

RECOGNITION OF DR. G. TIMOTHY
KAVEL'S RETIREMENT

• Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of Dr. G. Timothy Kavel upon his retirement as vice president of Delaware Technical & Community College and Campus Director of the Jack F. Owens Campus in Georgetown, DE, serving all of Sussex County. His leadership over the years has won him the respect of faculty and students alike, along with the gratitude of our entire State. He has been, and remains, a trusted friend.

Delaware Technical and Community College was created in 1966 when the Delaware General Assembly approved House Bill 529. The Southern Campus, near Georgetown, opened in September 1967 with 367 enrolled students. The name was changed to the Jack F. Owens Campus in May, 1995. Today, the college has four campuses, the Owens Campus, the Terry Campus in Dover, and two northern locations, in Stanton and Wilmington. In 1999, Delaware Technical and Community College was named the Community College of the Year by the National Alliance of Business.

In his position as vice president, Tim has contributed to the overall policy-making, planning and development of the college system. As director of the Owens Campus, he assumed the responsibility of the total campus operation on a day-to-day basis. During his time at Delaware Technical and Community College, he has made many improvements to the campus, student and faculty life and school programs. The college houses the Carter Partnership Center, where several other postsecondary institutions, including the University of Delaware, Wilmington College and Delaware State University, utilize the classrooms for their own bachelor's, master's and doctorate classes.

Another of Tim's major contributions to the Owens Campus has been improving the campus. He has helped expand and beautify the physical plan of the college. Through Tim's leadership, the new Student Services Center was built to be a consolidated services center for students. It houses various service facilities, including a dining hall, meeting places for student activities, financial aid offices, and counselors' offices. This center is a fitting tribute to Tim's focus on students.

Tim has also aided in upgrading and renovating various buildings on the Owens campus, including the Jason Technology Center, which is currently undergoing a complete refurbishment. This center, considered the birthplace of Delaware Technical and Community College, was built in the 1940s. It originally was a high school for Black students, and later became the start of the Community College. Tim made a case for the need of a new classroom facility, and after 8 years of construction, the final wing of this building will be completed by the end of this fiscal year. The new, state-of-the-art center

houses new classrooms, science labs and a computer lab. This renovation serves as a testament to Tim's commitment to bring the college into the information age.

Tim also has a passion for maintaining the grounds of the campus. He has helped raised private funds for the enhancement of the grounds, a new entrance to the college, and outdoor furniture. His passion for keeping the campus clean has spread to faculty and students alike. Campus pride is so abundant that students and faculty will pick up trash voluntarily off the ground in an effort to keep the campus clean.

Tim's 38 years of experience as an educator includes teaching at both secondary and postsecondary school levels, counseling, fund raising, personnel and a wide variety of management activities. He has also consulted with other nations who are developing community colleges, offering them his perspective, and has participated in projects in Panama, Peru, Guatemala, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, Mexico and Indonesia.

Tim has also been an active member of the community beyond his role at Delaware Technical and Community College. He has served as president and board member of various community and civic organizations, including Children and Families First, Partners of the Americans—Delaware Chapter, Kiwanis Club, Sussex Tech School District, Western Boys & Girls Club, Seaford School District, and Morning Star Publications.

Tim has been married to his high school sweetheart, Deanna, for 40 years. The two met when Deanna was in 10th grade and Tim was in 11th grade. They began dating, and the rest is history. The Kavel's only child Christopher and his wife Rebecca have a 3-year-old daughter, Jenna. Tim is a loving husband, father and grandfather, who enjoys spending time with his family, golfing, and reading nonfiction. He and his wife also have a home in St. Simon, GA, where they like to spend time vacationing and relaxing.

Through Tim's tireless efforts, he has made a profound difference in the lives of thousands of students and enhanced the quality of life for an entire State. Upon his retirement, he will leave behind a legacy of commitment to public service for both his children and grandchildren and for the generations that will follow. I thank him for the friendship that we share, and I congratulate him on a truly remarkable and distinguished career. I wish him and his family only the very best in all that lies ahead for each of them. •

2003 NEW JERSEY PROFESSOR OF
THE YEAR

• Mr. CORZINE. Mr. President, it is my honor and pleasure to recognize Dr. Carole A Gavin, recipient of the 2003 New Jersey Professor of the Year Award. This award, which is sponsored

by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, acknowledges outstanding professors for their excellence in teaching and their commitment to students.

Dr. Gavin has been a professor of English as a Second Language, ESL, and French at Burlington County College since 1971. She has worked tirelessly to develop supportive infrastructures in which her students can learn and thrive. As a professor of ESL and the ESL program coordinator, Dr. Gavin uses innovative strategies to engage her students and help them reach their full potential. For example, the TNT Tutoring Team is an idea that Dr. Gavin developed to match her ESL students with retired professionals from an adult living community. Exposure to the English language is just the beginning of the program. Through writing journals and discussions of current issues, the students gain a cross-generational perspective that enhances their cultural experience. The education the students gain is not one that can be found in any classroom or textbook—the interactions between the senior citizens and the students offer knowledge that will not only help students succeed in passing a test but succeed in life.

Dr. Gavin is also the principal faculty advisor of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. In order to strengthen the resources available to her students, Dr. Gavin assembled 17 new and current faculty members to join her in mentoring the students. Her efforts have succeeded in enriching the programs available to the members of Phi Theta Kappa by offering a diverse group of advisors who bring knowledge and experience from a variety of disciplines. Again, Dr. Gavin's creative ideas have positively impacted the lives of her students.

Along with the 2003 New Jersey Professor of the Year award, Dr. Gavin has been the recipient of several honors including the Lindbach Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence, South Jersey Literacy Award for ESL Program Teaching and various grants, including a Presidential grant to work with Fort Dix Kosovar refugees.

In a Nation where higher education is vital to an individual's success, I applaud the hard work, energy, and expertise of our Nation's professors. Dr. Carole Gavin's successful career as a teacher, mentor and innovator is an inspiration to us all and I am proud to acknowledge her as New Jersey's Professor of the Year. •

TECHLINK—MONTANA STATE
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• Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, today I commend TechLink, a technology transfer center at Montana State University, for its outstanding achievements. TechLink has been highly successful at helping both the Department