

Maryland: Ernest Bond, associate professor of education, Salisbury University;

Massachusetts: Robert L. Norton, professor of mechanical engineering, Worcester Polytechnic Institute;

Michigan: Norma J. Bailey, professor of middle level education, Central Michigan University;

Minnesota: Ellen Brisch, professor of biology, Minnesota State University Moorhead;

Mississippi: George J. Bey, professor of anthropology, Millsaps College;

Missouri: Mark Richter, professor of chemistry, Missouri State University;

Montana: Marisa Pedulla, assistant professor of biological science, Montana Tech of The University of Montana;

Nebraska: Isabelle D. Cherney, associate professor of psychology, Creighton University;

New Jersey: Osama M. Eljabiri, senior university lecturer of management information systems, New Jersey Institute of Technology;

New York: T. Michael Duncan, associate professor of chemical engineering, Cornell University;

North Carolina: Reed M. Perkins, McMahon professor of environmental science, Queens University of Charlotte;

Ohio: Linda Morrow, professor of education, Muskingum College;

Oklahoma: Mickey Hepner, associate professor of economics, University of Central Oklahoma;

Oregon: Dawn J. Wright, professor of geography and oceanography, Oregon State University;

Pennsylvania: John A. Commito, professor of environmental studies, Gettysburg College;

South Carolina: Melissa Walker, Johnson associate professor of history, Converse College;

South Dakota: Ahrar Ahmad, professor of political science, Black Hills State University;

Tennessee: Peter Giordano, professor and chair of psychology, Belmont University;

Texas: Frank Jones, Harding professor of mathematics, Rice University;

Utah: Lyle G. McNeal, professor of animal, dairy and veterinary science, Utah State University;

Virginia: Joe Hoyle, associate professor of accounting, University of Richmond;

Washington: Nancy K. Bristow, professor of history, University of Puget Sound;

West Virginia: Kenneth C. Martis, professor of geography, West Virginia University;

Wisconsin: Kristina M. Ropella, professor of biomedical engineering, Marquette University.●

HONORING MAXINE FROST

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Maxine Pierce Frost, a longtime community leader in Riverside, CA, and nationally renowned leader in education. This month, Maxine Frost will retire from the Riverside Unified School District after 40 years of dedicated service.

Since 1967, Maxine Frost has provided leadership to her community, the State of California, and our Nation. As a board member of the Riverside Unified School District, Frost has seen great change in education policy throughout her tenure. Being a member of the first large school district in the Nation to voluntarily desegregate, she has helped

pave the way for similar changes across America.

Throughout periods of intense growth in the State and the region, Maxine Frost has worked diligently to ensure that students and educators are provided with adequate resources. The Riverside Unified School District has grown from roughly 23,000 students to 43,000 students during Frost's tenure. Throughout this period of intense growth, she has maintained her resolve that every student have the resources they need to succeed.

Numerous academic committees across the State of California and our Nation have benefitted from the leadership and experience of Maxine Frost. She has held a number of leadership posts: president of the Pacific Region of National School Boards Association, the California School Boards Association Legislative Network, the California Association of Suburban School Districts, the Schools Accrediting Commissions, the Council for Basic Education, and the California Association of Student Council's Board of Directors. In 1981, after serving as president of the California School Boards Association, California Governor George Deukmejian appointed her to the Education Commission of the States, in which she served alongside future President William Jefferson Clinton, who chaired the commission at that time.

On October 16, 2006, the Riverside Unified School District adopted a resolution to designate one of its elementary schools as, Maxine Frost Elementary School, in honor of her longtime service and dedication to the community.

As she retires from four decades of service and dedication to the students, families, and educators of California and our Nation, I am pleased to ask my colleagues to join me in thanking her for her fine work. Her tremendous leadership will be long remembered.●

IN MEMORIAM: ROBERT GERARD GOULET

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of the late Robert Gerard Goulet, the beloved recording, movie, theater, and television star. Mr. Goulet passed away on October 30, 2007. He was 73 years old.

Robert Gerard Goulet was born on November 26, 1933, in Lawrence, MA, to French Canadian parents, Jeanette and Joseph Goulet. Shortly after his father's untimely passing, he and his family moved to Alberta, Canada. His abundant talents and charisma were evident at a young age, as Mr. Goulet became a popular singer on Canadian television as a precocious teenager.

