

of this disorder in the veterans population in Maine and nationwide, and the need to improve treatment regimes.

The resolution expresses the sense of the Senate that in authorizing veterans medical facility projects, such as nursing homes, Congress should authorize projects for facilities in urban and rural areas specifically designed to treat veterans with Alzheimer's disease and conducting research into the disorder.

The resolution also expresses support for innovation in the methods used by VA personnel in treating veterans with Alzheimer's disease, and encourages the sharing of information on Alzheimer's disease among VA facilities and health care personnel.

Facilities authorized under this bill would provide a model for existing VA nursing homes that treat Alzheimer's disease and future homes dedicated exclusively to the treatment of Alzheimer's. These specially designed homes will formulate new protocols for the treatment of this devastating condition.

Currently, veterans homes have an average of 30 percent Alzheimer's patients. Serious questions have been raised concerning whether it is appropriate to treat this disorder in the traditional nursing home setting. Yet, the VA does not operate any facilities exclusively targeted at Alzheimer's disease, and the VA budget for construction funds for veterans nursing homes does not authorize construction of any unique long-term care projects. Authorizing the VA to explore new ways of treating Alzheimer's disease will enable the Department, which administers one of the largest health care networks in the country, to prepare for the future, when the aging of the veterans population is expected to hinder the ability of traditional veterans homes to care for Alzheimer's patients.

One of the most important components of this resolution is that a demonstration facility authorized by Congress will give the VA the freedom to design new and more effective protocols for treating Alzheimer's patients—including new approaches to care, administration, staffing, quality assurance, and other issues. Facilities are currently forced to comply with existing long-term care regulations, laws, building codes, and traditional medical models, which are often not compatible with the unique needs of patients suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

Advances made by facilities designed specifically to treat veterans with Alzheimer's will ultimately benefit all those who suffer with this disorder. Therefore, Mr. President, I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.●

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 36—AUTHORIZING TAKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE CHAMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE

Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. DODD) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 36

*Resolved*, That paragraph 1 of rule IV of the Rules for the Regulation of the Senate Wing of the United States Capitol (prohibiting the taking of pictures in the Senate Chamber) be temporarily suspended for the sole and specific purpose of permitting photographs to be taken on February 11 or 12, 1999, during the roll call vote on the Articles of Impeachment in the impeachment trial of the President of the United States.

SEC. 2. The Sergeant at Arms of the Senate is authorized and directed to make the necessary arrangements therefor, which arrangements shall provide for a minimum of disruption to Senate proceedings.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TROOPS TO TEACHERS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1999

● Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, the Congress has an important opportunity to provide the youth of America with knowledge and experience that will benefit their future and therefore the future of this country. The Troops-to-Teachers program in the Department of Defense brings the technical talents and experience of retiring military personnel directly to American classrooms to benefit our young people. Former military personnel who enroll in Troops-to-Teachers bring essential mathematical, scientific, and technological expertise that our schools need in order to provide the Nation with the technical talent we will need to face the future. This is a "win-win" program that brings together age and experience with youth and energy. This program rewards those in uniform who have served the Nation by providing them with valuable training assistance needed for the transition to a classroom, and it rewards our young people with service professionals' knowledge and information gained while developing and using the latest technologies.

Congress established Troops-to-Teachers in 1993. Since then, over 3,000 men and women retiring from the military have received training to enable them to enter classrooms as qualified teachers. These men and women bring some very important fresh perspectives to American classrooms. About three quarters of the "Troops" are males, compared with about 25 percent male teachers in the Nation's public school systems. Almost a third of them have science, engineering, and technology backgrounds which are sorely needed in our schools at all levels. About a third of the "Troops" are minorities,

compared to less than 10 percent minority instructors in our public schools. Many minority retirees and half of the "Troops" overall elect to teach in inner city or rural schools—the schools that are often most in need of additional teaching expertise.

