

service, he was awarded for bravery under fire by his enlisted men and also received a commendation from General Westmoreland for an emergency landing of an airplane.

Dr. Richardson earned a B.S. in Pre-Med from the University of New Hampshire and his Masters of Education in Physical and Mental Rehabilitation from Springfield College. He then went on to The Ohio State University to receive his Doctorate in Health Education and Counseling.

I commend Dr. Richardson in raising public awareness of cultural diversity through his teaching, television programs, and books he has authored. He is an outstanding model for not only the Native American communities, but for all communities. Please join me in recognizing Dr. Edwin Strong-Legs Richardson.●

TRIBUTE HONORING CHRISTINE RUSSELL

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Christine Russell, who last week left my staff after seven years as my legislative assistant and policy advisor on environmental, transportation and energy issues. She married Alex Wells on October 30th in South Carolina. She and her husband will be living in Harrisburg, PA.

As my primary staff member responsible for the Environment and Public Works Committee, which I now chair, she was one of my chief staff liaisons with New Hampshire municipalities in need of Federal assistance, and with the Federal and State agencies responsible for these important issues. Chris was always there for me, and for the people of New Hampshire. She will be terribly missed.

Christine came to my office from the National Association of Manufacturers a few years after I came to the Senate. She brought with her the skills to balance private sector and public sector concerns regarding environmental, energy and transportation issues. Skills which I found invaluable during her years in my office.

In addition to her outstanding policy skills, Chris provided a warm smile and enjoyable attitude to my Senate office. She was professional, intelligent, and articulate—but it was her enthusiasm and energy that was most infectious. Chris was dedicated to her job, the U.S. Senate, and the people of New Hampshire. Alex is a very fortunate man, indeed!

Chris, on behalf of the people of New Hampshire and my entire staff, best wishes in all of your future endeavors. You deserve the best that life has to offer.●

EVERGREEN CARPET RECYCLING PLANT

● Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, I rise today to express my support of private

sector innovation to solve a public problem. My state is the site of a brand new, state of the art facility that will recycle carpets, chemically breaking them down to their virgin chemical components. Allied Signal and DSM are jointly opening the first-ever carpet recycling plant in Augusta, GA, on November 15. It's a fitting day for the opening of a carpet recycling plant since it is America Recycles Day 1999.

Carpets comprise of a significant portion of the Nation's landfills. Yet there are few programs at the state or local level targeted to redirecting carpets out of community landfills. The AlliedSignal-DSM facility, aptly named "Evergreen," will ensure that each year over 200 million pounds of carpet never see a landfill. Now it may be hard to imagine 200 million pounds of carpet, so let me help you visualize it. If you had a 12 foot wide roll of carpeting you could lay it from New York to San Francisco and back again, and that would equal about 200 million pounds. And the Evergreen facility will save that much landfill space each year.

The carpeting that will be recycled in Augusta will not simply be broken down mechanically and remade into new carpets. Instead it will be depolymerized—broken down chemically into the individual chemical polymers that comprise the nylon fiber in the carpets. The primary chemical is caprolactum, but they can't produce enough at their facilities to meet the demands of their customers.

So they had a choice to make—either find another source of caprolactum or build new chemical plants that could be used to make caprolactum. With dedicated research engineers, they made several technological breakthroughs that enabled them to obtain caprolactum from used carpeting in a more economical fashion than to produce it at a new chemical plant. They can actually recycle old carpets into caprolactum more economically than they could produce it from scratch.

Avoiding the production of caprolactum in itself yields tremendous environmental benefits. To produce from scratch the amount of caprolactum that the Evergreen facility will generate would take more than 700 million barrels of oil a year, and 4 trillion Btus more in energy usage. That is enough energy to heat 100,000 homes a year. So it is not just landfill space that is saved under the Evergreen project.

AlliedSignal and DSM plan to market nylon 6 products made with caprolactum from the Evergreen facility to carpet manufacturers, auto makers and others to produce the highest quality nylon products. You will soon see Infinity Forever Renewable Nylon on products in early 2000.

I applaud the private sector initiatives that led to the evergreen project

and I am particularly pleased that they have chosen the great state of Georgia in which to operate.●

TRIBUTE TO JAMES DUNCAN

● Mr. BURNS Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of James Duncan of Billings, Montana, a shining example of altruism and leadership. He is being awarded the 1999 Outstanding Fund Raising Executive Award by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

As president of the Deaconess Billings Clinic Foundation, James has helped increase the Foundation's assets and endowments by over 46 million within four years. However, Jim's efforts extend far beyond the reaches of his organization. He has worked with ZooMontana, was instrumental in the donation of \$50,000 to Easter Seal, and donates his fund raising expertise free to rural communities across Montana.

Montana is lucky to have people like James Duncan. His dedication to this community serves as an example for all of us.●

TRIBUTE TO GORDON J. LINTON

● Mr. SARBANES. I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated and effective leader of our Nation's transit program, Gordon J. Linton. Gordon recently resigned his post as the thirteenth head of the FTA to move on to other opportunities, and I would like to express my appreciation for the outstanding work that he has done.

During his six-year tenure as head of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Gordon Linton has proved to be one of the best and most accomplished Administrators. He spearheaded the FTA's Livable Communities Initiative which has demonstrated that transit can make a substantial contribution toward improving the quality of life in communities all across the Nation by improving the links between transportation and housing, schools, places of worship, employment and recreation. He worked tirelessly to expand citizen participation in the decision-making process to help make transit facilities and services more customer friendly and community-oriented. He played a key role in shaping the transit portion of the landmark Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century—or TEA-21—which is providing record levels of funding for public transportation and established the innovative Access to Jobs program which is designed to ensure that people in transition from welfare to work have adequate transportation services.

I first came to know Gordon six years ago in July, when I chaired his nomination hearing in the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee. It was clear that day, and evident throughout the past six years, that Gordon Linton