

After receiving his master's degree, Wiley made the transition from educator to administrator. Despite the shifting role, Wiley positive impact on students only improved. As principal of the Magic Valley Alternative High School, he increased enrollment from 40 to over 125 students in only 2 years. Wiley also served as Principal of O'Leary Junior High School in Twin Falls. His outstanding work with both the students and faculty in the southern Idaho school district was recognized not only by the local community, but by the state, as well. In 1999, the Idaho Associates of Secondary School Administrators, MetLife, and the National Association of Secondary Principals named him Idaho's Secondary Principal of the Year. In 2001, Wiley was named the State Middle Level Educator of the Year.

Wiley's work is also recognized on the national level. His involvement on the Idaho Congressional Award Board has raised the number of Idaho recipients to one of the highest in the nation. Students receive the honor by registering on the national level, and then completing hundreds of hours of community service in four separate categories: volunteer public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition exploration. Those students receiving the Gold Medal will have completed at least 700 hours of community service over a 2-3 year period. Wiley has advised and helped approximately a third of Idaho's Gold Medal recipients since the beginning of his involvement in 1993 when he was named to the post by Congressman MIKE CRAPO.

Wiley Dobbs has been the driving force behind the Idaho Congressional Award Program. He has inspired, motivated, and encouraged hundreds of Idaho's youth to receive the national honor. His efforts have solidified Idaho's presence in the national program, and it is his investment in Idaho's students that will benefit all our local communities. I hope all of us, especially those involved in our education system, will look to the example set by Wiley Dobbs. His leadership and dedication to our children are an inspiration to us all.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CHAD BENHAM

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Chad Benham of Brandenburg, KY. Recently Mr. Benham has been named as the national winner of the Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems-Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award for the Future Farmers of America.

The Proficiency Awards recognize achievement by students who have excelled in developing specialized skills that will apply toward a career goal in agriculture. The awards also consider community service and leadership activities of a student.

The citizens of Brandenburg, KY are fortunate to have Mr. Benham living

and learning in their community. His example of hard work and determination should be followed by all in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Benham for his success. But also, I want to congratulate all his peers, teachers, administrators, and his parents for their support and sacrifices they have made to help Mr. Benham reach his goal and fulfill his dreams.●

#### REVEREND AND MRS. CHARLES CHATMAN

● Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Reverend and Mrs. Charles Chatman, who are the founders of the Charles Chatman Evangelistic Association. Reverend Chatman accepted the call into ministry at the age of 16 in 1958. He and Jean were married in 1960 and have ministered together for the last 44 years. Reverend Chatman served as the senior pastor in churches throughout Missouri until he and Jean entered into full time evangelistic work in 1975.

Since that time, the Chatmans have traveled to many countries leading mission teams and crusades. They have ministered in Haiti, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Trinidad and India.

In over 29 years of work in Haiti, the Chatmans' ministry has built 30 churches, one medical clinic and a children's orphanage. Immanuel Orphanage, in the village of Bombardopolis, is home to 250 children. The Chatmans have led over 3,000 people from across the United States on mission trips overseas. The Chatmans are committed to bringing hope to all those they encounter. Reverend Chatman and his wife Jean are dedicated to the glorious service of their Lord and Savior.

Charles and Jean Chatman are proud parents of Darla, husband Brian, Cindy, husband Dan, and Bryan. They have five wonderful grandchildren: James, Ashley, Brandy, Jessica, and Wilna.

I commend Reverend Chatman and his wife Jean for their outstanding years of service. Their message of hope is an inspiration and blessing to all of us. I am honored to share their successes with my colleagues, and I wish them the best for the future.●

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2290. A bill to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, and for other purposes.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

POM-378. A resolution from the Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association relative to funding for lock and dam infrastructure on the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-379. A resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Ferry County of

the State of Washington relative to federal lands in Ferry County, Washington; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-380. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Warrensville Heights of the State of Ohio relative to the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2003 and The Retirement Income Security Act of 1974; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-381. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Mayfield Heights of the State of Ohio relative to the Breast Cancer Protection Act of 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-382. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Brook Park of the State of Ohio relative to the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-383. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Mayfield Village of the State of Ohio relative to the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-384. A resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park of the County of Cook of the State of Illinois relative to the Patriot Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-385. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to the Healthy Marriage Initiative; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 215

Whereas, marriage, one of our most fundamental institutions, strengthens our society when two people enter a mutual, lifelong agreement to support each other in sickness, difficult financial times, and old age; and

Whereas, marriage enriches the couple, their children, and the community around them by providing opportunities to extend love, support, understanding, and mutual cooperation; and

Whereas, couples and children blessed with healthy marriages tend to engage in less risky behavior, enjoy better physical and mental health, be more financially secure, and attain higher levels of education and employment; and

Whereas, President George W. Bush has announced a Healthy Marriage Initiative to highlight programs teaching marriage skills and education, promote marriage mentoring and enrichment programs, reduce disincentives to marriage, and promote the value of marriage to our culture; and

Whereas, because the President launched the Health Marriage Initiative, the Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate appropriated \$750,000 to fund a marriage initiative in Michigan; and

Whereas, marriage is both a personal, private relationship and a public commitment licensed by the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, many of the expenditures by the state are closely tied to people harmed by failed or never formed marriages, and any long-term strategy for reducing dependency on state social services and ensuring economic growth must include a strategy for encouraging healthy marriages; and

Whereas, February 7-14, 2004, is being celebrated throughout the nation as Marriage Week USA; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate*, That we hereby call on the President of the United States, elected officials at every level, and citizens of all walks of life to determine during Marriage Week USA, and particularly on Valentine's Day, to consider ways they can strengthen their own marriages and support the marriages of others throughout the state of