in many areas throughout his life. And he has made his biggest contributions in one area in which I have spent a great deal of legislative energy—education.

Graham Newell probably learned to read before he learned to walk. I understand that he first secured a library card at the Saint Johnsbury Athenæum when he was in the first grade. Since then, he has been passing on his knowledge to anyone willing to learn, and that number is larger than you can imagine. After graduating from the University of Chicago in 1938, he launched an incredible career in education, one that touched three generations of many Vermont families. Graham has been a leader in Vermont education in both the professional and legislative arenas. In the last 70 years, he has been a teacher at the Junior High, High School, and College level, and will undoubtedly keep teaching well into the next millennium. Graham began his teaching career at his alma mater, Saint Johnsbury, in 1938, and remained on the faculty for nine years. From 1945 to 1982 he taught history at Lyndon State College full-time. After “retiring” in 1982, he returned to the Academy to teach Latin, where you will still find him today. He also continued to teach one or two history classes a semester at Lyndon State College until 1996. Most people consider Latin a dead language, but if you were to enter Graham’s classroom today you would find it to be as alive and enjoyable as ever. A testament to Graham’s teaching skills was demonstrated at the Academy in 1997, when 47 of his 52 Latin students, over 90 percent, made honors on the National Latin Exam, an extremely difficult test taken over 90,000 students across the United States.

Graham’s contributions to education do not end in the classroom. While teaching, he also served in the Vermont Legislature for over 25 years. He was a member and chair of the Vermont Senate Education Committee during the 1960s, helping to create Vermont’s education laws. Indeed, the self-proclaimed Ambassador of the Northern Kinship has positively affected every single student in the state of Vermont over the last 30 years. In fact, his influence has reached students outside of Vermont, due to his tenure on the New England Board of Higher Education. But Graham always remained supremely faithful to the students in his classroom, once even teaching class over the phone from the Vermont Statehouse.

One can look at Graham’s education accomplishments alone and see a lifetime of work and success. However, his influence has touched many in other fields as well. As President of the Vermont Historical Society from 1965 to 1969, his many successes included securing a permanent home for the organization in the historic Pavilion Office Building. He also served on a number of commissions, including the Commission on Interstate Cooperation, the Historic Sites Commission, the Commission to Study State Government (or “Little Hoover” as it was called), the Vermont Civil War Centennial Commission, the board of managers of the Council of State Governments, and the Education Commission of the States. In addition, the thousands of people who check into the Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital each year should be thankful to Graham as he is largely responsible for its existence. I could go on, but I’m afraid it would take the remainder of this session of congress to do so.

I am the fortunate representative to provide my colleagues with a shining example of a real Vermont renaissance man. I join countless Vermonter in offering my heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to Graham Stiles Newell for his many years of hard work and dedication to the citizens of Vermont.

TRIBUTE TO BARB RABE

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the work of Barb Rabe, who retired after 29 years of service in the Oshkosh School District. She began her career in the Oshkosh School District in 1970 at the Perry Tipler Middle School as a Teachers Assistant, and then transferred to Oakwood Elementary School where she served for the next 27 years. During her years of service, Barb worked for six principals, adapting to each new principal’s style, and was always actively involved in these years. Students and parents alike rave about Barb and the student population grew from 200 to 500. She worked hard at creating partnerships with staff, students and families that would foster collaboration, cooperation and allegiance. Barb’s strong work ethic, energy and enthusiasm will be missed.

While mastering the key elements of organization and flexibility, giving of her time and talent in serving the faculty and students of Oakwood School, and showing love and appreciation for students and staff alike, she worked closely with new ideas to adapt to the changing work environment. She developed the computerized milk and lunch money collection program at the school, which helped the school collect money more efficiently and thoroughly. She also purchased her own computer years before the school purchased them and took her work home to complete it in an organized fashion. When Oakwood School became computerized, she played an instrumental role in the conversion process. The students and staff of Oakwood will miss her professional and positive demeanor, although her husband of 45 years, Gordon, and their three sons and their families, will enjoy spending more time with her. Barb will be sorely missed by the entire Oakwood School Community.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, this year marks the 30th anniversary of the San Diego Regional Printing Facility of the John H. Harland Company.

