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ADLAI E. STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL NAMED 1999–2000 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, in 1982, the United States Department of Education initiated its Blue Ribbon Schools Program. In each year since, the Department has recognized schools throughout the country which excel in all areas of academic leadership, teaching and teacher development, and school curriculum. In other words, Blue Ribbon Schools are recognized because they are the finest public and private secondary schools our Nation has to offer. They are the schools that set the standard for which others strive. I am very proud to report that nine of the 198 blue Ribbon Schools named by Secretary Richard W. Riley for 1999–2000 are located in the State of Michigan, and I rise today to recognize Adlai E. Stevenson High School in Sterling Heights, Michigan, one of these nine schools.

The mission of Stevenson High School is to provide every student with a positive learning environment, which will allow them to feel a part of a school community while at the same time achieving their greatest potential as responsible and contributing members of society. This mission is reflected in Stevenson's motto, "School of Champions," symbolizing the importance that the faculty and administration place on developing champions in all aspects of life. Students are treated with dignity and with respect, as faculty view this as the most effective method to help them achieve excellence in school and in life of which they are capable.

Indeed, the commitment of the faculty and administration towards making their school achieve to the highest level has been the most important key in it actually achieving at this level. 85 percent of the 94 professional staff members hold masters, specialist or doctorate degrees. All staff serve on one of four target-goal committees, which is only one example among many of how the faculty and administration work cooperatively to facilitate both teaching and learning. They also take an active role in curriculum development, from researching new textbooks and other classroom materials to serving on curriculum committees at the district level. The faculty and administration recently witnessed the success of their efforts, as Stevenson High School recently completed its five-year journey to achieve North Central Outcome-Based Accreditation.

The administration at Stevenson High School has also made a concerted effort to ensure that their school is as safe as possible. There is zero tolerance regarding weapons, violence, threats of violence and the use of alcohol or other drugs. A building security plan is in place and practiced on a regular basis, and an evacuation plan is in place to safeguard students and staff in an emergency or crisis. In addition, a support network has been established at Stevenson High School so effective that students trust the administration and faculty enough to forewarn them of potential problems. This is due to the success of student organizations such as the Students Offering Services Club, the Renaissance Club, the Cultural Diversity Council and the Peer Mediation Program. Because of these support groups, students feel connected to the school and to each other, and know that they are valued as individuals.

Mr. President, I applaud the students, parents, faculty and administration of Stevenson High School, for I believe this is an award which speaks more to the effort of a united community that it does to the work of a few individuals. With that having been said, I would like to recognize Mr. Donald R. Nawrocki, the Principal of Stevenson High School, whose dedication to making his school one of the finest in our Nation has been instrumental in creating this community. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate Adlai E. Stevenson High School on being named a Blue Ribbon School for 1999–2000, and wish the school continued success in the future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:00 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4392) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3292) to provide for the establishment of the Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.J. Res. 111. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

At 10:54 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4345. An act to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to clarify the process of allotments to Alaskan Natives who are veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4853. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1568 South Glen Road in South Euclid, Ohio, as the "Arnold C. D'Amico Station."

H.R. 5083. An act to extend the authority of the Los Angeles Unified School District to use certain park lands in the city of South Gate, California, which were acquired with amounts provided from the land and water conservation fund, for elementary school purposes.

H.R. 5174. An act to amend titles 10 and 18, United States Code, and the Revised Statutes to remove the uncertainty regarding the authority of the Department of Defense to permit buildings located on military installations and reserve component facilities to be used as polling places in Federal, State, and local elections for public office.

H.R. 5417. An act to rename the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act as the "McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act."

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

H. Con. Res. 423. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Million Family March.

H. Con. Res. 427. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House to correct the enrollment of H.R. 2415.

H. Con. Res. 428. Concurrent resolution providing for corrections in the enrollment of the bill (H.R. 5164) amending title 49, United States Code, to require reports concerning defects in motor vehicles or tires or other motor vehicle equipment in foreign countries, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 34) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4002) to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to revise and improve provisions relating to famine prevention and freedom from hunger.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4386) to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide medical assistance for certain women screened and found to have breast or cervical cancer under a federally funded screening program, to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food,