

Our nation depends on the courage and dedication of the MEBA to help ready our troops in times of crisis. I salute the heroic contributions of the National Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association and applaud every mariner for contributing to the support of our Nation's military.

Sincerely,

RICK SANTORUM,
U.S. Senator.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING GILES H. MILLER, JR.

• Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am very pleased today to recognize Mr. Giles H. Miller, Jr. of Culpeper, VA. Throughout his celebrated 100 years, he has been a model of altruistic service to his community, the Commonwealth of Virginia and America.

A Virginia native, Mr. Miller was born in Lynchburg on July 26, 1903. He attended college at the Virginia Military Institute from August 1920 to June 1924, and while enrolled, Mr. Miller was awarded some of the highest accolades the school has for students. As an alumnus, he has served VMI tirelessly in roles including President of its Board of Visitors, founder of the Miller Basketball Scholarship Program, and Chairman of the VMI Flying Squadron, just to name a few. His service has won him the school's Spirit Award, Distinguished Service Award, as well as the position of Senior Living Alumnus and the distinction of "Mr. VMI."

Mr. Miller's record of exemplary service extends also to the community of Culpeper, VA, where he has been a resident for more than 70 years and has deservedly earned the distinguished title of "Mr. Culpeper." Over those years, he has been a member of the Culpeper Town Council, Vice Mayor of Culpeper, founder and President of the Culpeper Host Lion's Club, Chairman of the Board of Culpeper Memorial Hospital and President of Culpeper National Bank. In recognition of his work, he has been honored as Outstanding Citizen of the Year in Culpeper, as well as with the Culpeper Colonel Award from the Board of Supervisors and the Good Scout Award from the Boy Scouts of America. In addition to his work in Culpeper, Mr. Miller has worked in significant positions throughout the Commonwealth, including a stint as Director of the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond.

Mr. Miller is an example of many of the traits that we as Americans honor: service, dedication, and hard work, among others. He is a wonderful role model for his fellow Virginians and Americans, and I congratulate him on the wonderful celebration of his 100th birthday.●

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES L. SHEARER

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I pay tribute to one of Kentucky's finest edu-

cators. Dr. Charles L. Shearer has served as president of Transylvania University for over 20 years and he has helped shape it into the fine liberal arts institution it is today.

Upon Dr. Shearer's inception as Transylvania University's president 20 years ago, he brought with him a doctorate in economics and teaching experience. Charles also spent 4 years as the university's vice president of finance where he successfully eliminated Transylvania's deficits. Although campus enrollment was low then, Dr. Shearer helped Transylvania rebound from 605 in 1983 to a record 1,109 during the fall of 2002.

Achieving the highest quality of education in the classroom possible has been a top priority throughout Dr. Shearer's tenure as president. The top 25 students in each class are awarded the William T. Young Scholarship. The Bingham, Jones and Kenan programs encourage retention and recruitment of faculty by awarding bonuses to deserving teachers.

Dr. Shearer's leadership helped raise the endowment from \$4.1 million in 1983 to \$110 million today. While funds peaked at \$129.3 million in 1998, the school has been able to make the necessary improvements and growth that have shaped Transylvania University. In the past 20 years the additions to the campus have included the Young Campus Center, the Rosenthal and Poole residence halls, the Cowgill business center, the Lucille Little Theatre, the Clive Beck Athletic and Recreation Center, the John R. Hall Field for intramurals and athletics, and the Marquard baseball field.

The commitment and devotion Dr. Charles Shearer has demonstrated to Transylvania University is inspiring. Fewer than 5 percent of college or university presidents serve 20 years or more. His ability to work and grow with people has enabled Dr. Shearer to serve Transylvania University in a spectacular way. While Dr. Shearer has received numerous offers to serve at other academic institutions, he has declined in order to continue his role at Transylvania and thus has become the longest serving president in the school's 223-year history. I am thrilled Dr. Shearer has remained at Transylvania and am optimistic for the university's future. I thank the Senate for allowing me to recognize Dr. Shearer and Transylvania University. He is one of Kentucky's best at one of its finest institutions.●

RECOGNIZING STEPHEN ARTHUR HEAVENER

• Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, today I recognize Mr. Stephen Arthur Heavener who will retire on August 1, 2003, after having served 8½ years as the Executive Director of the Front Royal-Warren County Economic Development Authority. He leaves this position to become Executive Director of the Department of Development in Carlsbad, NM.

