

the Year in honor of this remarkable achievement.

Mr. President, I applaud Deputy Chief Bidwell on his extensive fire-fighting career and his dedication to the City of Brighton. He is one of the State of Michigan's true role models, and I am glad that the City of Brighton and the Brighton Area Fire Department have taken this opportunity to recognize his many contributions. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate Deputy Chief Charles L. Bidwell on 50 years of service, and wish him continued success in the future.●

30TH BIRTHDAY OF HARBOR TOWER APARTMENTS

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 30th birthday of Harbor Tower Apartments in Escanaba, Michigan, which was officially celebrated on July 13, 2000. For thirty years, the presence of Harbor Tower Apartments has enabled the Escanaba Housing Commission, in coalition with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to provide low-income housing to members of the Escanaba community.

Harbor Tower, an 18 floor, 175 apartment building, was built in 1970. The official dedication of the building took place on July 13th of that same year, and was attended by Miss America Pamela Anne Eldred. The Harbor Tower Apartments are managed by the Escanaba Housing Commission, a group comprised of five full-time employees and a five member Board of Commissioners appointed by the City Council of Escanaba.

To qualify to live in Harbor Tower Apartments, individuals must meet the income guidelines set out by HUD. If they qualify under these guidelines, their rent is determined by their income, with HUD providing subsidy funds. Harbor Tower Apartments is considered a high performer by HUD's PHMAP scoring system. The PHMAP is a grade given to the management and staff on their performance and upkeep of the building.

Perhaps the most important element of Harbor Tower Apartments, at least to the Escanaba Housing Commission, is to make residents feel as if they are a part of a community. They can participate in a variety of activities, including a weekly Rosary, monthly church services, a monthly club meeting, a summer picnic, and other special dinners. In addition, membership in the Harbor Tower Club is available to any resident for only \$6 per year. The club's activities include a monthly catered dinner and dance, an annual Christmas Bazaar, and special holiday parties.

Mr. President, I congratulate all of the people whose hard work over the years has made this 30th birthday possible. It is because of their dedication

that quality housing remains an option to Escanaba citizens of all income levels. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I wish the Harbor Tower Apartments continued success in the future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT OF THE INTERAGENCY ARCTIC RESEARCH POLICY COM- MITTEE—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 127

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 108(b) of Public Law 98-373 (15 U.S.C. 4107(b)), I transmit herewith the Eighth Biennial Report of the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (February 1, 1998, to January 31, 2000).

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 14, 2000.

EIGHTH BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE INTERAGENCY ARCTIC RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE TO THE CONGRESS—FEBRUARY 1, 1998 TO JANUARY 31, 2000

(Prepared by the National Science Foundation for the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee)

BACKGROUND

Section 108(b) of Public Law 98-373, as amended by Public Law 101-609, the Arctic Research and Policy Act, directs the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC) to submit to Congress, through the President, a biennial report containing a statement of the activities and accomplishments of the IARPC. The IARPC was authorized by the Act and was established by Executive Order 12501, dated January 28, 1985.

Section 108(b)(2) of Public Law 98-373, as amended by Public Law 101-609, directs the IARPC to submit to Congress, through the President, as part of its biennial report, a statement "detailing with particularity the recommendations of the Arctic Research Commission with respect to Federal interagency activities in Arctic research and the disposition and responses to those recommendations." In response to this requirement, the IARPC has examined all recommendations of the Arctic Research Commission since February 1998. The required statement appears in Appendix A.

ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During the period February 1, 1998, to January 31, 2000, the IARPC has:

Prepared and published the fifth biennial revision to the United States Arctic Research Plan, as required by Section 108(a)(4) of the Act. The Plan was sent to the President on July 7, 1999.

Published and distributed four issues of the journal Arctic Research of the United States. These issues reviewed all Federal agency Arctic research accomplishments for FY 96 and 97 and included summaries of the IARPC and Arctic Research Commission meetings and activities. The Fall/Winter 1999 issue contained the full text of the sixth biennial revision of the U.S. Arctic Research Plan.

Consulted with the Arctic Research Commission on policy and program matters described in Section 108(a)(3), was represented at meetings of the Commission, and responded to Commission reports and Recommendations (Appendix A).

Continued the processes of interagency cooperation required under Section 108(a)(6)(7), (8) and (9).

Provided input to an integrated budget analysis for Arctic research, which estimated \$185.7 million in Federal support for FY 98 and \$221.5 million in FY 99.

Arranged for public participation in the development of the fifth biennial revision to the U.S. Arctic Research Plan as required in Section 108(a)(10).

Continued to maintain the Arctic Environmental Data Directory (AEDD), which now contains information on over 400 Arctic data sets. AEDD is available on the World Wide Web.

Continued the activities of an Interagency Social Sciences Task Force. Of special concern is research on the health of indigenous peoples and research on the Arctic as a unique environment for studying human environmental adaptation and sociocultural change.

Continued to support an Alaska regional office of the Smithsonian's Arctic Studies Center in cooperation with the Anchorage Historical Museum to facilitate education and cultural access programs for Alaska residents.

Supported continued U.S. participation in the non-governmental International Arctic Science Committee, via the National Research Council.

Participated in the continuing National Security Council/U.S. Department of State implementation of U.S. policy for the Arctic. U.S. policy for the Arctic now includes an expanded focus on science and environmental protection and on the valued input of Arctic residents in research and environmental management issues.

Participated in policy formulation for the ongoing development of the Arctic Council. This Council incorporates a set of principles and objectives for the protection of the Arctic environment and for promoting sustainable development. IARPC supports the contributions being made to projects under the Council's Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program (AMAP) by a number of Federal and State of Alaska agencies. IARPC's Arctic Monitoring Working Group serves as a U.S. focal point for AMAP.

Approved four coordinated Federal agency research initiatives on Arctic Environmental Change, Arctic Monitoring and Assessment, Assessment of Risks to Environments and People in the Arctic, and Marine Science in the Arctic. These initiatives are designed to augment individual agency mission-related programs and expertise and to promote the resolution of key unanswered questions in Arctic research and environmental protection. The initiatives are intended to help