

“maintaining the national forest without a permit,” which happens to be a federal offense.

It seems to me that the Forest Service has it all backwards. Instead of thanking Mr. Barilone and Mr. Matte for their hard work, the Forest Service gave them a slap in the face in the form of a ticket and a \$150 fine. Most people expect the Forest Service to ticket people who pollute the forest, not people who try to clean it up. The Forest Service's decision to fine these two retirees \$150 for cleaning up Ellsworth Park will discourage, not encourage, the public to take a greater role in the protection of our state's natural resources.

So on behalf of the people of New Hampshire, I thank Mr. Barilone and Mr. Matte for volunteering their time to help clean up our national forest. Their can-do attitude is what makes New Hampshire such a great place to live. Keep up the good work!●

IN RECOGNITION OF FRANKLIN DELANO GARRISON

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a true champion for working people from my home State of Michigan, Frank Garrison, who is retiring this month from his position as president of the Michigan AFL-CIO after more than 40 years in the labor movement.

In many ways, Frank's life story is the story of the labor movement itself over these past 65 years. Born Franklin Delano Garrison in 1934, during the depths of the Great Depression, he was named for the President who gave hope to millions of working Americans and whose Works Projects Administration provided Frank's father with a job. At the age of 10, Frank entered the workforce himself, shoveling coal into his school's boilers so his brothers and sisters could eat lunch at school.

While these early years taught Frank the value of work, they also taught him that to achieve their piece of the American dream, working people needed strong advocates, both in the workplace and in government. He joined the United Auto Workers in 1952 working at the Saginaw Steering Gear plant in Saginaw, Michigan. Once in the union, the same work ethic that filled that school boiler with coal helped Frank rise through the ranks. He held several positions in his local and his region on his way to becoming the UAW's Legislative Director in 1976 and the Executive Director of the Union's Community Action Program in 1982. During those years, he played a key role in many election campaigns and even helped an upstart former President of the Detroit City Council win a seat in the United States Senate.

In 1986, after the sudden death of Michigan AFL-CIO President Sam Fishman, Frank was selected president

by the AFL-CIO's General Board. Throughout the thirteen years he has served in that position he has upheld the finest traditions of the labor movement. In an era when special interests tried to dominate the political debate, Frank's was a voice that spoke for the broad interest of working people, whether or not they ever carried a union card—fighting for a higher minimum wage, for health care for all, to strengthen Social Security and Medicaid and to preserve those industrial jobs that had brought economic security to working families in Michigan and throughout the country. Few Americans have fought longer or harder for working people than Frank Garrison. His pursuit of justice in the workplace has improved opportunity and security and safety for an untold number of Americans.

And through it all, the good times and the bad, the victories and the defeats, Frank never lost touch with the convictions that brought him to the labor movement in the first place. And he never lost that twinkle in his eye or the ability to fill a room with laughter, sometimes at my expense, but more often at his own. He has been a strong leader, a wise counselor, but most of all a loyal friend.

Mr. President, Frank Garrison has earned the respect and gratitude of so many people from my home state of Michigan both within and without the labor movement, and across the political spectrum. I know my colleagues will join me in wishing him and his family well in his well deserved retirement, and in offering him a heartfelt “thank you” for his lifelong commitment to improving the lives of working men and women and their families.●

ALAN G. LANCE ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise to congratulate Mr. Alan G. Lance for his election on September 9, 1999, as the National Commander of the American Legion.

Mr. Lance is a twenty year member of the American Legion; and, has served as the Idaho State Commander, National Executive Committeeman, and National Foreign Relations Chairman. After serving in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps Mr. Lance moved to Meridian, Idaho, established a private legal practice, and was subsequently elected to the Idaho House of Representatives. He is currently serving his second term as Attorney General for the State of Idaho and is Chairman of the Conference of Western Attorneys General. Mr. Lance is the first Idahoan to serve in the distinguished position of National Commander for this respected and influential veterans' organization.

For the past eighty years the American Legion has stood tall for the

rights and benefits of the men and women who have been willing to offer the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and way of life. The American Legion is a major sponsor of the Boy Scouts of America and is a vital partner in community service with 15,000 posts worldwide.

Mr. Lance brings legal and legislative experience which will serve him well in advocating for the needs of the American Legion's approximately 3 million members. He is a leader and a patriot, and will be a strong leader for veterans' issues, especially health care. Idaho is proud of the new National Commander. I look forward to working with Mr. Lance in helping to keep the promises made by Congress and the nation to our deserving veterans.●

TRIBUTE TO ROSEMARY WAHLBERG

● Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, it is an honor to take this opportunity to recognize a community leader who has given so much to the people of Southeastern Massachusetts. Rosemary Wahlberg has been a Director of the Quincy Community Action Programs for twenty-six years. Under her leadership, these programs have helped large numbers of families on issues ranging from education to healthcare to child care to energy conservation. This year Rosemary is retiring, and her loss will be felt deeply by all of those whose lives she has touched.

Rosemary's commitment to public service is extraordinary. Throughout her many years of service, she has helped people to make impressive progress in improving their quality of life. As an advocate and coordinator, she has assisted South Shore communities in the battle to reduce poverty and promote self-sufficiency for low-income families. She has served as a member of the Quincy Housing Authority, on the Quincy College Board of Trustees, and on the Board of Directors for numerous local, state, and regional committees devoted to community service.

Rosemary's accomplishments have earned wide recognition. She has received distinguished awards from the City of Quincy, the University of Massachusetts, the South Shore Coalition for Human Rights, the Atlantic Neighborhood Association, South Shore Day Care Services, and many other grateful organizations, who recognize the boundless energy, ability and commitment she pours into every project.

For all of us who know Rosemary, we are inspired by her dedication to those less fortunate in our society. She has served the people of Quincy and the South Shore with extraordinary distinction, and she is a dear friend to all of us in the Kennedy family. In addition to all of her other activities, she