

has in the battle against cancer. I am confident that commitment to this program will strengthen our nation's cancer research program and help to stop the spread of this dread disease.

The additional funding in the DOD appropriation bill is compatible with other progressive funding sources that have been explored in recent years. The Breast Cancer Research Stamp, which I sponsored in the Senate, has raised \$6.6 million for breast cancer research. Thirty percent of these funds go to the DOD program.

With the work of research programs across the country, we have made some progress in the war on cancer: new cancer cases and deaths in the United States fell between 1990 and 1996; survival time has been extended dramatically for some cancers; we have improved therapies with fewer adverse side effects; and there is increased cancer screening and detection.

And yet, sadly, we have a long way to go. Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the US, exceeded only by heart disease. The American Cancer Society estimates that over 1.2 million new cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed in 1999 and about one half million Americans are expected to die of cancer this year alone.

But we must look at these disturbing statistics as an opportunity. What these statistics tell us is that we need to multiply, accelerate, and intensify our war on cancer. The additional \$300 million for medical research in the Department of Defense Appropriations bill sends a strong signal that we are committed to combating this destructive disease. The Senate should be proud of sending this powerful message.●

RETIREMENT OF JOHN JERMAIN SLOCUM, JR.

● Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, today, I wish to pay tribute to Mr. John Jermain Slocum, Jr., who has served at the Preservation Society of Newport County in Newport, Rhode Island, and is retiring as President and Chairman of the Board.

Jerry Slocum's work is well known to me. I have had the pleasure of knowing the Slocum family for many years. Rhode Island has benefited greatly from their involvement in the community. In fact, during my years as Governor, Jerry assisted me in a variety of functions. Among his duties in my office, Jerry worked as a drafter of proclamations and handled constituent services. In this capacity, Jerry displayed the qualities of a problem solver and a facilitator, which are very important in the workplace.

When Jerry joined the Preservation Society of Newport County in 1990, he brought with him the support and appreciation of historic houses instilled in him by his parents. Since becoming

President, the Society has expanded its number of historic structures from 18 to 23—not an easy feat! The Society now hosts structures ranging from the Hunter House, built in 1748, to the Vanderbilt family's Newport summer house, the Breakers, to its newest acquisition, the Isaac Bell House.

However, Jerry did not stop there. During his tenure, the educational programs offered by the Society have expanded to include: its annual International Symposium, the John Winslow Lectures, the Noreen Stonor Drexel Lecture Series and the Newport Flower Show. Jerry Slocum certainly is a believer in community involvement. He has worked tirelessly to extend the outreach of the Society and its facilities to the community, and in doing so, he has drawn people to Newport from across the country.

This hard work and dedication has brought the Society national recognition. In 1998, the National Trust for Historic Preservation awarded the Preservation Society with a stewardship award for its exceptional contribution to preserving the historic and architectural heritage of Newport. Also, various properties of the Preservation Society have been recognized and used in films such as "The Buccaneers," "Mr. North," and the Arnold Schwarzenegger action film, "True Lies."

As Jerry prepares for his private life away from the duties of his terribly demanding job, I want to congratulate and thank him for all that he has given to the Society and the community.●

TRIBUTE TO THE PROVIDENCE BRUINS

● Mr. REED. Mr. President, for the first time since the America's Cup left Newport for Fremantle in 1983, Rhode Island is home to a championship trophy. With a 5-1 victory over the Rochester Americans last night, the Providence Bruins won the esteemed Calder Cup as the 1999 Champions of the American Hockey League. The P-Bruins have won the hearts of sports fans in Rhode Island since professional hockey returned to the state in 1992 after a 16-year hiatus.

But this victory was much deserved for a team that truly turned itself around. In winning the Calder Cup, the 1999 Providence Bruins became one of only four teams in AHL history to have gone from last place to first in one season. Under the able leadership of Coach Peter Laviolette and assistant Bill Armstrong, the Providence Bruins amassed a 56-20-4 record—tops during the regular season—then ran off a perfect 10-0 record at home in the playoffs. In winning the Calder Cup, this Bruins team can rightly boast that they are among the best in the history of the league.

While this championship was very much the team's victory, a special ac-

knowledgment belongs to Peter Ferraro, who, as the Providence Bruins' leading scorer in the playoffs with nine goals, won the Most Valuable Player honor for the 1999 series. The Providence Bruins' determination and great Championship victory exemplify the dedication of the entire team, and their efforts have been appreciated by the people of Rhode Island, who have flocked to their games throughout the season. All of Rhode Island takes justifiable pride in the Providence Bruins' victory, and we wish them continued success as they strive to repeat as winners of the Calder Cup next year.●

TRIBUTE TO KATE M. RIGGS

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Kate M. Riggs, of Hooksett, New Hampshire, for being selected as a 1999 Presidential Scholar by U.S. Secretary of Education.

Of the over 2.5 million graduating seniors nationwide, Kate is one of only 141 seniors to receive this distinction for academics. This impressive young woman is well-deserving of the title of Presidential Scholar. I wish to commend Kate for her outstanding achievement.

As a student at Manchester High School West in New Hampshire, Kate has served as a role model for her peers through her commitment to excellence. She will graduate as a co-vice editor with a 3.9 grade point average. Kate's positive attitude has endeared her to both teachers and students.

Kate's determination promises to guide her in the future. She will attend Harvard University in the fall and will be faced with many new challenges. Kate is sure to tackle them with the vigor that has brought her success in the past.

It is certain that Kate will continue to excel in her future endeavors. I wish to offer my most sincere congratulations and best wishes to Kate. Her achievements are truly remarkable. It is an honor to represent her in the United States Senate.●

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO KATHERINE DUNHAM

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 90th birthday of Ms. Katherine Dunham. Ms. Dunham has made major contributions in the areas of Dance, Choreography, Musical Composition, Poetry, Anthropology, and has been a champion for the causes of Human Rights and World Peace. Over the course of her career, she has won more than 70 international awards including being selected as a Kennedy Center Honoree. For the past 31 years, Ms. Dunham has lived in East St. Louis, where she has used her talents to enrich the lives of the regions'