

were killed in the violence in only 100 days.

Paul Rusesabagina did not stand by and watch as his countrymen were murdered. As a well-connected Hutu, Rusesabagina was spared persecution. However, his wife, a Tutsi, and his children were not safe. He moved them from his home to the Hotel des Mille Collines where he believed they would be safer. As the violence intensified, he opened the hotel to hundreds of other Rwandans, Hutu and Tutsi alike, who were seeking to escape the violence outside. In the following months, there were numerous attempts to force those at the hotel out into the streets of Kigali. Each time, Rusesabagina used his international connections through the hotel or with the Rwandan military in combination with keen negotiation skills to spare the lives of those he was caring for. Amazingly, no one who took shelter inside the hotel was killed in the violence. In all, Paul Rusesabagina and the Hotel des Mille Collines protected the lives of more than 1,200 people during the genocide.

Prior to the award ceremony last Tuesday, Paul Rusesabagina was reunited with one of the many who took shelter at the Hotel des Mille Collines. According to reports, Thomas Kamilindi was working as a journalist in Kigali when violence broke out in 1994. Kamilindi, his pregnant wife and young daughter stayed at the hotel for a month and a half until they were evacuated. Kamilindi credits Paul Rusesabagina with saving his life and the lives of his family. The meeting last Tuesday was the first since Kamilindi and his family were evacuated more than 10 years ago. Following their meeting, Kamilindi said, "It was very emotional for him and for me. I am still alive because Paul was there." Kamilindi is currently a Knight-Wallace Journalism Fellow at the University of Michigan where he is studying representations of violence in the media.

Paul Rusesabagina's courageous actions closely resemble those of Raoul Wallenberg 50 years before. Both men stood in the face of great adversity to protect those who were not able to protect themselves. Like Wallenberg, Rusesabagina provided a shelter of last resort to innocent civilians facing persecution, many of whom he did not know personally prior to the violence. In addition, both men fought off potential violence not by meeting force with force, but by using persuasion, influence, and negotiation instead.

I thank the University of Michigan for adding to the legacy of Raoul Wallenberg by recognizing the contributions of other great humanitarians like Paul Rusesabagina. I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating Paul Rusesabagina on this great honor.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATING HAWAII'S NATIONAL SOCCER CHAMPIONS

• Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I rise to congratulate our National Championship soccer team from Hawaii, the Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club ('88 Girls) team which won the U17-Girls U.S. Club National Cup in Stony Brook, NY, on August 8, 2005. In an exciting final match, the Bulls defeated the Boston Renegades, 1-0 at the Stony Brook Soccer Complex.

The Bulls advanced to the national championship tournament by winning a regional tournament in Las Vegas earlier this year. At the national tournament, the Bulls earned a spot in the championship game by going undefeated in pool play, beating teams from Georgia and Pennsylvania and tying with a team from California.

In the final match, the Bulls' precision game denied the opposing Boston team any serious scoring opportunities. Katrina Chong's goal in the first half off an assist by Alana Wall would be the game's only score.

The Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club ('88 Girls) team members are: Lucy Caires, CiAnna Chun-Ming, Kelsi Chan, Katrina Chong, Devin Council, Caycie Gusman, Allison Haines, Jaymie Honold, Ashley Kanda, Lauren Kanda, Sophia Merrifield, Marisa Schoen, Carly Wachi, Alana Wall, Lindsey Watanabe, Jordan Weeks, Jenna Wong, Kiani Wong, and Marie Yempuku. The team is coached by Phil Neddo, Craig Nosse, and Robin McCullough.

I congratulate the Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club ('88 Girls) on their thrilling run to the top of their sport, and I wish all of them the best in their future endeavors, in life and on the playing field. And I extend the same congratulations to all players and coaches who participated in this year's U.S. Club Soccer National Cup IV Finals on a job well done.●

LEVI LEIPHEIMER APPRECIATION DAY

• Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise today to honor an outstanding Montanan. Today in the city of Butte, MT, citizens are taking to the streets in honor of Levi Leipheimer. In fact, October 20 is officially Levi Leipheimer Appreciation Day in Montana.

