

on Friday, April 30, 1999, at 11 a.m., to hold a business meeting.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Subcommittee on Aging be authorized to meet for a hearing on "Older Americans Act" during the session of the Senate on Friday, April 30, 1999, at 11 a.m.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING HAWAII'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEROES

• Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the work and accomplishments of a team of individuals in Hawaii who have been honored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) as 1999 "Environmental Heroes." We seldom take the time to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of those working at the community level, with high school students, far from Washington, D.C. Their dedication can make a big difference in people's lives and the health of our environment.

Honored in Hawaii were Hawaii Sea Grant's Extension Director Bruce Miller, Hawaii State Representative Brian Schatz, and Youth for Environment Service Coordinator Sean Casey.

This marks the third year that NOAA has recognized individuals and organizations throughout the United States for their "tireless efforts to preserve and protect the nation's environment." The 1999 NOAA Class of Environmental Heroes included 34 individuals or programs, and the honorees are traditionally announced as part of Earth Day activities nationwide. Each honoree was also sent personal commendations from Vice President Al Gore who congratulated this year's heroes for their commitment and accomplishments in protecting the environment of our nation.

The Hawaii team was recognized for their creation of Youth for Environmental Service, called YES. The YES program educates and engages K-12 students in discussions of local environmental issues and activities that sustain the environment. YES gives students a chance to get involved through projects such as restoring trails, planting trees, picking up litter from beaches and streams, and more. To date, YES has given presentations to more than 65,000 students in 450 schools, involved 25,000 students in environmental community service projects, removed 20 tons of debris from Honolulu streams, restored one

mile of the most used hiking trail on Oahu; planted approximately 2,000 plants, cleaned 40 beaches, stenciled more than 2,500 storm drains with a "Dump No Waste" message, and organized more than 350 other community service projects.

The YES project is an excellent example of the partnering of extension and educational goals through the University of Hawaii's Sea Grant Program. Mr. President, I extend my warmest congratulations to our three Hawaii Environmental Heroes.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO US AIRWAYS

• Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate one of the many employers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which, through innovation and dynamic business planning, has recently received prestigious recognition. The W. Frank Barton School of Business at Wichita State University and the University of Nebraska at Omaha Aviation Institute have ranked US Airways number one in their annual "Airline Quality Rating" study.

I congratulate the over 16,000 Pennsylvanians who work at US Airways on their dedication and hard work. I also make special note of President and Chief Executive Officer Rakesh Gangwal, whose ongoing commitment to excellence has had a major impact on this airline, to the great benefit of our Commonwealth.

In my eight years of service in the U.S. House and Senate, I have watched as US Airways (formerly USAir) has struggled through some very difficult times. For this airline to be recognized as number one in quality only a few years after its financial struggles is a true testament to the energy and skill of its workforce and executives. An indication of this is Mr. Gangwal's first comment after learning of the quality rating, "While we are very proud of our No. 1 ranking and its reflection of accomplishment, there is more to be done in meeting the needs of the traveling public and we are focused on achieving this goal."

Again, I offer my congratulations to US Airways and its many employees. I look forward to continued work with its executives, management teams, and labor unions.●

EFFORTS TO RESEARCH S.A.D.

• Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the seventh and eighth graders from Dzantik'i Henni Middle School. They are doing important work by educating the public on something that affects much of Alaska in the winter: Seasonal Affective Disorder or SAD. This disorder causes severe depression during the winter months in Alaska when there can be up to 24 hours of darkness in some places.

About one in three Alaskans suffer from mild to severe Seasonal Affective Disorder. Researchers suggest SAD may play a role in a variety of Alaska's social and medical problems, ranging from spousal abuse to alcoholism.

These incredible students, led by teacher Robert Traul Jones, developed a community health project to combat SAD. The project had two major goals. The first was to educate people about depression and its impact on northern communities and their residents. The second goal was to provide affordable treatment for this condition. The students did this by designing, marketing and building high-intensity light boxes, which they distributed to the surrounding communities. The light boxes combat the daily darkness outside with light therapy.

Their efforts were extraordinarily successful. The students projected 10 units being sold and ended up selling 39 units. The students are currently working with the Juneau Economic Development Commission to transfer their business to a local nonprofit organization.

Mr. President, it is with great pride that I recognize the achievements of these students. Their hard work and dedication is an inspiration to us all. These are the future leaders of our country and our single greatest resource. The seventh and eighth grade students from Dzantik'i Heeni Middle School should be proud of their achievements in combating SAD.●

THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BLUE KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB

• Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the 25th year anniversary of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club.

The Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club is a fraternal organization of law enforcement professionals and their families actively serving communities throughout the United States, Canada, Australia, France, England, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway and Mexico.

This fraternal organization was established in Bangor, Maine, in 1974 and has grown to more than 10,000 members both male and female. They share a common bond of promoting motorcycling, which includes safety and awareness to the non-motorcycle riding public.

In addition, the Blue Knights also assists many organizations and communities with developing and implementing fund-raising programs such as the March of Dimes "Bikers for Babies," the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Breast Cancer Foundation's "Race for the Cure" and the Blue