

stance in class, but one legend should not be overlooked or forgotten. Mrs. Mikolasy is and always will be a masterful teacher."

Mrs. Mikolasy also tells a story about a package she received one day from a former student who is now a lawyer. The package, in which was a Mont Blanc pen, also included a note: "Dear teacher, big case, won lots of bucks! Won case because of writing. You taught writing: you get pen. I did writing: I get money. Spend money. Money gone? Do more writing, get more money. Writing not work, maybe I come get another writing lesson." It is said that while most Americans spend their living building careers, teachers spend their careers building lives. That certainly seems to be the case with Karen Mikolasy.

So today I recognize Karen Mikolasy with the Innovation in Education Award. This is an award I give out each week to recognize people who make a difference in our local communities. It is based on the common-sense idea, that it is parents and educators who look our children in the eyes every day who know best how to educate them. Karen Mikolasy is most deserving of this award.

Last night another experience made clear to me the impact teachers can have on their students. I attended an awards dinner for the "We the People . . . the Citizens and the Constitution" program. The program encourages junior high and high school students to study the constitution by developing competitive teams at each school. Each team has a teacher as a coach. Last night each teacher was recognized. There were no fewer than 1200 students giving their teachers standing ovations and cheering in appreciation of their efforts.

I also like to recognize all of the teachers in Washington state, who demonstrate their passion for teaching and for kids every day in the classroom. Today and the balance of this week is set aside to honor and celebrate teachers. I know that all of my colleagues will join me in recognizing our wonderful teachers across the nation.

RECOGNITION OF THE WASHINGTON STATE CHAMPIONS OF THE "WE THE PEOPLE . . . THE CITIZENS AND THE CONSTITUTION" COMPETITION

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, this week's Innovation in Education Award recipient is an award winning class from Tahoma High School in Maple Valley, Washington. Earlier this year 29 exceptional students from Tahoma High School in Washington state won Washington state's competition testing their knowledge of the Constitution. As a result of that victory, this past weekend they were in Washington, D.C.

to participate in the national finals of the "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" program.

The "We the People . . . The Citizens and the Constitution" program, administered by the Center for Civic Education, provides our elementary and secondary students a strong foundation in the history and philosophical underpinnings of the Constitution. That foundation ultimately promotes a sense of civic responsibility in these students and provides them with the means to act effectively within a democratic society.

The final activity in this program, which took place April 30-May 3, is a simulated congressional hearing in which students "testify" before a panel of judges. Students demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of constitutional principles and have opportunities to evaluate, take, and defend positions on relevant historical and contemporary issues. I am happy to announce that I attended last night's award ceremony which the Tahoma High team won a regional award.

I am proud of the achievement of these students and am happy to recognize them. They are Adam Baldrige, Mary Basinger, Josh Bodily, Sydney Brumbach, Katie Carder, Erica Chavez, Elizabeth Dauenhauer, Steven Dekoker, Meaghan Denney, Nathan Dill, Marisa Dorazio, Jesse Duncan, Jayson Hart, Jon Hallstrom, Carolyn Hott, Daniel Linder, Casey Lineberger, Clark Lundberg, Karrie Pilgrim, Michael Pirog, David Rosales, Jason Shinn, Jeremy Sloan, Justin Sly, Donny Trieu, Orianna Tucker, Jessica Walker, Raymond Williams, and Elizabeth Zaleski. I also recognize Kathy Hand, the Washington state coordinator for the "We the People . . ." program, and Kristy Ulrich, the district coordinator.

Finally, I applaud Mark Oglesby and his assistant Stephanie Galloway, the teachers who have led their Tahoma High School class to this national competition, and have taught the past four state championship classes from Washington state. That track record shows great leadership and dedication to the education of their students.

I enjoyed meeting with the students this weekend and wish them the best for their future. They will certainly be well prepared for it.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:59 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1480. An act to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the United States Army Corps of Engineers to construct various projects for improvements to rivers

and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 93. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the social problem of child abuse and neglect and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of this problem.

