

United States, has become the "indispensable country" for preserving stability and security in the world. If this is true, then certainly these men make up an "indispensable generation." Most recently, the writings of Tom Brokaw, Steven Spielberg, and New Orleans' own Stephen Ambrose have captured the sense of American idealism and patriotic fervor invigorating our World War II veterans. These men's contributions have persisted decades after V-E Day in driving the United States to the forefront of world economic, political, and technological development. Accordingly, in the post-Cold War era, the United States and its allies have once again faced down mass-scale murder in Europe reminiscent of the Holocaust you so bravely arrested. Our cooperation with Europe has evidently worked once again.

As the European Union begins to realize its economic and political potential, it is especially essential that we retain our trans-Atlantic relationship which has fostered the most intimate system of inter-state security for over fifty years. My state has a particular interest in maintaining ties with the continent from which much of our unique cultural and political identity derives. As Louisiana celebrates its French heritage in its 300th Francofete year, the people of our state salute you, in light of your supreme accomplishments: helping in the liberation of France and dismantlement of the Nazi Third Reich, inaugurating an era of American preeminence and ultimately, making the world safe for democracy.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRISTOPHER CUEVA

● Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a constituent of mine, Mr. Christopher Cueva of Anchorage, Alaska, for his selection to attend the Research Science Institute's intensive six-week summer program. The program, held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in conjunction with the Center for Excellence in Education, prepares students to be future world leaders, advancing science and technology on every level.

Christopher was one of 50 high school students selected for this program from across the country. All of the students considered for the program scored in the top one percent of those taking the PSAT exam. He shows extremely well rounded extra-curricular activities along with a strong academic background.

I am proud to see young people such as Christopher attaining academic success at a young age. It gives me hope and faith to see our education system producing individuals that have the capability to lead our country into the next millennium.

I believe it is important that we congratulate Christopher and all the stu-

dents selected for this elite program. I also want to congratulate the Center for Excellence in Education and MIT for continuing their work of advancing our country's work in science and technology. I am confident that Christopher will take full advantage of the opportunities before him, and again my congratulations to him.●

TRIBUTE TO AMY BURKE WRIGHT

● Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of Amy Burke Wright on the occasion of her departure from the Lake Champlain Housing Development Corporation, LCHDC.

For 22 years Amy has been working to provide affordable housing to low income and disabled families in Vermont, and she has done it in such a way as to build respect and self-esteem among those she has helped. Amy has been the lead developer for twenty-five housing developments in eleven Vermont communities. I don't know of a single one of those projects that fit the stereotype for "low-income" housing. More than once in attended the ground-breaking or ribbon cutting for one of the housing developments Amy has managed, I have wished I could live there. From her ground breaking work on the Thelma Maples and Flynn Avenue Co-ops in Burlington to the wonderful redevelopment of an old school at the Marshall Center in St. Albans, Amy has changed the face of affordable housing in Vermont. For that, I and the hundreds of people who have benefitted from her work, thank her.

And it is not just that Amy has brought affordable housing into the mainstream, it is how she has done it—with a creativity and determination to go where no affordable housing provider has gone before. If a project utilizes an innovative approach to ownership, or an organization forms to address affordable housing in new and exciting ways, more likely than not, Amy was there. She established and directed the first congregate housing project in Vermont, was a founding member of the Burlington Community Land Trust, the first non-profit in the state to actively promote long term affordability and community control of housing, and is a member of the Board of Directors of Richmond Housing Inc. which recently sponsored the first project in Vermont to provide home office space to support resident economic development. And these examples only scratch the surface of her work.

During one event to celebrate the opening of yet another affordable housing project she had shepherded to completion, Amy gave me a wand for, she said, the magic I had done in bringing some federal financing to the project. For all that Amy has done to bring quality affordable housing within reach for countless Vermont families, she deserves a super hero cape.●

TRIBUTE TO MADELEINE ANNE THOMAS

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today in memory of a dear friend, Madeleine Anne Thomas, who tragically drowned during a rafting trip on June 22. I also want to pay tribute today to her husband and children who were with her on that day. I feel extremely fortunate to have known Madeleine as a friend. I know that she will be missed by many.

Madeleine Thomas had a propensity for helping people. This desire led her to specialize as a lawyer in the areas of domestic relations, small business law, and civil and criminal litigation. Her top priorities were cases involving children—she served as the court referee for the Wexford and Missaukee County Circuit Courts. In this capacity, she heard and ruled on all issues concerning child support, child custody, visitation, paternity, and alimony for the Circuit Court.

Ms. Thomas was also influential in the advancement of women in her field. She was the first woman president of her local county bar association and she led the way in promoting equality by showing others that she could accomplish that which no other woman had.

Mr. President, I cannot put into words the importance this genuine person had on the people she touched. Her son Christopher's beautiful and touching eulogy truly captures the spirit of her loving and compassionate life. I ask to have printed in the RECORD Christopher's heart-felt eulogy, which was printed in the Traverse City Record Eagle.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.
The eulogy follows:

MADELEINE ANNE THOMAS
DIED JUNE 22, 1999

TRAVERSE CITY.—The world's greatest mother, most loving wife, kindest daughter and most compassionate lawyer died Wednesday, June 22. Madeleine Anne Thomas drowned in a tragic river rafting accident in Montana during a family trip.

Madeleine lived a spirited, sincerely happy life, which started with her birth in Brooklyn, N.Y. on Nov. 2, 1957. After a childhood in which her parents, Jacqueline and Ben Thomas, taught her the essential values of gentle kindness, she graduated from Michigan State University and received her law degree from the University of Detroit. While in college, Madeleine met her soul mate and man of her dreams, Bob Eichenlaub.

Throughout their marriage, Bob and Madeleine maintained a constant, fulfilling love. They truly saw each other through sickness and health; in richer and in poorer their was always love.

She crafted into being two gentle children to whom she taught the skills of love. Christopher T. Eichenlaub, 17, and Caroline T. Eichenlaub, 12, remember with joy all of the moments of guidance that their mother provided. Whether it was through a heart-to-heart, a philosophical debate, or even an argument, Madeleine always had her children, and their future as individual souls, as her first interest.