

with distinction. He succeeded in eliminating Virginia's Medicaid deficit which had resulted from recession and cutbacks at the federal level. Joe also left a legacy of improvements in Virginia's prevention efforts in such areas as health, social services, mental health, rehabilitation, job training and independent living. After serving in my Administration, Joe spent the remainder of his professional years as a professor of political economy at George Mason University where he inspired many a student.

However, Joe Fisher's service as a public official only tells part of the story. He served his country in the Pacific during World War II. Joe worked his way through college as a professional boxer and was also a semi-professional basketball player in the Northern New England League. He was a Harvard trained economist and led the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Joe passed away in 1992 from cancer. He left behind his most important legacy—a wonderful family. His wife Peggy, an exceptionally talented individual in her own right and the secret to Joe's success, remains a valued friend to me and my family. Joe is also survived by seven children, sixteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

In a sermon he wrote entitled "Endings and Beginnings," Joe referred to "the only immortality we can count on" as "the immortality of the good and worthy life whose influence lives on in the hearts and minds of those whom it touches." Joe Fisher lived this "good and worthy life" and his influence will always live on in those whom he had such an indelible impact.●

SECOND COMPANY GOVERNOR'S FOOT GUARD

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor one of the oldest military organizations in the United States, founded even before our country became a unified nation; the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard of New Haven. Later this week the men and women of the Second Company will celebrate their 225th anniversary which is truly a monumental observance in this first year of the new millennium.

Mr. President, let me share with you the history of the Second Company because it is essentially, the history of the new nation and the colonies that became the United States of America. The first meeting of the yet to be named military organization was during the winter of 1774 and included many men whose names are known to every student who has studied American history; Benedict Arnold, Ethan Allen and Aaron Burr. Later that winter, on March 2, 1775, fifty eight men signed a memorial to form themselves into a military company. At that time,

the General Assembly of the Governor and Colony of Connecticut was sitting in New Haven and made this memorial special business. On that same day, recognizing the importance and significance of this memorial, the General Assembly granted a charter to the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard. It didn't take long for the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard to see action when, at the beginning of the American Revolution, under the command of Captain Benedict Arnold, the Second Company answered the Lexington Alarm, seized the stores of gunpowder at the Town of New Haven and marched to the Siege of Boston. The date was April 22, 1775, and each year the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard performs a colorful reenactment of this event on Powder House Day in New Haven.

Three years later, during the British invasion on July 2, 1779, Captain Hezekiah Sabin and the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard defended New Haven at the bridge over the West River. Time and again our nation has been defended by the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard. In 1861 the Second Company formed a war company which was known as the Company K, Sixth Connecticut Volunteers, left for the front in the Civil War, and fought in twenty six battles and skirmishes before being mustered out in August of 1865.

Since 1775, the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard has been escort to every Governor of the Colony and the State of Connecticut and has served as honor guard to fourteen American Presidents and in our Bicentennial Year, the Queen of England. Mr. President, were it not for the dedicated service of the Second Company, Governor's Foot Guard for the past 225 years, I dare say the history of Connecticut, the Constitution State, as well as the United States of America would be different. Every one of us in this Chamber owes a debt of gratitude to the Second Company, Governor's Foot Guard. As the Second Company celebrates 225 years of service, under the leadership of Major Commandant Peter A. Wasilewski, I rise in humble thanks to the hundreds of men and women who have proudly worn the red coat uniform and to those who will in the future. I ask those in this Chamber to join me in honoring the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard for 225 years of service to the Governor, the General Assembly and the people of the Colony and State of Connecticut.●

DIONNE A. COLE NAMED ACHIEVER OF THE MONTH

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, in October of 1993, the State of Michigan Family Independence Agency commemorated the first anniversary its landmark welfare reform initiative, To

Strengthen Michigan Families, by naming its first Achiever of the Month. In each month since, the award has been given to an individual who participates in the initiative and has shown outstanding progress toward self-sufficiency. I rise today to recognize Ms. Dionne A. Cole, who was the recipient of the award for the month of March, 2000.

