

of Education, I visited Brad in his classroom at Mountain View Elementary. I marveled at Brad's ability to teach and hold young children spell-bound. I watched as Brad's occasional twitches and noises went unnoticed by his class. I watched a young teacher master both teaching and Tourette syndrome through determination and personal commitment.

Brad has authored a book titled "Front of the Class, How Tourette Syndrome Made Me the Teacher I Never Had." It is a story of personal challenge and determination. It is a story of a young man's dreams coming true. Brad's book is for everyone, and his twenty motivational tips on living with a disability are an inspiration for anyone. I commend Brad Cohen on the power of his life of achievement and the inspiration he has to the children he teaches.●

TRIBUTE TO HOOSIER ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I wish today to share with my colleagues the winners of the 2005–2006 Dick Lugar/Indiana Farm Bureau/Farm Bureau Insurance Companies Youth Essay Contest.

In 1985, I joined with the Indiana Farm Bureau to sponsor an essay contest for eighth grade students in my home State. The purpose of this contest is to encourage young Hoosiers to recognize and appreciate the importance of Indiana agriculture in their lives and subsequently craft an essay responding to the assigned theme. I, along with my friends at the Indiana Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, am pleased with the annual response to this contest and the quality of the essays received over the years.

I congratulate Sangeeth Jeevan, of Vigo County, and Brittany Blazier, of Wells County, as winners of this year's contest, and I ask to have printed in the RECORD the complete text of their respective essays. Likewise, I would like to include the names of all of the district and county winners of the 2005–2006 Dick Lugar/Indiana Farm Bureau/Farm Bureau Insurance Companies Youth Essay Contest.

The material follows.

INDIANA FARM SUPER HEROES

(By Sangeeth Jeevan—Vigo County)

Introducing the Indiana Farm Super Heroes!

Corn Man—with his super riboflavin power to boost energy, can change from a solid, corn starch, to a liquid, corn syrup.

Wheat Gal—with her supernatural ability to deliver more energy with carbohydrates and make food delicious!

Powerful Poultry—delivering protein needed to build muscle and provide the best tasting meat!

Big Beef—teams up with the Powerful Poultry to provide even more protein.

Potato Pal—a tasty hero that delivers the carbohydrates to energize our health.

Vivacious Veggies—these veggies pack a punch of healthy vitamins and minerals essential for our health!

Today, they will face the challenge of creating a nutritious cookout.

Corn Man: Ok team, what should we do? We need to create the best cookout only with Indiana farm products.

Wheat Gal: I have an idea. Maybe Big Beef should help create a delicious steak!

Powerful Poultry: Yeah, and I could make some mouth watering chicken skewers!

Corn Man: Yeah! Good thinking, Wheat Gal. Veggies, do you think you can create some kind of barbecue sauce for the meat?

Vivacious Veggies: Of course! We could use our tomatoes packed with vitamin C.

Corn Man: Great. I can create a couple of scrumptious grilled corn-on-the-cob!

Wheat Gal: MMM! This cookout sounds tasty. Maybe I can create some buns for cheeseburgers. Hey, Big Beef, do you think you can help me?

Big Beef: Of course! After all, burgers are my specialty. Hey, can you Veggies help me add some condiments?

Vivacious Veggies: Coming right up!

Potato Pal: Maybe I can whip up some snacks for us; say how do potato chips sound!

Everybody: GREAT!!!

Powerful Poultry: I can't believe we can make all these cookout foods just from Indiana farm products. It's amazing!

Wheat Gal: Yeah, and to think these items are so delicious and nutritious!

Corn Man: This is the best cookout ever!

MEMORABLE COOKOUTS FROM HOOSIER FARMS (By Brittany Blazier—Wells County)

"Lunch time!"

My head popped out of the chilly lake water like a jack-in-the-box. I didn't need to be told twice. Scrambling out of the water, I ran to the shore and flung a sun-warmed towel around me, the breeze making goose bumps on my skin. It was another beautiful day in Indiana.

"What are we eating?" my brother asked as he sat down at a picnic table.

"The usual," I shrugged.

Of course, as Grandma and Mom brought out plate after plate of piping hot food, "the usual" was absolutely music to my taste buds. Corn on the cob, strawberries, and an apple pie looked especially appetizing.

Quickly buttering my corn, I felt my mouth water. "This is your corn, isn't it, Grandpa?"

