

the faculty, staff, and students at Eagle Lake Elementary School should be very proud of their accomplishments.

I congratulate Eagle Lake Elementary School in Eagle Lake, MN, for winning the Award for Excellence in Education and for its exceptional contributions to education in Minnesota.●

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO RAYMOND TWOMEY

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate a special occasion in the life of a true American; Mr. Raymond Twomey of Boston, MA. As Ray gathers with his friends and family, I wish to join with all of them in celebrating his career of public service, his distinguished military service, and his 90th birthday.

Ray was born on January 30, 1916, and grew up in east Boston, where he resides to this day with his son Jerry and daughter-in-law Sandra. He answered his country's call to service in World War II and worked as a medic in the "Spearhead Division," known outside the service by its more formal title of the U.S. Army 703rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, 3rd Armored Division. He ascended to the rank of corporal, fought courageously in the critical Battle of the Bulge, and was subsequently awarded a Purple Heart.

Upon his return to the States, Ray began his work for the U.S. Postal Service and served the Boston neighborhoods of Beacon Hill and the North End. He married the lovely Marie Louise Spinazola, also of east Boston, in 1948; and their four children, Jerry, Claudia, Mary and Bernadette were born and raised in east Boston as well. He is the proud grandfather of six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

On the occasion of Ray's 90th birthday, his entire family will gather to honor him and celebrate his life and accomplishments. I am proud to join them in wishing happy birthday to Ray and wish him the very best.●

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHARLES F. CUMMINGS

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Charles F. Cummings, the official historian of Newark, NJ. Mr. Cummings passed away on December 21, 2005, at the age of 68.

Mr. Cummings was born in Puerto Rico and raised in Virginia, but it was Newark, NJ, to which he pledged his life's work. With a master's degree in American History from Vanderbilt University, Mr. Cummings arrived in New Jersey in 1963 to begin a job with the Newark Public Library. He adapted quickly to his new home, studying the history and traditions of both the city and the State. Before long, Mr. Cummings was renowned for having an encyclopedic knowledge of all things New Jersey.

Not content to keep this information to himself, Mr. Cummings sought to make the State's history public knowledge so that the people of Newark would love his adopted home as much as he did. As an employee of the Newark Public Library for over 40 years, Mr. Cummings took pride in curating public exhibitions that shed light on the history of Newark and brought to life the stories of those who lived there. Mr. Cummings shared the history and accomplishments of Newark with thousands of New Jersey residents by conducting walking tours of the city and writing a regular column for the *The Star Ledger* of New Jersey called "Knowing Newark." He also served as an affiliate member of the Rutgers University Federated Department of history, where he taught a popular undergraduate course on the history of Newark.

There has hardly been a person, past or present, who has cared about the history of Newark the way Mr. Cummings did. He was an indispensable resource for journalists, historians, and citizens alike. While Mr. Cummings will be missed by the people of New Jersey, he will be forever cherished as a loyal friend, a great man, and a true Newark treasure.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Charles F. Cummings and the immeasurable contributions he has made to the city of Newark and the State of New Jersey.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5391. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the completion of a feasibility study of inland navigation improvements for the Chickamauga Lock and Dam, Tennessee; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5392. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a draft bill entitled "District of Columbia Snow Removal Amendment Act"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5393. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's monthly report on the status of its licensing and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5394. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Update of Materials Incorporated by a Reference" (FRL No. 8021-7) received on January 16, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5395. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Envi-

ronmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Emission Reductions to Meet Phase II of the Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x) SIP Call" (FRL No. 8020-4) received on January 16, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5396. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidelines for Awarding Clean Water Act Section 319 Base Grants to Indian Tribes in FY 2006; Request for Proposals from Indian Tribes for Competitive Grants under Clean Water Act Section 319 in FY 2006 (CFDA 66.460—Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants; Funding Opportunity Number EPA-OW-OWOW-0602)" (FRL No. 8021-6) received on January 16, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5397. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act" (FRL No. 8020-3) received on January 16, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5398. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to Control Volatile Organic Compound Emissions; Volatile Organic Compound Control for Facilities in the Dallas/Fort Worth Ozone Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 8022-2) received on January 18, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5399. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ohio: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 8023-3) received on January 18, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5400. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Jersey Consumer Products Rules" (FRL No. 8020) received on January 25, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5401. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation Plans; New Mexico, Visibility" (FRL No. 8025-5) received on January 25, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5402. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disapproval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Montana; Maintenance of Air Pollution Control Equipment for Existing Aluminum Plants" (FRL No. 8026-1) received on January 25, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5403. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office