Ms. Cole is the single mother of a three-year-old son. She began receiving assistance from the Family Independence Agency in September of 1999. Though at this time she was a single mother with no job experience, through a self-initiated job search Ms. Cole obtained employment as a security guard for Strategic Protection Group that same month. To ease the transition, F.I.A. assisted Ms. Cole with child care and provided her with funds to purchase a car.

In December of 1999, her cash assistance from F.I.A. ended because of earned income. Nonetheless, by budgeting her money wisely, Ms. Cole recently has signed the lease on her first apartment. With the help of her Family Independence Specialist, electric and heat accounts were established for her at this residence.

Ms. Cole has her high school diploma and would like to attend Wayne County Community College to study Business Management. Her ultimate goal is to own her own beauty shop.

Mr. President, I applaud Ms. Dionne Cole for being named Achiever of the Month for March of 2000. It is an honor for which she has worked very hard and she truly deserves. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate Ms. Cole, and wish her continued success in the future.●

HILLEL JEWISH DAY SCHOOL HONORS MR. AND MRS. DAVID HERMELIN

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I am honored to rise today in recognition of David and Doreen Hermelin, long-time residents of Detroit, Michigan. The couple recently returned home from Norway, where Mr. Hermelin served as United States Ambassador. On June 6, 2000, the Hermelins will be honored by Hillel Day School, an independent Conservative Jewish Day School located in Farmington Hills, Michigan. Together, they will receive the 2000 Dream Maker Award, which recognizes the achievements of a person or persons who are committed to the cause of Jewish education, and also the Rabbi Jacob Segal Award, given annually in blessed memory of Rabbi Segal, one of the founders of Hillel Day School.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermelin have often been recognized for their dedication to the Jewish community, both nationally and internationally. Before his ambassadorship, Mr. Hermelin served as the International Chairman of State

of Israel Bonds, and as Vice-Chair of United Jewish Appeal. He has been honored by the State of Israel with the Golda Meir Leadership Award, given the Knights of Charity Award by the Archdiocese of Detroit, and received the Golden Menorah Award for Community Service from B'nai B'rith. Mrs. Hermelin is a recipient of the Women of Valor Award from the State of Israel Bonds, the Humanitarian Award from B'nai B'rith, the Heart of Gold from the United Foundation, and was also named the Woman of the Year by B'nai B'rith Women.

The Hermelin's philanthropic and humanitarian work has extended well past the bounds of their faith. Mrs. Hermelin currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Foundation for the Arts and on the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Opera Theater and the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation. She is a member of the Cranbrook Art Association and the Women's Committee of the Michigan Lung Association. Mr. Hermelin serves on the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, the Greater Detroit Interfaith Round Table, and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall. He sits on the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Developmental Foundation and on the Advisory Board of the United Way for Southeastern Michigan. Together, David and Doreen have volunteered their efforts on behalf of Friends of Modern Art of the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Mr. President, I am sure that June 6 will be a special day for David and Doreen Hermelin. They have long supported Hillel Day School, and their eldest of six grandchildren, Matthew Orley, will also be rewarded by the school this spring, with his high-school diploma.

It is my hope that these two events remind David Hermelin and Doreen Curtis how far they have come since they first met at Camp Tamakwa in 1949. I also hope that they take the time to think about just how many lives they have touched with their many charitable efforts.

Mr. President, I would like to welcome Ambassador and Mrs. Hermelin back to metropolitan Detroit. While I do appreciate the work the couple did in Norway, it is my preference that they stay in Michigan for a while. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate David and Doreen Hermelin on receiving the 2000 Dream Maker Award and the Rabbi Jacob Segal Award, and I applaud Hillel Day School for recognizing this magnificent pair.●

A TRIBUTE TO MR. JIM CASH

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today in honor and in memory of a

dear friend of mine, Mr. Jim Cash, who passed away on March 24 at the age of 59. Jim is internationally recognized as a screenplay writer. He co-wrote the movies "Top Gun," "The Secret of My Success," "Dick Tracy," and "Turner and Hooch," among others. I would like to recognize him today, however, not for his writing achievements, but for his contributions to the Lansing, Michigan, community, and the campus of our alma mater, Michigan State University. It is there, I believe, where his words found their most attentive listeners. It is also there where they had their most profound effects.