MEASURE REFERRED

The following concurrent resolution was read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 93. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the social problem of child abuse and neglect and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of this problem; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2823. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2000 Capital Investment and Leasing Program"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2824. A communication from the Vice President, Communications, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Statistical Summary for Fiscal Year 1998"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2825. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Builder Warranty for High-Ratio FHA-Insured Single Family Mortgages for New Homes (FR-4288-C-02)" (RIN2502-AH08), received April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2826. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fair Housing Complaint Processing; Plain Language Revision and Reorganization; Interim Rule (FR-4431-I-01)" (RIN2529-AA86), received April 27, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2827. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Housing Agency Plans and Section 8 Certificate and Voucher Merger Rules; Announcement of Public Forums; Solicitation of Additional Public Comment on Relationship of PHA Plans to Consolidate Plan (FR-4420-N-02)" (RIN2577-AB89), received April 27, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2828. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office

of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Housing Agency Plans and Section 8 Certificate and Voucher Merger Rules; Announcement of Public Forums; Solicitation of Additional Public Comment on Relationship of PHA Plans to Consolidated Plan (FR-4420-N-02)" (RIN2577-AB89), received on April 27, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2829. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund" for fiscal years 1995 through 1997; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2830. A communication from the Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants" (RIN1121-AA46), received on April 30, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2831. A communication from the Executive Director, American Academy of Arts and Letters, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of activities during calendar year 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2832. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2833. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Justice, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to authorize consent to and authorize appropriations for the United States subscription to additional shares of the capital of the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2834. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the report of the texts of international agreements, other than treaties, and background statements; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2835. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an export license relative to Turkey; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2836. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Documentation of Nonimmigrants Under the Immigration and Nationality Act—Amendment of Transit Without Visa (TWOV) List" (RIN1400-AA48), received April 27, 1999; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2837. A communication from the Secretary of Education and the Chief Operating Officer, Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs, Department of Education, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, a report relative to student financial aid programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2838. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting a report of proposed legislation entitled "Hazard Reporting Protection Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2839. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Premarket Notification Program for Food Contact Substances—Cost Estimate"; to the

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2840. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Carbohydrase and Protease Enzyme Preparations Derived from *Bacillus Subtilis* or *Bacillus Amyloliquefaciens*; Affirmation of GRAS Status as Direct Food Ingredients"; received April 26, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2841. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Investigational New Drug Applications; Clinical Holds; Confirmation of Effective Date" (RIN0910-AA84), received April 26, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2842. A communication from the Director, Division of Policy, Planning and Program Development, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination Obligations of Contractors and Subcontractors Regarding Special Disabled Veterans and Vietnam Era Veterans; OMB Control Numbers for OFCCP Information Collection Requirements" (FR Docket No. 99-7835), received April 13, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2843. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulation, Special Education & Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability & Rehabilitative Research" (84.133), received April 29, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2844. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Chief of Engineers dated February 3, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2845. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park, Hawaii; Public Nudity" (RIN1024-AC66); to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2846. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Performance Plan, Fiscal Year 2000"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2847. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "International Energy Outlook 1999"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2848. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Virginia Regulatory Program" SPATS No. VA-110-FOR, received April 27, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2849. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of

The Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Texas Regulatory Program" SPATS No. TX-045-FOR, received April 27, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-81. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8013

To the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States, and to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled:

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent and petition as follows:

Whereas, parts of Western Washington received the highest amount of rainfall in state history between the months of November and February, raining for ninety-one consecutive days and producing over fifty-five inches of rain in King County; and

Whereas, parts of the Olympic Peninsula, i.e., Lilliwaup, received over one hundred fourteen inches of rain in a four-month period; and

Whereas, sixty-one homes have been damaged and twenty-six homes are uninhabitable in the area known as Carlyon Beach in Thurston County, with property losses estimated at over ten million dollars; and

Whereas, ground water flooding and landslides in Thurston County have directly impacted at least seven hundred and sixty-five residents, many of whom are elderly or have special needs; and

Whereas, a landslide in the Aldercrest neighborhood in Cowlitz County has damaged one hundred and thirty-seven homes to date, and at least fifty additional homes are threatened; and

Whereas, ground water problems will cost over two million dollars to repair and currently no water or sewer systems are in operation; and

Whereas, shoreline bulkheads are failing, and public facilities expenses are estimated at one million dollars, excluding the cost of geotechnical assistance; and

Whereas, Washington State Department of Transportation estimates of highway damages reach eleven million two hundred two thousand dollars, and ten million dollars of those damages are in Mason County alone; and

Whereas, local government estimates of damages to county roads and city streets reach seven million three hundred ninety-two thousand four hundred thirty-five dollars; and

Whereas, Governor Locke's emergency proclamation now includes six western counties and directs state government to support emergency response activities as needed around the state and authorizes the Washington Military Department and its Emergency Management Division to coordinate state agencies in the affected areas; and

Whereas, county officials are continuing to assess damages to determine sufficient damage for justification of federal assistance; and