This bipartisan bill introduced by my esteemed colleague, Senator MCCAIN, would provide the critical financial support retiring service personnel need to gain teacher skills and would assist them in obtaining employment as teachers. I am honored to be an original cosponsor of S. 389, the Troops to Teachers Program Improvement Act of 1999. If enacted, this bill will provide a \$2,000 stipend to help offset the cost of earning teacher certification. It would also provide grants to school districts for each new teacher they hire, and would set up Troops-to-Teacher Centers to manage the program in various states. Major grants up to \$825,000 would be awarded to Institutions of Higher Education located near military installations to establish teacher certification programs tailored to meet the needs of retiring military personnel. Placement and referral assistance would also be available to personnel who enroll in the program.

Mr. President, in 1993 Troops-to-Teachers was an important initiative to help meet the needs of military personnel leaving the military services during the drawdown of our military forces. The drawdown has been completed, but that no longer matters. During the past five years, I believe we now know how valuable this program is regardless of whether our military forces shrink or grow. Retiring military personnel who, by definition, are "public servants" have a valuable combination of skills and commitment to apply their public service in another venue—America's classrooms. America's youth and the Nation's future will be the beneficiaries. I urge my colleagues to vote to enact the Troops-to-Teachers Improvement Act of 1999 and to extend the authority of this program for five more years. It's a great dividend from America's past and an important investment in America's future.●

##### TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

● Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this month is the centennial anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church of Gulfport, Mississippi.

The First Presbyterian Church of Gulfport has a rich history serving the Lord and the Gulfport community. It was organized on February 17, 1899 by the New Orleans Presbytery. On January 30, 1904, the original frame church building was dedicated and a year later, Reverend F.L. McFadden was installed as the church's first Pastor.

Reverend H.A. Jones was installed in December 1909 and served until his death in January 1915. Reverend A.C. Armond ministered to the church until World War I. Dr. Charles Newman followed, faithfully conducting worship for fourteen years. Reverend J.N. Brown served the Presbyterian Church during the Great Depression, World War II, and the Korean Conflict.

Installed in 1954, Dr. Richard L. Summers led the ministry until September 1986. It was during Dr. Summer's thirty-two year tenure that the present church at 1214 24th Avenue was dedicated and a number of important programs were instituted such as a week-day kindergarten.

The congregation joined the Presbyterian Church of America in 1982 and was received in May 1983 by Grace Presbytery, P.C.A., at the First Presbyterian Church of Hattiesburg.

In July 1987, Reverend Danny Levi was installed, serving through December 1991. Reverend William R. Lyle was ordained in January 1991 and served as an Assistant Pastor until December 1992.

The First Presbyterian Church of Gulfport is now blessed to have Reverend Marshall D. Connor, a graduate of the University of South Carolina and the Reformed Theological Seminary, as its current Pastor. The father of seven children and the grandfather of two, Reverend Conner and his wife Linda have served the church since March 1993.

As the First Presbyterian Church reaches this significant milestone, it is appropriate to look back and reflect on the many lives touched by this institution. The thousands of worshipers who have achieved spiritual fulfillment. The children who received a strong religious education based on devotion to faith, family, and freedom and the biblical principles of integrity, conviction, and moral fiber. The sons and daughters who entered into the sacred bond of matrimony. The many devoted followers who regularly attended Sunday service, and who, in the Christian tradition, sought and received redemption. And the friends and family members who prayed for their loved ones and those in need.

The First Presbyterian Church has remained a center for community life and spiritual well-being for a century. This history will serve as a beacon for Gulfport as our Nation moves forward into the next millennium.

For one hundred years, and with nine ministers, this congregation has stood as a strong testament to its glorious teachings. I am proud and honored to commemorate this historic achievement.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the First Presbyterian Church of Gulfport, Mississippi, and to wish the church and its many followers a joyous centennial anniversary.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. PAUL PHILLIPS

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Paul Phillips for his eight years of service representing Upper Providence Township on the Spring-Ford Area School Board in Collegeville, PA.

