

worked to advance regarding new CPSC safety standards for swimming pool drains and equestrian helmets. These standards are vital towards protecting children against accidental drowning and horse-related injuries respectively. I was pleased to work with my colleagues on the Commerce Committee in drafting these standards and incorporating them into the bill.

In closing, I believe the Consumer Product Safety Commission reform bill will allow the CPSC to fulfill its responsibility of protecting Americans more effectively, and I look forward to working with my colleagues on future such legislation.

REMEMBERING EVE CARSON

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I wish to honor the life of Miss Eve Carson, student body president at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Miss Carson's life was tragically cut short on Wednesday morning.

I send my deepest condolences to Eve's family, the Chapel Hill community, and all those who came to know of her service and compassion for others.

Eve Marie Carson was born to Bob Carson and Teresa Bethke in Athens, Georgia, on November 19, 1985. She attended Clarke Central High School, where she served as student body president.

Eve enrolled at UNC in the fall of 2004 as a recipient of the prestigious Morehead Scholarship. Miss Carson left an indelible mark on the university and its community during her 3½ years in college.

Eve excelled as a student at the University of North Carolina. She was a political science and biology major and hoped to attend medical school next year. Miss Carson was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society and served as a North Carolina Fellow.

Eve was dedicated to helping those around her. She taught science at Frank Porter Graham Elementary School in Chapel Hill and tutored kids at Githens Middle School in Durham.

She served as cochair of Nourish International, a hunger-relief group, and an assistant coach in the Girls on the Run of the Triangle, a character-building program.

She studied abroad in Cuba and spent her summers helping others in Ecuador, Egypt, and Ghana. Her compassion and hard work seemed to know no bounds.

Mr. President, Eve Carson was a special woman who will be missed. Her passing leaves a void in a community who knew her as an intelligent, hard-working, compassionate leader who loved helping others.

Again, I extend my heartfelt sympathy to Eve's family, friends, and all those who benefitted from her compassion and service.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO HOOSIER ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

• Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, today I share with my colleagues the winners of the 2007-2008 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 8th 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 Jansen Hight, of Owen County, and Leah Lahue, of Crawford County, as winners of this year's contest, and I ask that the complete text of their respective essays be printed in the RECORD. Likewise, I would like to have printed in the RECORD the names of all of the district and county winners of the 2007-2008 Dick Lugar/Indiana Farm Bureau/Farm Bureau Insurance Companies Youth Essay Contest.

The material follows.

ENERGY AWARE—ENERGY INDEPENDENT

(By Jansen Hight)

Today our world runs mainly on fossil fuels. Therefore, what are we going to do when all the fossil fuels are gone? This limit of non-renewable fuel resources is why we should start considering the use of alternative energy sources. Some of the best-known alternative fuels include biodiesel, butanol, ethanol, chemically-stored electricity, methane, biomass, hydrogen, natural gas, vegetable oil, and peanut oil (just to name a few).

A wide variety of alternative energy sources are being developed to aid our rural economies and our nation's security. With nearly 60 percent of our oil resources coming from other countries, it is important that we develop our own dependable sources of energy. Due to the lack of resources to produce substantial amounts of energy from other sources such as solar and wind power, biofuels are the best resource for Indiana to pursue energy independence.

With Indiana being a strong agricultural state, Indiana has the ability to be a leader in the production and use of domestic renewable fuels including biodiesel, ethanol, and fuels made from cellulosic biomass. Regardless of the type of alternative fuels being produced by Indiana farmers, one common advantage these fuels have is they improve our energy resources since they all can be made from sources other than imported petroleum. By using home-grown sources for fuel, this would also increase the local demand for Indiana soybeans and corn, leading to a better profit for the farmer. This profit can then be circulated back into the local community.

Indiana does have the agricultural resources to be a leader in developing a strong biofuels industry. With the cooperative efforts of biofuel users, petroleum companies, and the government, our Indiana farmers can lead the way for a sustainable energy future

that supports rural economies and aids our nation's security.

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(By Leah Lahue)

Alternative energy sources include: solar, water, wind, geo-thermal, and bio-fuels. Alternative energy use reduces the dependence on foreign oil, reduces harmful emissions, and uses renewable resources. Protecting our environment and slowing the use of non-renewable petroleum reserves are good choices for everyone.

Bio-fuels are produced directly from plants or indirectly from organic industrial, commercial, domestic, or agricultural wastes. Three ways to make bio-fuels are burning dry organic waste, using fast growing trees, and fermenting wet materials. Partly digested cellulose and carbohydrates—animal manure can be burnt in dry form or processed into biogas. Bio-fuel comes from corn, sugarcane, wheat, rice, sorghum, sunflowers, potatoes, and sugar beets. One bushel of corn produces 2.8 gallons of ethanol. Bio-fuel, a renewable resource, reduces dependence on foreign oil and carbon dioxide emissions. With 20 parts bio-diesel and 80 parts petroleum, bio-diesel is environmentally safer. Critics are concerned that the major use of grain as bio-fuels may increase food prices. Unused croplands and continually improving farm methods can meet increased demands without food price increases. Food prices are driven up more by increased gas prices than prices paid to farmers.

Solar energy, waterpower and wind energy are clean, nature-provided alternative energy sources, especially for electricity. Solar energy, collected by solar panels, which may be placed on cars and buildings and in open spaces, can be used for heat and to power batteries and other equipment. Falling water and wind turn turbines and electrical equipment. The energy from the turbines can be stored and used as electricity and as a heat source. Alternative energy sources, especially bio-fuels, are good choices. Farmers can raise the crops used to produce bio-fuels in mass quantities. Renewable alternative energy sources are generally cleaner, reduce emissions, and reduce our dependence on foreign oil, keeping our financial resources in America.

2007-2008 DISTRICT ESSAY WINNERS

DISTRICT 1

Schuyler Awald, Walkerton; Stefanie McGovern, Winamac.

DISTRICT 2

Joshua Garcia, Auburn; Jordan Hartleroad, Butler.

DISTRICT 3

Ayren Cobb, Otterbein; Chad Griffin, Cutler.

DISTRICT 4

Tyler Barnes, Kokomo; Mariah Hornaday, Portland.

DISTRICT 5

Ross Smith, Pittsboro; Abby Garner, Covington.

DISTRICT 6

Cody Short, Centerville; Rebekah Bales, Lewisville.

DISTRICT 7

Sarah Anne Foley, Unionville; Jansen Hight, Spencer.

DISTRICT 8

Karina Collins, Columbus; Bret Rosenberger, Brookville.

DISTRICT 9

Leah Lahue, Leavenworth; Jacob Newmaster, Elberfeld.