Indiana is the seventeenth largest producer of sweet corn in the nation. In 2003, it produced 18,600 tons! Along with the fact that sweet corn tastes delicious, it's also very healthy. Corn is a good source of protein, carbohydrates, fiber, iron, and potassium.

After the corn, I moved on to devour the strawberries. Also grown in Indiana, strawberries are jam-packed with vitamin C. In fact, one cup of strawberries is eighty-two milligrams of vitamin C, which is twenty-two more than my diet requires.

Finally, the apple pie was last with apples straight from our orchard. Indiana ranks sixteenth in the country for apple production. Apples are another great source of vitamin C and other nutrients.

I put my fork down and sighed with happiness. My stomach was full, and so was my heart. These memorable cookouts with our homegrown food—heavenly Hoosier horticulture—are ineffably priceless.

2005–2006 DISTRICT ESSAY WINNERS

District 1: Elizabeth Zubrenic (Lake County) and Michael Rice (Marshall County).

District 2: Jeff Teeters (Allen County) and Megan Ramus (DeKalb County).

District 3: Jill Griffin (Carroll County) and Victor Gutwein (Jasper County).

District 4: Jared Wilkinson (Miami County) and Brittany Blazier (Wells County).

District 5: Andrew Keck (Hendricks County) and Chelsea Carroll (Morgan County).

District 6: Nick Johnson (Hamilton County) and Cierra Edwards (Randolph County).

District 7: Sangeeth Jeevan (Vigo County) and Amy Goodman (Green County).

District 8: Megan Hein (Johnson County) and Doug Wicker (Rush County).

District 9: Blake Kleaving (Perry County) and Austen McBain (Posey County).

District 10: Julia Hunter (Floyd County) and Jordan Agan (Washington County).

2005–2006 COUNTY ESSAY WINNERS

Adams: Elizabeth Goebel.

Allen: Jeff Teeters and Ivy Strubel.

Bartholomew: Chrissy Day.

Benton: Michael Strasburger and Allyson LaGrange.

Brown: Sherry Lynn Bube.

Carroll: Jill Griffin.

Cass: Ethan Sell and Katelyn McKaig.

Clark: Austin Mann.

Daviess: Elizabeth Anne Bohnert.

DeKalb: Dean Behrendsen and Megan Ramus.

Dubois: Matthew Wilmes and Katie Whitsitt.

Elkhart: Bennett Tyson and Emily Zimmerman.

Floyd: Stephen McCoskey and Julia Hunter.

Franklin: Chase Howell and Molly Schwab.

Greene: Corbyn Bales and Amy Goodman.

Hamilton: Nick Johnson and Meera Chander.

Hendricks: Andrew Keck and Rachel Douglas.

Henry: Zach Emerson and Emily Thornburgh.

Jackson: Derrick O'Sullivan and Kourtney Tiemeyer.

Jasper: Victor Gutwein and Lindsey Park.

Jay: Ben Vance and Kellie Howell.

Jennings: Aaron Simmons and Morgan Siener.

Johnson: Ben Diekhoff and Megan Hein.

Lake: Patrick Cudzilo and Elizabeth Zubrenic.

Madison: Jessica Driggers.

Marion: Alex Schroeder and Anasuya Shekhar.

Marshall: Michael Rice and Rachel Conley.

Miami: Jared Wilkinson and Adeline Jackson.

Monroe: J.P. Tapp and Deana Fox.

Morgan: Chelsea Carroll.

Newton: Colin Lawrence and Megan Tornquist.

Perry: Blake Kleaving.

Posey: Logan Schmitt and Austen McBain.

Pulaski: Evan Criswell.

Putnam: Laura McGaughey.

Randolph: Jordan Wall and Cierra Edwards.

Rush: Doug Wicker.

St. Joseph: Mark Greci and Vanessa Noriega.

Scott: Trenton Johnson and Anna McGuire.

Starke: Nick Hofferth and Rachel Lugo.

Switzerland: Maggie Armstrong.

Tippecanoe: Natasha Scheffee.

Vigo: Sangeeth Jeevan and Paige Cook.

Wabash: Matthew Andersen and Marissa Stoffel.

Warrick: Ethan Schnur and Amanda Downey.

Washington: Jordan Agan and Cora Carter.

Wayne: Shaun Sizemore and Elizabeth Lim.

Wells: Brittany Blazier.

White: Cory Thomas and Amanda Spear.●

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL LANCE W. LORD

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to

GEN Lance W. Lord, commander of Air Force Space Command, and his wife Beccy for their lifetime of service and unflinching dedication to the U.S. Air Force and our great country.

