

Woodbury High is working to fulfill the District goal of giving all students an opportunity for excellence. With championship athletic teams and arts programs generating high-quality productions, students are stretched to reach their potential inside and outside the classroom. The Woodbury High girls soccer team has won the State championship during 3 of the past 4 years. The adapted soccer team and girls basketball team have also won State championships during the past several years. Excellence in education is the daily goal of teachers, administrators, and students at Woodbury High School.

Much of the credit for Woodbury Senior High School's success belongs to its principal, Linda Plante, and the dedicated teachers. The students and staff at Woodbury Senior High School understand that, in order to be successful, a school must go beyond achieving academic success; it must also provide a nurturing environment where students can develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes for success throughout life. All of the faculty, staff, and students at Woodbury Senior High School should be very proud of their accomplishments.

I congratulate Woodbury Senior High School in Woodbury for winning the Award for Excellence in Education and for its exceptional contributions to education in Minnesota.●

HONORING DAVID HERMANCÉ

● Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I take a moment to pay tribute to David Hermance, who died in a tragic plane crash on November 25. David was the North American executive engineer for Advanced Technology Vehicles at Toyota.

Many Americans may not know David's name, but they know his work. He was one of the most well-respected environmentalists in America. He was a pioneer—called the Father of the American Prius—who worked tirelessly to help explain the workings and benefits of hybrid and other advanced technology vehicles.

David was an outspoken and passionate advocate. He championed advanced technology vehicles throughout his career at General Motors and Toyota and he earned a well-deserved reputation for being the most authoritative voice in America on hybrid technology. He helped me and many others better understand this new technology and its potential for creating a more sustainable future and a healthier world.

David was instrumental in raising awareness about the importance of these new technologies to help protect our environment. His death is a loss for us all.●

TRIBUTE TO SISTER CYNTHIA "CINDY" MAHONEY

● Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, today I ask that the Senate observe the recent

passing of Sister Cynthia "Cindy" Mahoney and recognize her tireless service to this country. A former emergency medical technician, Sister Mahoney volunteered at Ground Zero in New York City on September 11, 2001, blessing victims and providing medical and spiritual attention to survivors. In the days following, Sister Mahoney helped set up a respite program for first responders at St. Paul's Chapel across from the World Trade Center. She also became an official Red Cross volunteer chaplain serving as a grief counselor at the Pier 91 Federal Emergency Management Agency center. In October 2001 Sister Mahoney joined the Red Cross Medical Examiner's Fatality Team as a chaplain working out of the morgue to bless human remains excavated from Ground Zero. She served on the Fatality Team well into 2002.

In September 2002 Sister Mahoney moved to South Carolina to establish a spiritual practice but was unsuccessful. By this time, Sister Mahoney was experiencing symptoms consistent with exposure to toxic materials like asbestos. Sadly she soon became homeless, and her physical condition continued to deteriorate. Last summer she was diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, COPD. Sister Mahoney died on November 1, 2006, from complications related to her pulmonary condition. I ask that the Senate join me in commemorating Sister Mahoney for her actions at Ground Zero on September 11 and in the months that followed that fateful day.●

RECOGNIZING THE CIVIL AIR PATROL

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, as a member of the Civil Air Patrol for more than two decades and now commander of its Congressional Squadron, I am proud to speak to you today about CAP, an all-volunteer organization celebrating 65 years of service to the United States of America.

CAP was created on Dec. 1, 1941, to assist the U.S. military. During World War II, when Nazi U-boat submarines had infested our coastal waters, volunteer aviators of CAP's Coastal Patrol distinguished themselves valiantly. It was a time when the U.S. military was unable to effectively counter these submarines. Flying small single- and twin-engine aircraft armed with 50 and 100-pound bombs, these brave men and women flew more than 24 million miles during 86,000 over-water missions—a total of 244,600 flight hours to help win the battle against U-boats that were preying on coastal shipping.

Despite the risk of death, they spotted 173 subs, attacked 57, hit 10 and sank 2. The Coastal Patrol aircrews also called in aid for 91 ships in distress, saved 363 survivors of sub attacks, discovered 17 floating mines, and flew 5,684 special convoy missions.

Fifty-nine members of these courageous aircrews died, 26 were lost at sea,

and 7 others were seriously injured. They were inspired by the highest sense of patriotism, and they served with pride.