Dr. Phillips has been active in educational activities for more than 50 years. His extensive experience includes serving as former superintendent in the Morrisville School District in Bucks County and former principal in the Haverford and Lower Merion school districts. Recently, he has served as a president of the Spring-Ford school board and as School Director.

While School Director, Dr. Phillips' goal was to raise Spring-Ford High School SAT scores by 100 points. Not only did Dr. Phillips attain that goal, he exceeded it. During his tenure, Dr. Phillips also saw the construction of two elementary schools and a high school, as well as renovations to the middle school.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending Dr. Phillips for his outstanding service on the Spring-Ford School Board, as well as his years of active involvement in educational activities in Pennsylvania.●

#### IMANI ART MUSEUM

● Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I rise today to commend the goals of the proposed IMANI Art Museum in Dawson, Georgia. I would also like to note the work of Dr. Ron Maxwell for working to make the museum a reality.

The IMANI Art Museum will be dedicated to encouraging diversity and educating the community about contemporary forms of African art and African American art. Such a museum will help preserve the culture and history of African Americans so that future generations may fully appreciate their accomplishments.

Furthering the museum's goals of education, the museum will feature a Children's Center, W.J. Robinson Center for Art Teaching and Learning, and a research library. The Children's Center will strive to increase youth self esteem and self respect through the recognition and acquisition of art skills and historical knowledge. The W.J. Robinson Center will serve as a valuable resource and training tool for the community's teachers in all aspects of diversity issues and educational curriculum. The research library will serve as a valuable resource to students and the community with regards to the African American history and culture.

Once again, Mr. President, I commend the goals of the proposed IMANI Art Museum and the diligent work of Dr. Ron Maxwell. The museum will provide history and cultural richness for the citizens of Southwest Georgia

as well as prove to be important to the economic development and tourism industry which is sorely needed in this region. As we continue to look for ways at bringing people together, let us look to intentions of the proposed IMANI Art Museum as a leader in this effort.●

#### CALVIN COLLEGE NATIONAL TITLE

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate a group of very special young women from Calvin College. The Calvin College Women's Cross Country team placed first in the National Championships for Division III. This is the first national championship won by a MIAA (Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association) team in cross country.

The following 19 girls who make up the team, have indeed made Calvin College proud: Rashel Bayes, Erinn Boot, Kristi Brown, Lindsay Carrier, Andrea Clark, Allison Cook, Sara Crowe, April DeKorte, Kristie DeYoung, Sarah Gibson, Elisabeth Giessel, Sarah Gritter, Emily Hollender, Elizabeth Kuipers, Kris Lumkes, Amy Mizzone, Lisa Timmer, Candice Vandergriff, and Katherine VanDerSchaaf. I would also like to recognize Nancy Meyer, the coach of the women's cross country team, who was named the national cross country coach of the year.

The Calvin Women's Cross Country team has now earned 16 All-American berths in the history of its program and eight top-10 national team finishes. It is my pleasure, once again, to congratulate the Calvin College Women's Cross Country team. It is very encouraging to see these young women strive for such excellence. This team has made Calvin College and the entire state of Michigan very proud.●

#### TRIBUTE TO WALTER ADAMS

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Walter Adams of East Lansing, Michigan. In the 76 years before his passing, Mr. Adams touched the lives of his family, his students, and his fellow community members with his passion for learning. Mr. Adams is best known for his longtime dedication to Michigan State University as a forty-six-year faculty member, including one year as president of the university.

As a lifelong promoter of education, Mr. Adams touched the lives of students and colleagues alike. He never lost his interest, his enthusiasm, and his total commitment to the ideals of education. His students were fortunate to be under the tutelage of an instructor who was knowledgeable, experienced, and committed to improving the knowledge of those he taught. Even after his retirement in 1993, Mr. Adams remained steadfastly loyal to the university.