Jim began teaching a film history course at Michigan State in 1974, taking the job as an adjunct professor. He hoped only to earn some money to continue his screenplay writing. When he and co-writer Jack Epps, Jr., a former student, found success together in the mid-1980's, it would have been easy for Jim to leave Michigan State behind for the brighter pastures of Hollywood. Instead, Jim stayed in Lansing. He stayed because he had discovered that he loved to teach as much as he loved to write. And the reason that he loved teaching was because he loved instilling into his students the same love for writing and for film that he had. Witnessing this process occur in his students never got old. He stayed, Mr. President, because he realized that with his teaching he had a true impact on the lives of individuals, something he could not have attained in Hollywood, not on the same level as he could at Michigan State.

Jim taught more than just the six-hundred students who often filled his classrooms, though. He and his wife, Cynthia, were very active in Lansing community fine arts programs, volunteering their time throughout the area. They provided money for the creation of many fine arts scholarships. Jim also helped to write and direct a production at East Lansing High School entitled "4 Years to Life," which dramatized the rigors of high school life. In the last year of his life, Jim and Cynthia could often be found at the Silverscreen Café, a coffee shop that they owned together.

Mr. President, with his writing ability, Jim forever left his mark on Hollywood. With his incredible spirit and immense knowledge, he forever left his mark on Lansing, Michigan, Michigan State University, and thousands upon thousands of students. And with his personality, he forever left his mark on anyone who had the chance to meet him. Plain and simple, he was an incredible man, and he will be greatly missed.●

DR. MAUREEN A. FAY RECEIVES ALTERNATIVES FOR GIRLS ROLE MODEL AWARD

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, Alternatives for Girls is an organization

which provides aid and assistance to vulnerable young women in the metropolitan Detroit area. Founded in 1987, Alternatives for Girls remains committed to its original mission of helping homeless and high-risk girls and young women avoid violence, teen pregnancy, and exploitation, while at the same time helping them explore and access the support, resources and opportunities necessary to be safe, to grow strong, and to make positive choices for their lives. It has been recognized by Newsweek as a social service agency that works, and named one of the best managed non-profit organizations in the Detroit area by Crain's Business Weekly.

Each year, the Alternatives For Girls selects two female role models to receive its Role Model Award. With this award, the organization seeks to identify and honor women who, through their professional accomplishments, personal attributes, and demonstrated commitment to community, affirm the principles embodied in Alternative For Girls' purpose, and provide inspiration and concrete examples of what women can attain when afforded the opportunity and the guidance to make positive life choices. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and honor Dr. Maureen A. Fay and Ms. Pamela Rodgers, who will receive the Alternatives For Girls Role Model Award at the 11th Annual Role Model Dinner, on April 6, 2000.

Dr. Fay has lived a life dedicated to education. Before graduating from the University of Chicago with a doctorate in social sciences in 1976, she taught at the University of Illinois, Northern Illinois University, and DePaul University. After her graduation, she became Dean of Continuing Education and Graduate Studies at Saint Xavier University in Chicago. In 1983, she was named president of Mercy College of Detroit. In 1990, when Mercy College consolidated with the University of Detroit, she became the first president of the University of Detroit-Mercy. She has served in this position for the last ten years, focusing her efforts on the growth and revitalization of Michigan's largest Catholic University.

Dr. Fay is active, and provides leadership, in a variety of educational organizations. She serves on the executive committee of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, the executive committee of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, is a member of the Association of Mercy Colleges, and is a member of the executive committee of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan.

Dr. Fay has also been extremely active in the Detroit area. She currently serves on the boards of Bank One Corporation, Kelly Services, Inc., the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, the Economic Club of Detroit, New Detroit, Inc., the National Conference for