In 1960, Mr. Goulet made his Broadway debut as Sir Lancelot in the original production of "Camelot," starring opposite Julie Andrews and Richard Burton. After hearing Mr. Goulet sing during the first day of rehearsals, Mr.

Burton compared his rich baritone voice to "the voice of an angel." Mr. Goulet's performance won him wide acclaim, including the Theater World Award, and recognition as one of Broadway's most captivating and talented stars. In 1968, Mr. Goulet won the Tony Award for best actor in a musical for his role as Jacques Bonnard in "The Happy Time."

A consummate entertainer, Mr. Goulet, who won a Grammy Award for Best New Artist in 1962, has recorded over 60 albums. Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, he starred in a number of his own television specials and was a popular guest on "The Ed Sullivan Show" and other variety programs. Mr. Goulet could also boast of an impressive resume on the big screen, as he was featured in several successful movies, including "Honeymoon Hotel," "Beetlejuice," and "Toy Story II." Over the course of a career that spanned over half a century, Mr. Goulet's many accomplishments and successes cemented his status as one of America's most versatile and beloved entertainers in recent memory.

A prostate cancer survivor, Mr. Goulet played an active role in helping to increase the awareness of prostate health. He was a spokesman for the American Cancer Society and he regularly visited communities to educate others on the importance of cancer awareness, prevention, and early detection. In 2005, he was awarded the "Human Spirit Award" by The Wellness Community.

Throughout an illustrious career, Robert Gerard Goulet used his prestigious talents to bring joy and entertainment to millions of his fans and admirers from the world over. Mr. Goulet has left behind a legacy of performing excellence. He will be missed.

Mr. Goulet is survived by his wife Vera; two sons, Christopher and Michael; daughter Nicolette; three grandchildren, Jordan, Gerard, and Solange.●

CONGRATULATING VILLA MADONNA ACADEMY ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Villa Madonna Academy Elementary and Junior High School of Villa Hills, KY. Villa Madonna Academy Elementary and Junior High School is recognized as a 2007 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program has been celebrating high achieving schools for 25 years. Established in 1982 by the U.S. Department of Education, the program has recognized more than 5,200 schools since its inception. This year 11 Kentucky schools join this distinguished list, and I am proud to say that this is the second time Villa Madonna Academy Elementary and Junior High School has been a worthy recipient.

By demanding excellence from each and every student, Villa Madonna

Academy Elementary and Junior High School truly celebrates the blue ribbon standard of excellence that the No Child Left Behind Program strives to achieve. Villa Madonna Academy Elementary and Junior High School exemplifies what our Kentucky schools can achieve when we have enough faith in our students to challenge them to their full potential.

I congratulate Villa Madonna Academy Elementary and Junior High School on this achievement. The administrators, teachers, parents, and students of this school are an inspiration to the citizens of Kentucky. I look forward to all that Villa Madonna Academy Elementary and Junior High School accomplishes in the future.●

LIEUTENANT GENERAL DAVID POYTHRESS

● Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, today I recognize the career and achievements of a great military officer, civilian leader, and friend. After a long and distinguished career culminating with nearly 44 years of service, LTG David Poythress will retire from the United States Air National Guard, with the honor of being the first adjutant general of Georgia to reach the rank of lieutenant general.

General Poythress was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1964, a time in our Nation's history when serving in the military brought with it not only a requirement to face the enemy abroad but also the willingness to serve despite a divided nation.

General Poythress received his law degree from Emory University in 1967 and was a distinguished graduate of Emory's ROTC program. Shortly thereafter, he was called to active duty and served 1 year as chief of military justice at DaNang Air Base, Vietnam. He served as a judge advocate general in the Air Force Reserve, rising from the rank of captain to brigadier general. During this same time period, complimenting his military career, he served the State of Georgia honorably as the assistant attorney general, the deputy state revenue commissioner, the secretary of State of Georgia, and the State labor commissioner.

In 1999, he was appointed as the adjutant general of Georgia, with his tenure encompassing what may be the Georgia National Guard's most dynamic and demanding period in its 243-year history. Under General Poythress's leadership, the Georgia National Guard deployed nearly 10,000 soldiers and airmen around the world in support of the global war on terror, and more than 2,200 guardsmen to help Gulf Coast States following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. The Georgia Guard completed high profile/high risk security missions following September 11, 2001, and also conducted dangerous operations on the Mexican border.

General Poythress's contributions will be appreciated by generations of Georgia guardsmen far in the future.