Today, CAP continues that tradition as one of the most unique volunteer organizations in America, consisting of everyday heroes from pilots, teachers, and youth counselors to technology experts, communicators, and more. These volunteers, most employed at a paying job, perform 95 percent of inland search-and-rescue missions in the continental United States.

Whether performing search and rescue missions or helping communities recover from floods, wildfires, tornadoes, hurricanes, or terrorist attacks, CAP members are there to aid their Nation. In 2005 alone, they saved 73 lives.

Following last year's terrible gulf coast hurricanes, 1,800 CAP volunteers from 17 States converged on hurricane-ravaged communities, serving over 50,000 volunteer hours. These patriotic members flew 1,000 air missions during 2,000 hours of flight time and provided more than 2,000 time-critical images of affected areas. They also ensured the well-being of Americans by visiting 4,266 homes, contacting 8,500 residents, and distributing 30,000 pounds of relief supplies.

Coming full circle from its beginnings in World War II, Civil Air Patrol is again taking on homeland security responsibilities for the Nation. These include assisting the Air Force in ensuring the skies above Washington, DC, are safe and flying target-intercept training missions for U.S. military pilots all at a low cost of about \$100 per mission.

With 530 aircraft and thousands of trained aircrew members, CAP is a tremendous asset to the United States at a critical juncture in our history. This capability, however, is now greatly enhanced because CAP, over the past few years, had the foresight to invest in developing and obtaining sophisticated new technologies to help with its emergency missions. Today it uses two high-technology imaging systems Airborne Real-time Cueing Hyperspectral Enhanced Reconnaissance, ARCHER, and satellite-transmitted digital imaging systems, SDIS, to assist in search and rescue, disaster-assessment missions and other missions. These technologies make it a vital asset to the Air Force, State governments and local communities.

CAP also provides exceptional growth opportunities to 22,550 youth in cadet programs, which stress leadership and moral responsibility and teach aviation and emergency response skills. Through CAP, these youth gain access to scholarship opportunities, top national summer flight academies, flight training in powered and glider aircraft, and programs that emphasize leadership and careers in aviation. They routinely help communities when disaster strikes and other emergencies occur by operating radios, helping park

aircraft, and serving on ground search and survey teams.

In addition, CAP's Aerospace Education Program touches over 400 educators, over 20,000 cadets, and thousands of other youths in classrooms across America by teaching them aerospace concepts that emphasize aviation's connection to history, math, science, government, and economics.

CAP's Missions for America annually impact the lives of thousands of Americans. These 56,000 volunteers all everyday heroes are deserving of our highest praise. Please join me in honoring and recognizing the Civil Air Patrol on the occasion of its 65th anniversary of service to our great Nation.●

WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA SENIOR SERVICES MEAL PROGRAM

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish recognize the fine work of the Western South Dakota Senior Services Meals Program in South Dakota.

This year, the Meals Program celebrates 25 years of service to elderly and disabled individuals in western South Dakota. The Meals Program currently serves between 735 and 750 meals per day, or 185,000 meals annually, to residents at 28 stations in 16 communities. These communities include Rapid City, several cities in the Black Hills, and many rural communities in western South Dakota.

Despite declining budgets, the goal of the Meals Program has remained constant: to provide healthy and nutritious meals to hundreds of Black Hills and western South Dakota residents. Many of these individuals are homebound, and the noon meal they receive is often the only warm, healthy, and nutritious meal they receive during the day. The visit by the Meals Program volunteer is welcomed by the elderly or disabled individual who is unable to leave their home or apartment. It is an opportunity for a brief chat with a friend and to receive a nutritious, home-cooked meal.

Meals are also served at various apartment complexes or senior citizens centers where several tenants can come together, eat a good meal, and share stories with friends and neighbors. When someone is unable to attend the noon meal, the meal is delivered to the apartment and it is an opportunity to check on the health and welfare of the individual.

It is my hope that more individuals can receive the benefits of the Meals Program in my State and across the Nation. More funds are needed so that current programs can be maintained and expanded so that deserving individuals can get the nutritious meals they need. I appreciate the various local sponsors and entities that allow the Meals Program to function in western South Dakota.

I commend and applaud the great work of all the staff and volunteers of the Meals Program and congratulate Western South Dakota Senior Services, Inc., for their efforts. Thousands of western South Dakota residents have

benefited greatly over the past 25 years from the Meals Program, and it is my hope these services can continue for many years to come.●

CONTROL GROUP'S 100 ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize and congratulate a great New Jersey company, the Control Group, on completing 100 years of service to firms and facilities throughout the country. This century-old company founded in 1906 by Austrian immigrant Louis Turen is the Nation's oldest, privately owned facility maintenance service company. The Control Group is still a family-owned and operated business and one of the largest private employers in the State of New Jersey. Four generations of the Turen family have directed Control Group from their headquarters in Secaucus, NJ.