To say that Levi Leipheimer is a competitive cyclist is an understatement. Levi is an established leader in the world of cycling. Under his belt, he has three top ten finishes in the world's biggest cycling race, the Tour de France. This year, he placed sixth in the Tour, and also won the Tour de Germany. This is an incredible accomplishment. I am proud that Levi grew up riding on the hills of Montana.

Today, Levi is returning to Butte for the first time in roughly 4 years. The people of Butte are honoring him with a bike parade and street festival.

Levi is an inspiration to the next generation of Montanans, and today by riding alongside in the streets of Butte, he will show them that through dedication and hard work, anything is possible.

I am very proud of Levi Leipheimer and all that he has achieved. He has made both myself and the State of Montana very proud. We look forward to watching him compete in the years to come.●

IN MEMORY OF CORA GAY

• Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Mrs. Cora Gay, a resident of Albany, GA, who passed away on September 25, 2005. Mrs. Gay was a devoted wife and mother who touched many lives with her positive and compassionate personality. She married the love of her life, Quincy Gay, on December 1, 1929, and they celebrated their 75th anniversary this past December. During their marriage, they raised three sons and a daughter. They also have 17 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Gay graduated from Albany State University in 1948 with a degree in elementary education. She then spent the next 25 years of her career inspiring and bringing out the best in her students in the Miller and Dougherty County school systems. She was a member of many organizations while teaching, including: Dougherty County Teachers League; president of the Dougherty County 2nd Grade Educators; Georgia Association of Educators; National Education Association; Association of Classroom Teachers and the National Council of English Teachers. In 1962, she was named "River Road Elementary Teacher of the Year" and was named as an "Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America" in 1972. She retired from teaching in 1973 and had a youth award named after her in 1991.

Cora's passions were cooking, sewing, reading, playing scrabble, and helping others. She was always there to provide comfort and strength to members of her family and others in her community when they were in need. On September 25 we lost a truly fine Georgian and great American. I commend her to her family, friends, and colleagues as an example of a life fully and successfully lived.●

HONORING MARY BOURDETTE

• Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, I am delighted today to honor Mary Bourdette, a woman who has dedicated her working life to improving the lives of disadvantaged children and families.

Over the past three decades, Mary has served as a tireless and extremely effective advocate for our Nation's most vulnerable children. Our country is in her debt, and for her passion, commitment, service, and good humor, she will be dearly missed when she retires.

Early in her career, Mary worked in Washington, DC, with the Legal Services Corporation, an organization that provides high quality legal services to low-income people throughout the United States. She then went to work for the Child Welfare League of America, CWLA, as the director of public policy. In this role, Mary was a committed champion as she worked masterfully and persistently to seek and implement policy improvements for abused and neglected children.

Mary then took her passion and talent to the Children's Defense Fund, CDF, where she served as a powerful ally to children for 8 years. I first got to know Mary at CDF where she worked to improve the Head Start program by increasing funds dedicated to strengthening the quality of Head Start and maintaining its comprehensive approach to helping our poorest children and families. Mary was the driving force behind the Act for Better Child Care and worked overtime to help build support for the Family and Medical Leave Act.

I had the pleasure of continuing to work with Mary when she became Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation with the Health and Human Services office under Secretary Shalala. Mary was endlessly positive and always on the search for solutions. As she was always upbeat, it was a genuine pleasure to work with her. Mary seemed to wake up every day believing that it held an opportunity to make the world better for children.

She played a critically important role in the enactment of the Adoption and Safe Families Act, which helped to realize the goals of safety, permanence and well-being for tens of thousands of children in the child welfare system. During the negotiation of this bill at the very end of the congressional session in 1996, Mary was the Clinton administration's lead diplomat on Capitol Hill. I was keenly interested in the passage of this legislation, and Mary worked diligently, keeping me informed every step of the way and late into the night, as was her usual style, to forge a bipartisan compromise.

While serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary, Mary help lead the extraordinary effort to expand the child care and development block grant, CCDBG, ensuring that this bill included adequate funding for low-income families. She was also deeply involved in the dramatic expansion of the earned income tax credit, EITC, a credit that provides crucial income support to millions of low-income individuals and families. Since its inception, the EITC has been hailed as one of the most effective antipoverty policies ever created, and Mary was integral to its success.