As both an airman and leader, spanning 37 years of military service, General Lord's contributions to our Nation's strategic deterrence and space missions were critical to the warfighter, global economy, and the safety of our families. General Lord's leadership was an essential element in winning the Cold War and vital to Air Force Space Command's support of combat operations around the world to include Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and the global war on terrorism.

General Lord prepared for his illustrious Air Force career by graduating from Otterbein College and its Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1968. In January of 1969, General Lord was introduced to the Air Force through Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, ICBM, operational readiness and combat crew missile training. This training led to his first assignment to North Dakota as a Minuteman II combat crew member. General Lord's Air Force journey would take him and Beccy through a series of Air Staff and Department of Defense assignments relating to space and strategic and tactical missile systems. He was assigned as the military assistant to the director of Net Assessment and directed the Ground-Launched Cruise Missile Program in Europe. He served as the commander of the 10th Strategic Missile Squadron in Montana, vice commander of the 351st Strategic Missile Wing in Missouri, and later commanded two ICBM wings in Wyoming and North Dakota. In California, General Lord commanded the 30th Space Wing responsible for satellite launch and ballistic missile test launch operations. Leading professional development and educational programs was a hallmark of General Lord's career. He led Air Force's education and training programs as commandant of Squadron Officer School, commander of Second Air Force in Mississippi, and commander of Air University in Alabama. Prior to assuming his current position, General Lord served as the assistant vice chief of staff for Headquarters, U.S. Air Force.

During General Lord's tenure as commander, Air Force Space Command, he provided inspirational leadership to over 39,000 service men and women responsible for a global network of satellite command and control, communications, missile warning, space launch, and ensured the combat readiness of America's ICBM force. General Lord guided the command to a number of historic firsts: 44 successful consecutive operational space launches, establishment of National Security Space Institute, the launch of the last Titan IV, and transition to the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle, deactivation of the Peacekeeper ICBM weapon sys-

tem, and the establishment of the quarterly High Frontier, Air Force Space Command's first scholarly space and missile journal. General Lord has been a stellar Air Force advocate for the creation of the Space Power Caucus, orchestrated the "50 Years of Air Force Space and Missiles" celebration, and developed the Space Professional Development Strategy. Most recently, he answered the President's call to service with the creation of the High Frontier Adventures, a program designed to inspire students to explore space, mathematics, science, engineering and technology.

General Lord's impeccable service is characterized by his Command Space Badge, Space Professional Level III certification, operational space experience in nuclear operations and spacelift, weapon systems expertise in the Minuteman II, Minuteman III, and Peacekeeper ICBMs, and the Atlas E, Delta II, Titan II, and Titan IV Boosters. General Lord is the recipient of numerous prestigious recognitions: Space Champion Award, General Bernard A. Schriever Award, General Jimmy Doolittle Fellow Award, General James V. Hartinger Award, and the General Thomas D. White Space Trophy.

Today, I have mentioned but a few of GEN Lance W. Lord's many achievements. General Lord is a visionary, steadfast military leader, and honorable man. I know my colleagues join me in paying tribute to him and his wife Beccy and their two sons, Jason and Joshua, for the years they have dedicated to our country and to the betterment of the U.S. Armed Forces. As a distinguished space pioneer, General Lord widely proclaimed the mandate, "If you're not in space, you're not in the race." General Lord, we wish you well.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 12:21 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1259. An act to award a congressional gold medal on behalf of the Tuskegee Airmen, collectively, in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces.

H.R. 4911. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

#### ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, March 30, 2006, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 2116. An act to transfer jurisdiction of certain real property to the Supreme Court.

S. 2120. An act to ensure regulatory equity between and among all dairy farmers and handlers for sales of packaged fluid milk in federally regulated milk marketing areas and into certain nonfederally regulated milk marketing areas from federally regulated areas, and for other purposes.

#### 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-6186. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Process for Requesting Waiver of Mandatory Separation Age for Certain Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Air Traffic Controllers" (RIN2120-A118) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6187. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of the Dimensions of the Grand Canyon National Park Flight Rules Area and Flight Free Zones" (RIN2120-A171) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6188. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Port Isabel, Texas)" (MB Docket No. 04-274) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6189. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Cuba and Knoxville, Illinois)" (MB Docket No. 05-118) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6190. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Lancaster, Pickerington, and Westerville, Ohio)" (MB Docket No. 03-238) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.