During Mr. Heavener's 8½ years of service at the Warren County EDA more than 1,100 county jobs were created and the local industrial tax base increased from 8.5 percent in 1990 to 13.5 percent in 2002. These particular accomplishments came to fruition largely because of Mr. Heavener's work with Pen-Tab Industries, Toray Plastics, America, Family Dollar, Ferguson Enterprises and SYSCO Northeast Cooperative, Inc. Mr. Heavener also assisted in the redevelopment of the Avtex Fibers Superfund site in Front Royal. The massive construction on this 500-acre site will eventually create more than 11,000 square feet of premium rehabilitated office space, 240 acres of Conservancy Parklands, 160 acres of eco-business park, and 30 acres of soccer fields. In addition, Mr. Heavener has also aided in the growth and expansion of local businesses in Warren County by creating the Rural Business Enterprise Loan program, which has provided loans for small businesses in the amount of \$250,000.

Mr. Heavener's record of success as Executive Director of the Front Royal-Warren County Economic Development Authority is well-known and respected. I congratulate him on his years of dedicated service to the people of Warren County and the Commonwealth of Virginia and wish him well in his new position in the Department of Development in Carlsbad.●

THE BOSTON CELTICS—HEROES AMONG US

• Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, the Boston Celtics are heroes on the basketball court and off the court as well. In 1997, they established the "Heroes Among Us" award to honor outstanding individuals in New England who have made an especially significant impact on the lives of others. The award is designed to honor men and women in Massachusetts who stand tall in their commitment to their community. The extraordinary achievements of the honorees include saving lives, sacrificing for others, overcoming obstacles to achieve goals, or lifelong commitments to improving the lives of those around them. They include persons of all ages and from all walks of life, including students, community leaders, founders of nonprofit organizations, members of the clergy, and many others.

At each home game during the season, the Celtics and their fans salute the exemplary efforts of an honoree in a special presentation on the basketball court. So far, over 250 individuals have received the "Heroes Among Us" award.

All of us in Massachusetts are very proud of this program, which has become one of the most recognized and respected initiatives in our State. I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD the names of the honorees for the 2002-2003 season.

Dira Barbosa, Cambridge, MA; Ethan Zohn, Lexington, MA; Lisa Scherber,

Reading, MA; David Gordenstein, Needham, MA; Jonathan Adams, Littleton, MA; Jerry Smith, Hyannis, MA; David Gonthier, Amesbury, MA; Joe Lester, Tewksbury, MA; Robert Coard, West Roxbury, MA; Frank Chin, Boston, MA; Josh Powell, Dorchester, MA; Amy Maki, North End, MA.

Linda Whitlock, Newton, MA; Stephen Clay, Springfield, MA; Crew of the USS *Constitution*, Charlestown, MA; Rebecca Chernin, Sharon, MA; Bill Murphy, Centerville, MA; David Crandell, Needham, MA; Moe Boisvert, Shrewsbury, MA; Paul Manley, Nashua, MA; Technical Sergeant Cynthia Chagnon, Concord, MA; Captain Thomas Hudner, Concord, MA; Jason and Sharon Silber, Peabody, MA; Staff Sergeant David Johnson, Amesbury, MA.

Maureen Dunn, Randolph, MA; Darryl Williams, Milton, MA; Lieutenant Commander Bill Timmons, Buzard's Bay, MA; Lou Bianchi, Natick, MA; Stephen and Ann Connally, Cheshire, MA; Justin Pasquariello, Arlington, MA; Tom Kelley, South Boston, MA; Pam Singer, Dunbarton, NH; John and Magi Bish, West Warren, MA; Travers DeGroot, East Greenwich, RI; Gerald Chertavian, Boston, MA; Jeffrey Ryan, Watertown, MA.