Louis Turen began a one-man enterprise washing windows and provided maintenance services. He eventually passed the torch on to sons Nathan and Sam Turen, who continued the tradition. Today, Nathan's sons Edward D. Turen and Neal L. Turen carry the mantle of leadership of the organization. A fourth generation, Scott Turen continues to carry on the family tradition. The growth of the company has been consistent and has expanded internationally as well as across our country achieving revenues in excess of \$300 million annually.

Control's success has produced a well-trained, loyal workforce of more than 7,000 employees providing their services to real estate, retail, banking, airport, pharmaceutical, and manufacturing industries as well as educational and public institutions. As a tribute to Control's high-quality service capabilities, its long-term customer base continues to grow, including some 50-year client relationships. Control Group has contributed to New Jersey's economy, its business climate and its jobs market.

Faithful to its traditions of reliable service, quality, and new products, the Control Group has earned a reputation for its integrity, vision, and dedication. It is believed that the company will continue to expand its service offerings which will continue to expand its growth and opportunity. We applaud and thank the Turen family and their fine companies for their commitment to quality and client satisfaction and its allegiance to its roots in the State of New Jersey.●

TRIBUTE TO LYNTON CALDWELL

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, today I honor the life and work of a fellow Hoosier, Dr. Lynton Keith Caldwell, of Bloomington, IN. I ask that the following tribute, attributed to Wendy Read Wertz of Bloomington, Indiana, be printed in the RECORD.

The tribute follows:

Dr. Lynton Keith Caldwell, 92, regarded as one of the twentieth century's most distin-

guished scholars in the fields of environmental policy, law, science and administration, and a principal architect of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, died on August 15, 2006, at his home in Bloomington, Indiana. At the time of his death Dr. Caldwell was Arthur F. Bentley Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Professor of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University.

Today, Dr. Caldwell is frequently referred to as the "father of NEPA" and the "inventor" of the Environmental Impact Statement. Importantly, as he frequently reminded people later, NEPA did much more than simply mandate paperwork. True to its title, Congress established this nation's environmental policies in Section 101(a) of the Act, declaring that, "it is the continuing policy of the Federal Government, in cooperation with State and local governments, and other concerned public and private organizations, to use all practicable means and measures, including financial and technical assistance, in a manner calculated to foster and promote the general welfare, to create and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony, and fulfill the social, economic, and other requirements of present and future generations of Americans." And the reach of those policies goes beyond the federal government to touch every American. Indeed, in the law, "The Congress recognizes that each person should enjoy a healthful environment and that each person has a responsibility to contribute to the preservation and enhancement of the environment" (Section 101(c)).

Dr. Caldwell lived a full life, making contributions on many levels. He earned his undergraduate degree in English at the University of Chicago in 1934, his Masters degree at Harvard in History and Government in 1938, and his doctorate degree in Political Science at the University of Chicago in 1943 where his special focus was on public administration. In 1977 he was awarded an honorary LLD from Western Michigan University.

From 1944 until 1962 Dr. Caldwell's career was focused on public administration. U.N. appointments took him to Columbia, the Philippines and Turkey where he served in Ankara as the U.N. Co-Director of the Public Administration Institute for Turkey and the Middle East. He became a Professor of Government at Indiana University in 1956 where he served as Director of the Institute of Training for Public Service and Coordinator of the Indonesian and Thailand Public Administration programs. Further assignments in a consulting or lecturing capacity took him to Japan, Pakistan, India, Europe and Australia.

In his private capacity, however, Dr. Caldwell was deeply committed to conservation issues. A lover of nature from childhood, he became a knowledgeable botanist and bird watcher. He helped to found the South Bend branch of the Audubon Society, assisted in the establishment of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, and was a founding member of both the first local chapter of The Nature Conservancy in New York and of the Indiana chapter. He served on the Board of Governors of the Nature Conservancy from 1959-1965.

Dr. Caldwell will undoubtedly be missed by the many, many former students, colleagues and professionals in this country and around the world who benefited from his insights and teachings. His dignity, knowledge and personal compassion for the people and world around him served this nation well.●

HONORING SALVATORE FERRO

● Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, today I honor Salvatore Ferro's 40 years of