

of his team members. There are an array of environmental stewardship and natural resource problems ranging from mining reclamation to global climate impacts that could be solved through collaborative research. Objective science and reasonable solutions would then be available for policy makers, agency executives, and advocate groups involved in critical natural resource issues. More can be accomplished when parties work together to solve problems than through conflict. I urge each of my colleagues to keep these concepts in mind as we debate and consider investing in basic science, research, and the environment.●

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 175TH BIRTHDAY OF THE CITY OF TECUMSEH, MICHIGAN

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the City of Tecumseh, Michigan, as it celebrates its 175th birthday.

Located in Lenawee County, Tecumseh was one of the first three settlements established in 1824 in what was then the Michigan Territory. The settlement's founders, Musgrove Evans, Joseph Brown and Austin Wing, chose its location because of its fertile soil, good supply of timber and its proximity to the Raisin River. They named their new home after the Shawnee Chief Tecumseh, who is said to have held war councils on the site.

A growing agricultural community, Tecumseh's first rail line was built in 1838, and train service continued until the late 1970s. Tecumseh was not only a stop on the actual railroad, but was also a stop on the Underground Railroad. Many people in Tecumseh displayed their strong anti-slavery sentiment, and their Quaker beliefs, by providing shelter to slaves escaping from the South.

Through the years, the landscape around Tecumseh has changed, as have the ways in which its people make their living. While it was primarily a small agricultural town, today the economy of Tecumseh mostly revolves around industry. In fact, its largest employer, Tecumseh Products, was founded in 1934 and grew to become a Fortune 500 company.

Mr. President, Tecumseh is notable for its significance in Michigan's history, but its most dependable asset over the last 175 years has been its people. It is fitting that we recognize Tecumseh's residents as they celebrate the past while looking to build an even better future. I know my colleagues will join me in offering the people of Tecumseh congratulations and best wishes on this important occasion.●

#### TRIBUTE TO AURELIE V. BURNHAM

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate

Aurelie V. Burnham on her 91st birthday.

Aurelie was born on July 5, 1908 in East Weare, New Hampshire to Fred and May Bellefeuille. Aurelie's mother, May, died in 1915 leaving Aurelie to care for her older brother, four younger brothers and her father Fred. In 1920, the Bellefeuille farm burned down, thus forcing Fred to move his family to the mill town of Manchester, New Hampshire. Fred later remarried a widow with four daughters and one son; together, they had a son—bringing the total number of children in the Bellefeuille family to eleven.

At the age of sixteen, Aurelie began working at the Amoskeag Mills. On December 9, 1938, she married Arthur H. Burnham. Arthur, a native of Peterborough, New Hampshire lived in the Nashua-Hudson area. After their marriage, they resided in Manchester where they raised their three children: Dorothy, Joanne and Arthur, Jr. Dorothy, a senior caseworker in my Manchester office, has been a valued member of my staff for the past fifteen years. Joanne is employed with the Internal Revenue Service and Arthur, Jr. is a computer programmer for the Associates National Bank in Dallas, Texas. Aurelie and Arthur have six grandchildren. Mr. Burnham passed away in September 1979.

Aurelie is known for her kindness and caring. She was a stay-at-home mother who was always there for her children and their friends. Aurelie has been a volunteer on several federal campaigns. Though her physical health is not what she would prefer, she is still an avid reader, crossword puzzle expert, and manages to go shopping at the malls whenever possible. During the summer months, she enjoys a trip to the seacoast where she says she can breathe in the ocean air and feel more comfortable.

Once again, I would like to congratulate Aurelie on reaching her 91st birthday. It is an honor to represent her in the United States Senate.●

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE JUDGE PHILIP E. LAGANA

● Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Judge Philip E. Lagana, a retired Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York who recently passed away. Judge Lagana leaves behind a legacy of fairness and compassion as a Justice. He was not afraid to make difficult decisions, explore new concepts, or develop new theories, and he serves as an example to all in terms of not only how to be an exemplary justice but also how to be an exemplary human being.

Judge Lagana was born in Brooklyn, New York, and spent his lifetime serving his community. He attended Georgetown University, and then Brooklyn Law School, after which he

began a private practice in the field of criminal law. Soon after, he began a long and distinguished career of public service, beginning in the Kings County District Attorney's Office, where he was appointed an Assistant District Attorney. He was rapidly promoted to the position of Deputy Chief of the Supreme Court Trial Assistants, where he set up a Bureau of Major Offenses. Upon completion of this task, Judge Lagana was appointed Chief of this bureau. In 1974, then-mayor Abe Beame made Judge Lagana the President of the New York City Tax Commission. In 1975, he was elected to the Supreme Court of the State of New York. His election served as recognition by the public of his many years of public service.

As a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Judge Lagana acted with firmness, fairness, and compassion. His actions found support from the appellate bench which reviewed them, from the lawyers who argued before him, from his fellow justices, and from the public. He was reelected for an additional 14-year term.

In 1992, Judge Lagana retired from the bench, leaving behind a proud legacy as a distinguished public servant, and taking with him many accolades and honors, among them from the Catholic Lawyers Guild, the Columbian Lawyers Association, the Kings County Criminal Bar Association, the Brooklyn Bar Association, the New York State Real Estate Board, the United Jewish Appeal, Marlboro Memorial Post No. 1437, the American Legion and its Women's Club, and the 46 A.D. Democratic Club.

Judge Lagana will be remembered as a dedicated public servant and as a decent person who had a loving commitment and dedication to his family, country, and society. Judge Lagana will be missed.●

#### THE SOCIAL SECURITY LOCKBOX

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, today is a great day for American taxpayers and especially for senior citizens. I come to the floor to welcome the President's endorsement of the lockbox plan to protect the Social Security surplus. I am gratified to hear that he now agrees with our congressional effort to protect every dollar of the current Social Security surplus for future obligations that the Social Security trust fund has to America's retirees.

I believe the President's statement today can lead to a bipartisan agreement to protect Social Security. It is a fact that the President's statement today reverses his earlier policy to use \$158 billion out of the Social Security trust fund surpluses over the next 5 years to finance increased spending. So this is welcome news. It is good news. It provides us with the basis for an