Bill McAndrews, Medfield, MA; Patrick Doyle, Dorchester, MA; Macy DeLong, Lexington, MA; Hope Wilson, East Bridgewater, MA; Terry Lenczycki, East Bridgewater, MA; Lee Kennedy, Norwood, MA; Jane Sapp, Springfield, MA; Tony and Virginia Brenna, Milford, MA; Crew of the USS *Preble*, United States Navy; Gary Twombly, Hull, MA; Zachary Jewett, North Attleboro, MA.●

HONORING ARTHUR BROWN OF HECLA MINING

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Arthur Brown, who has been a long-time resident of Idaho and a great contributor to our State and its economy.

Art Brown came to Idaho from South Africa 36 years ago to begin a new career in the mountains of Idaho's Silver Valley. Art, his wife Tiia, and their children began a journey that would support not only them but a company and our community.

As an engineer down in the mines, Art pursued the American Dream. After years of hard work and commitment, he rose to become the chairman and chief executive officer of Hecla Mining Company, which was the top performer on the New York Stock Exchange in 1979 and again in 2002.

Throughout his journey, Art never lost sight of his family and community. He served his local community as the mayor of Pinehurst. He led youth golf and ski programs. Art even gained a reputation as a head cheerleader of sorts, running the sidelines at his daughter's basketball games. Most notable is the culture of community service he fostered at Hecla, first by his example and then by encouragement to

his employees to do the same thing. Giving back to the community became a way of life for a Hecla employee under Art's direction.

Hecla Mining has been a part of the fabric of Idaho for over 112 years. And so have people like Art Brown, who contribute to their community, their State, and so much more. This year Art will be retiring from his service at the helm of Hecla. However, he will not be retiring away from Idaho. True to form, Art will remain rooted in his community and family of Idaho.

I am proud of Art Brown, for the example he has set for business in the State of Idaho, for his contributions to his community, and for his family who has supported him in his endeavors over the years. On behalf of myself and so many others in the great State of Idaho, I wish him the best in his future endeavors and thank him for his service to Idaho.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:38 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2195. An act to provide for additional space and resources for national collections held by the Smithsonian Institution, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 236. A concurrent resolution permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to commemorate the unveiling of the statute of Sakakawea provided by the State of North Dakota for display in Statuary Hall.

The message further announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2115) to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. MICA, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. HAYES, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. BOSWELL, and Mr. HOLDEN.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of section 521 of the House bill and section 508 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. BARTON of Texas, and Mr. DINGELL.

From the Committee on Government Reform, for consideration of sections 404 and 438 of the House bill and section

108 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. SHAYS, and Mr. WAXMAN.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 106, 301, 405, 505, and 507 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. COBLE, and Mr. WAXMAN.

From the Committee on Resources, for consideration of sections 204 and 409 of the House bill and section 201 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. POMBO, Mr. GIBBONS, and Mr. RAHALL; That Mr. RENZI is appointed in lieu of Mr. POMBO for consideration of section 409 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference.

From the Committee on Science, for consideration of section 102 of the House bill and sections 102, 104, 621, 622, 641, 642, 661, 662, 663, 667, and 669 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. ROHRBACHER, and Mr. COSTELLO.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration to title VI of the House bill and title VII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. THOMAS, Mr. CAMP, and Mr. RANGEL.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of January 7, 2003, the following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, was signed on July 15, 2003, by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

S. 709. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Prime Minister Tony Blair.

At 5:14 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 246. An act to provide that certain Bureau of Land Management land shall be held in trust for the Pueblo of Santa Clara and the Pueblo of San Ildefonso in the State of New Mexico.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 733) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the McLoughlin House National Historic Site in Oregon City, Oregon, and to administer the site as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1588) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following members as the