement to say that none of this would have been possible without the foresight, determination and hard work of Virginia, and other community leaders nearly 20 years ago.

Like so many advances in today's new economy, Shreveport's move into the world of biomedicine and biotechnology emerged from the difficulties caused by the decline of the old economy. In northwest Louisiana, where the steadily declining price in oil in the early 1980's caused community leaders to conclude that efforts had to be undertaken quickly to produce other economic sustenance for the area, they of course turned to Virginia Shehee.

In a matter of a few short years, Virginia had formed the Biomedical Research Foundation and gathered several million dollars in local support. She leveraged local dollars into a much larger state support and then converted that into significant support by the Congress and the Department of Energy. As a result, a 10-story, \$40 million, state-of-the-art wet-lab research facility was built that today houses world-class researchers and serves as a growing economic engine, producing knowledge-based jobs for northwest Louisiana.

Beyond the work taking place in its own facilities, Biomed can point with great pride to the growing number of companies it has attracted to Shreveport's own technology park, InterTech, with technologies ranging from manufacturing and diagnostics to telemedicine and orthopedic devices. We in the Louisiana delegation often point to the success of Biomed as a textbook model of partnerships between Washington and local communities looking to build a better future for their citizens.

It is true, Mr. President, that Biomed has become a success because it has merit on its side. But all of us who have played some small part in this effort know that a big reason for the success is Virginia Shehee is someone who long ago learned not to take no for an answer. Her efforts have led to a mighty legacy in science and economic development in Shreveport. It is fitting the facility is now the “Virginia K. Shehee Biomedical Research Institute,” and it is fitting the community