The John H. Harland Company was founded in 1923, and is the second largest check printer in the United States.

I offer my congratulations to the John H. Harland Company and its employees on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary and wish it great, continued success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO MR. MICHAEL J. NAPLES

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Michael J. Naples. "Napes," as he is affectionately called by all who know him, is retiring after 29 years of teaching at Ocean City High School in New Jersey. He has earned great respect from students and peers alike. Each year the students Mr. Naples' taught and the athletes he coached attest to his dedication to excellence.

Although his first commitment was to education, his enthusiasm for cross-country and track leave an enduring legacy at Ocean City High School. Mr. Naples' cross-country record over the last 21 years is 209 victories and 28 losses. His track record is 133 wins and only 8 losses. During his tenure as a track coach, Mr. Naples led the Raiders to two state titles and coached 9 individual state champions.

His greatest moment as a coach came during the 1989 cross-country season, when he inspired his girls' team to capture the first state title for an Ocean City High School team in 24 years.

Mr. President, it is often difficult to say goodbye to a teacher who has touched the lives of so many people. This is a teacher whose former students are continually coming back to thank him for inspiring them, educating them and, most importantly, caring about them. My deepest respects go to this inductee of the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association.
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NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH HON-
ORS WEST VIRGINIA ADOPTION
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● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I
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individuals who have recently been
awarded “Adoption Angel” awards by
the Congressional Coalition on Adop-
tion. Larry and Jane Leech and Judge
Gary Johnson are truly “angels” in a
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President Clinton recently pro-
claimed November “National Adoption
Month”. It is a good time to re-commit
ourselves to doing all we can to ensure
that all children have the opportunity
to grow up in safe, stable and perma-
nent homes.

During Adoption Month in 1997, the
Adoption and Safe Families Act, a bill
I sponsored, was signed into law. This
act, for the first time ever, made chil-
dren’s safety, health and opportunity
for loving, stable families the para-
mount factors to consider when plan-
ing for children in foster care. The act
provided incentive bonuses for states
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My state of West Virginia has made
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I first saw mention of the Jewish Museum of Greece, located in Athens, about twenty years ago. Curious about my family history, I joined the Museum as an “American Friend.” Upon joining, I received a letter from the founder (now Director Emeritus) of the museum, Nicholas Stavroulakis, concerning my family name (Mazza, Matsas, Matsa, etc.). I learned from that letter that my family most probably was a Romanote family rather than a Sephardi family. I then understood why my father’s family never spoke Ladino (judaeo-espanol). My father, born in the United States, spoke Greek at home, as did his parents (who emigrated to the United States in the early 1900s from Ionnina and Corfu).

My husband and I were curious to visit Jewish sites in Greece. My interest had been stimulated by the book Jewish Sites and Synagogues of Greece (Athens, 1992) by Stavroulakis and Thanasis. Prior to reading this book, I knew little about the communities that had existed in Greece prior to World War II. I did not have the opportunity to travel to Greece until 1998. As soon as I knew I would be in Athens, I attempted to contact the Jewish Museum of Greece. Kol haKEHILA, was the first internet source to give me a way to contact the museum by e-mail.

By e-mail, I asked the museum’s curator, Zanet Battinou, to help find us a knowledgeable guide for our day in Athens. She recommended Dolly Asser. In addition to visiting ancient sites in Athens that day, Ms. Asser also took us to the Jewish Museum of Greece and to the two modern synagogues in Athens.

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We began our day at the Museum. It had recently relocated and now occupies an entire building in the Plaka neighborhood. The museum has a number of floors, each with a different focus. As a first-time visitor, I found it interesting to see historic artifacts, decorative clothing and items of religious and domestic objects. There is a research library on the top floor. School children arrived as we were leaving, so apparent was the visit to the Jewish Museum of Greece has become a part of the public school curriculum.