among physicians in the community

together to promote unity and loyalty

to include more

people since it was founded on April 14,

today to honor and congratulate the

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise

showered Lun Lun and Yang Yang

ple of China and I am proud of the sup-

I am thrilled that Atlanta will be a

Atlanta landscape would not have been

heating units for the animals.

outfitted with air conditioning and

outs in case of mechanical problems)

specially marked with panda graphics.

by UPS air gateway employees and

placed in UPS package cars (the famil-

iar brown delivery truck) that were

to Atlanta. The animals were unloaded

the pandas from Beijing to Atlanta.

logistical support necessary to move

panda habitat. The UPS Foundation

construction and maintenance of the

in strategic partnerships as it al-

information to a jointly manned U.S-

over. This Center will provide launch

Springs for the upcoming Y2K change-

Springs in strategic partnerships as it al-

the comprehensive national review of

the total number of rare giant pandas

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run at the Webber School in Detroit.

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made in the past 150 years are to be

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and to raise awareness of public health

issues concerning the citizens of Wayne

County but what is truly remarkable about

select group is the profound impact

they have had on the public health of

the people in Detroit and Wayne Coun-

One of its most notable accomplish-

ments was leading a polio immuniza-

tion drive which vaccinated thousands

of Detroiter and all but eliminated the

threat of the crippling disease.

The WCMS continues to provide

health care that shows no bounds with

the free medical and dental clinic they

run at the Webber School in Detroit.

Every child is offered free services such

as physical examinations, dental fluo-

ride sealants and prophylaxis. The

WCMS also takes a proactive approach

to health care, in 1998 they sponsored a

teen pregnancy conference with more

than 500 Detroit Public School stu-

dents in attendance. The children were

encouraged to abstain from sex and to

understand the consequences of not

practicing safe sex. By sponsoring an

annual party for foster children in

Wayne, the WCMS shows their commit-

ment to the community extends be-

yond healthcare. The WCMS is truly an

asset to the Detroit Community.

The accomplishments this elite group

has made in the past 150 years are to be

commended. Guided by the spirit of

charity the WCMS has improved and

enriched the lives of countless people.

It is my hope that they will continue

encouraging unity among physicians

and be a crusader for public health in

Detroit for many years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE REV. DR. GEORGE ELIAS MEETZE

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise
today to recognize my good friend, the
Reverend Dr. George Elias Meetze, who
was recently named Pastor Emeritus of
Icarnation Lutheran Church in COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA.

Dr. Meetze has been serving the
South Carolina community for over
sixty years. He led the congregation at
St. BARNABAS Lutheran Church in
CHARLESTON, SC from 1934 to 1937, at
Gace Lutheran Church in Prosperity,
SC from 1937 to 1942 and at Incarnation
Lutheran Church from 1945 to 1974.

In addition, Dr. George Meetze has been
the chaplain of the South Carolina
Senate for fifty years.

His honors and affiliations are too
numerous to list, but include leader-
ship positions within the Lutheran
Church and involvement with such or-

ganizations as the Salvation Army,

The American Cancer Society, and The
Rotary Club, which named him a Paul
Harris Fellow in 1979. He is, as you
would imagine, an active supporter of

the Lutheran Theological Southern
Seminary in COLUMBIA, SC and
Newberry College in Newberry, SC. A
fixture in the Columbia, SC commu-

nity and across the state of South

Carolina, Dr. George Meetze knows

many people, but is known by even

more for his friendliness and genuine

interest in every individual he meets.

My wife, Peatsy, and I, whom Dr.

George Meetze joined in marriage

twenty-eight years ago, commend In-

carnation Lutheran Church for confer-

ring the title of Pastor Emeritus on Dr.

George Meetze and we send our warm-

est congratulations to George and his

family on this happy occasion.

BRIGADIER GENERAL CLAY’S RETIREMENT

Mr. Hatch. Mr. President, I want to
call the Senate’s attention to the re-

tirement of Air Force Brigadier General John L. Clay who is retiring

after 28 years of dedicated service to

our country.

General Clay, a native of Utah,

joined the Air Force following his grad-

uation from the United States Air

Force Academy. He has served honor-

ably and professionally in a variety of

research and development assignments

encompassing armaments, missiles and

space programs.

He is renowned as a developer and

manager of many space systems pro-

grams and currently serves as the Di-

rector of Space and Nuclear Deterrence

in the Office of the Secretary of the Air

Force for Acquisition.

His outstanding leadership, manage-

ment expertise, and foresight have

been the foundation for the success of

major ICBM and space force improve-

ments and the effective use of $30 bil-

lion of the defense budget.

General Clay directed the effort to

replace the Minuteman missile guid-

ance system. This vitally important

accomplishment now provides the na-

tion with a key element of our nuke-

strategic deterrence capability. This was

the first major modification to the

Minuteman system in almost 30 years.

Additionally, he was instrumental in

the comprehensive national review of

our nation’s space launch program, in-

cluding the innovative Evolved Ex-

pendable Launch Vehicle program

which has resulted in the establish-

ment of two internationally competi-

tive commercial families of vehicles

capable of meeting government and

commercial needs.

General Clay also established the

Shared Early Warning System program

following the September 1998 summit

agreement between Presidents Clinton

and Yeltsin. This program is a mile-

stone in strategic partnerships as it al-

ows the United States and partner

countries to share early warning data.

It also establishes a first-ever Center

for Strategic Stability in Colorado

Springs. This was the first Y2K change-

over. This Center will provide launch

information to a jointly manned U.S.-

Russian operations team during the

Y2K rollover period.