

communities. Just as the original 94 farmers were visionary in the early part of the century, 80 years later their cooperative has taken the leading role in working for the Northeast Dairy Compact, ensuring a bright future for the dairy industry in the Northeast.

During its history, the profits, size and scope of Cabot Creamery Cooperative may have grown, but its small town values and sense of community have continued to dictate the way it does business. These values have kept the original purpose and intent of the cooperative intact over the years and have allowed it to remain a locally owned creamery.

For all of these reasons, I couldn't think of a more appropriate way to celebrate Cabot's eightieth anniversary than through the upcoming "Cabot Creamery Heritage Festival," in conjunction with the Vermont Heritage Weekend. I am delighted that the Vermont Historical Society, along with thirty-six community historical societies, will be helping Cabot celebrate by showcasing Vermont's community treasures. These communities will provide examples of the best of Vermont's history, traditions and scenery, ranging from granite artisans, Morgan horses, agricultural exhibits, small town museums, covered bridges, and the beautiful Green Mountains.

I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Cabot Creamery Cooperative on its eightieth anniversary and commend it for its positive influence on the past, present, and future of Vermont.●

#### TRIBUTE TO KELO-TV, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR ITS OUTSTANDING RESPONSE TO THE SPENCER TORNADO

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to KELO television in Sioux Falls, which has earned the "Friend in Need" Service to America Award from The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB). The station is being recognized for its outstanding efforts before, during, and after the devastating tornado which struck the town of Spencer, South Dakota last spring.

As weather conditions deteriorated on May 30, 1998, KELO provided quick, expert warnings to the Spencer area, giving viewers 20 minutes of advance warning. While we lost six citizens in the tornado, the losses could have been much worse if not for the advance warning that gave the community the critical time needed to take cover. KELO provided continual coverage throughout the night of the storm, without regard to the advertising revenues that would surely be lost.

KELO did not stop there. After the tornado ripped through Spencer, KELO documented the widespread destruction of homes, businesses, and infrastruc-

ture. The community desperately needed help, and KELO turned their cameras on themselves to host a telethon which raised more than \$750,000 to assist victims as they struggled to rebuild their homes and lives. During the rebuilding efforts, KELO continued extended coverage that helped bring closure to the tragedy.

Our broadcast stations provide many important community services, but none as important as tracking severe weather and providing warnings. KELO has proven it is a true community partner, and South Dakota will be forever grateful to KELO and our other broadcasters who often put themselves in harm's way to serve others. I congratulate KELO on this very special recognition from the National Association of Broadcasters and extend my personal thanks for a job well done.●

#### KANSAS RECIPIENTS OF THE 1999 SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS

● Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, it gives me extreme pleasure to have the honor of recognizing the Kansas recipients of the Scholastic Art & Writing Award. These nineteen students have excelled in the use of visual arts and the written word. This year's recipients are Matt Anderson, Ebony Blackmon, Mathew Calcara, Martha Clifford, Lisa Coogias, Audrey Dennis, Josephine Herr, Amy Kleinschmidt, Paris Levin, Angela Mai, Curtis Mourn, Nathan Novack, Cody Palmer, Hank Peltzer, Joanna Spaulding, Matthew Stewart, Adriene Swisher, Andrew Tanner, Sarah Wertzberger.

To earn a Scholastic Art & Writing Award, these 19 students were chosen out of 250,000 applicants from across the United States, Canada, U.S. Territories, and U.S. sponsored schools abroad. Their talent illustrates some of the best work in student art and writing. These students should be commended, as should all those responsible for inspiring them and fostering their success.

I congratulate all of the students on their success. As outstanding representatives of Kansas, their work well represents the youth of our State.

Again, congratulations on your outstanding work and I wish you the best in all of your future endeavors.●

#### NORWICH NATIVE SON, DR. WILLIAM R. WILSON JR.

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, few touch the lives of others in so personal a manner as doctors, and this relationship takes on an even more special meaning when the patients are children. Dr. William Wilson Jr. has worked to ensure that young children with severe heart ailments receive the very finest medical care available. He has been instrumental in advancing

many of the recent breakthroughs in heart surgery, and it gives me great pleasure to recognize the achievements of this remarkable man as he is awarded the 1999 Norwich Native Son award for his work within the medical profession.

The Norwich Native Son award is presented to that native of Norwich, Connecticut who has made significant contributions to his or her field outside of the state of Connecticut. As a pediatric cardiovascular surgeon in Missouri, Dr. Wilson has established himself as a leader within the medical profession and continues to enlighten the field with his knowledge and expertise. His innovative procedures are used throughout the country to educate new generations of doctors helping to ensure that this country remains a leader in medical advances.

Born, raised, and educated in Norwich, Dr. Wilson ventured beyond Connecticut's borders to earn his bachelor's degree in biology from Kenyon College. He soon returned to the state to attend the University of Connecticut where he received his doctorate in anatomy and cell biology and, eventually, his medical degree in 1983.

Currently making his home in Missouri, he is the Chief of Pediatric Cardiovascular Surgery at the Children's Hospital, University Hospital and Clinics in Columbia. It is at the University Hospital and Clinics that Dr. Wilson has changed hundreds of children's lives. Dr. Wilson performs delicate procedures on infants and young children with severe heart defects giving countless children an opportunity for healthy normal lives.

Dr. Wilson began performing his advanced heart procedures while serving as the Chief of the Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Division of the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo. Dr. Wilson's breakthrough techniques helped to transform the Medical College of Ohio into the regional leader in performing these surgeries. He has also expanded his work to include heart transplantation, and to date, he has performed this procedure on over 125 adults and children.

Dr. Wilson has also distinguished himself internationally through several outreach programs. Twice he has organized mobile surgical teams and traveled to countries where these vital procedures are unavailable to those in need.

In 1996, Dr. Wilson journeyed to Peru where he performed surgery on 15 local children. He most recently led a medical mission to the children's hospital in Tbilisi in the Republic of Georgia, where he operated on 11 children. Moreover, he has brought children from other countries to medical facilities in the United States to undergo surgery in modern hospitals. His humanitarian efforts have helped shed light on the over one million children worldwide