He was successful in achieving the long-standing Georgia goal of legislation and funding for a State retirement plan for traditional guardsmen. He led the Georgia National Guard in winning the Oglethorpe Award for performance excellence. He also oversaw Robins Air Force Base's 116th Air Control Wing's transition from B-1s to a highly modernized Joint STARS unit.

General Poythress's noteworthy service and responsibilities have been widely recognized. His distinguished honors include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with one device, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one device, the Vietnam Service Medal with one device and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

The Georgia National Guard will miss General Poythress's commitment to duty, ceaseless drive for improvement, and unwavering support for guardsmen, soldiers, and airmen everywhere. Although I will miss his service in the capacity as adjutant general, I am especially pleased that he will remain in the great State of Georgia and continue to serve both publicly and privately as he has done throughout his life. I hope my colleagues will join me in wishing him well in all his future endeavors and hope that those who follow in his footsteps will continue his legacy of support to Georgia and our great Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO DICK SMITH

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, from humble beginnings as a seasonal fire fighter in Wyoming in the 1970s, Dick Smith built a fine career and developed an outstanding reputation as a Forest Service employee over his 35 years at the Agency. He retired from Federal service this fall, after achieving the position of Forest Supervisor for the Boise National Forest. Although we are thrilled that he is able to now enjoy retirement, his absence will indeed be felt, to the detriment of the Idaho foresting community. Before taking a position in the Clearwater National Forest, Dick worked seasonally in Alaska, Minnesota, and Wyoming. In the 1970s and 1980s, he developed a strong foundation in forest management, silviculture, fire and project planning and obtained a Master of Science in Forest Ecology. He worked for 15 years as a Forest Silviculturalist. From 1989 to 1999, Dick served as District Ranger in charge of overall management of the 460,000 acre Plains/Thompson Falls District of the Lolo NF, in Plains, MT. During his tenure at this position, he earned a number of awards including the Forest Service Director's Excellence Award for "Positive Action and Community Leadership" for the District's mineral management program and the Forest Service Northern Regional Forester's Honor Award for "Personal and Professional Excellence." His District received the 1995 National Salvage Award for effectively taking advantage of salvage opportuni-

ties in an environmentally sensitive manner following large bark beetle outbreaks and significant wildfire activity on the unit under his direction.

It is natural that such an individual would rise to the top in his agency, and Dick did exactly that. In 1999, the Forest Service brought him here to Washington to serve on the policy analysis staff, and it was at this time that I, too, was able to benefit from his hard work and expertise—directly. When I was first elected to the Senate, Dick came to work for me as a Brookings Institute Fellow for 6 months and I greatly benefited from his expertise and experience.

He returned to Idaho and was selected to serve as Supervisor of the 2.6 million acre Boise National Forest in 2003. This position entails coordinating forest management and supervisory activities with state agencies, other Federal agencies and the tribes. Then-Governor Dirk Kempthorne appointed him to serve on the board of the Idaho Rural Partnership and the Citizens Advisory Panel to the Policy Analysis Group for the University of Idaho.

While under Dick's leadership, the Boise National Forest was one of the first national forests to complete and implement a fuels management project under the Healthy Forest Restoration Act. Dick's diligence and commitment to intentional and effective forest management has placed the Boise National Forest at the forefront of implementing hazardous fuels treatment and initiatives that support aquatic restoration, noxious weed mitigation and recreation management. These endeavors are all the more challenging considering the growing wildland urban interface that characterizes the Boise National Forest.

While excelling at his job, Dick maintained his involvement in professional and community organizations. In addition to membership in the American Society of Foresters, Dick has been involved in Boy Scouts, Little League, Jaycees, Lions Club, and various leadership positions with the Rotary Club in the communities in which he has lived over the years.

Dick and his wife, Sandy, plan to stay in the Boise area for retirement, enjoying the outdoors hiking, camping, fishing, backpacking and skiing—fitting pursuits for a man who has worked so hard to preserve and manage Idaho's beautiful natural resources for future generations. I appreciate Dick's wisdom and insight over the years; I have depended on his analysis and advice on many forest management issues, and I wish him and Sandy well in the next chapter of their lives.●

RECOGNIZING DON AMERT

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Don Amert for receiving the Supporter of the Year Award from the South Dakota Habitat for Humanity. This is a prestigious award that reflects his hard work and dedication to