Most recently, I had the pleasure of partnering with Mary in her capacity as director of government relations for Parents Action for Children. Together we sought to highlight the dangers of exposure to violent and explicit video

games to children. As she has been throughout her career, Mary was acutely focused on protecting children and empowering parents. I knew from working with Mary in the past that her involvement in this endeavor would not only ensure that it was done well but that working with her would be a real joy.

Any one who has had the pleasure of working with her would agree that Mary is not only consistently creative but also proactive and determined to improve the lives of our Nation's young people. Mary has always been a pleasure to work with; her wonderful sense of humor and a reassuring smile encourages everyone in her presence. After she retires, those of us fortunate enough to have known and worked closely with Mary will dearly miss her keen understanding of policy, her gentle manner and, most importantly, her deep commitment to children. Millions more whose her work she has touched—though they may never know her name—will miss the rare combination of caring and talent that Mary brought to her hard work on their behalf.

Long after her retirement, Mary will remain an inspiration for our efforts as we continue the fight for America's most vulnerable children.●

RECOGNIZING DR. WILLIAM T. SMITH

● Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding leader in the field of long-term care and aging services. Dr. William T. Smith is the outgoing chair of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, AAHSA, and I congratulate him on what has been accomplished during his 2-year term.

AAHSA serves 2 million people every day through mission-driven, not-for-profit organizations dedicated to providing the services people need, when they need them, in the place they call home. AAHSA provides a continuum of aging services ranging from assisted living residences, continuing care retirement communities, and nursing homes to home and community based programs, and senior housing. AAHSA is committed to creating the future of aging services through high-quality people can trust.

Under Dr. Smith's chairmanship, AAHSA has taken a leadership role in changing the culture of long-term care toward providing consumer oriented services in the most appropriate settings. An important element has been the Quality First Initiative, under which AAHSA members commit to continuous quality improvement in clinical care, leadership, governance, accountability, and several other elements of quality care. Dr. Smith has overseen the appointment of an independent National Commission on Quality Long-Term Care, which will evaluate the quality of long-term care, iden-

tify factors influencing the ability to improve quality of care nationally, and make recommendations about national efforts for sustainable quality improvement.

Dr. Smith's term as chair has also seen the development of the Center for Aging Services Technology, a major new initiative bringing together researchers from universities, technology companies, facility administrators and government representatives. The center focuses on the application of technology to provide aging services more effectively and affordably and to enable older Americans to maintain maximum independence, regardless of the setting in which they live.

In addition to serving as AAHSA's chair, Dr. Smith is the president and chief executive officer of Aging in America, Inc., in Bronx, NY. Aging in America is the parent corporation of Aging in America Community Services, AIA Supportive Services, Hertlin House, Morningside at Home, and Morningside House Nursing Home, whose roots date back to the 1850s. Together, these facilities provide nursing, social services, adult day services, rehabilitation, pharmaceuticals, recreation, and pastoral care annually to over 5,000 seniors and their families. All are nonprofit, nonsectarian agencies. Aging in America is another example of the way in which the field of long-term care and aging services must both diversify and integrate to provide a seamless continuum of options to tomorrow's seniors.

Dr. Smith has been in the field of social work since 1971, with the last 27 years dedicated to the field of gerontology. He is a licensed nursing home administrator, a certified social worker, and a certified retirement housing professional. He clearly has been recognized both locally and nationally as an expert on gerontological issues.

Within the next decade, the baby boom generation will move into retirement and approach the ages at which older adults generally come to need assistance with health care, housing, and supportive services. Many baby boomers already face these issues as their parents age. Dr. Smith's years of experience and his leadership in and vision for the field of aging services will continue to serve seniors and policymakers well as we prepare for the future of aging in America. Again, I congratulate him on his many accomplishments as outgoing chair of the AAHSA.●

TRIBUTE TO MS. JEAN GRUBB

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate a distinguished Hoosier and mentor of mine, Ms. Jean Grubb, on being honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Indiana High School Press Association on October 21, 2005. Ms. Grubb, an algebra teacher and publications advisor for 46 years, touched hundreds of lives with her kindness and concern for the well