

state offices are: Jose Melendez, a student from Northwest Nazarene University in the Boise office; Angela Nyland of Idaho State University and Mark H. Liedtke of Century High School in the Pocatello office; Kjersta Baum of Ricks College and Kristina Pack of Skyline High School in the Idaho Falls office. Past interns in the Idaho Falls office whom I would like to recognize include Pricilla Giddings of Salmon River, Jr./Sr. High School and Jared Lords of Idaho State University.

These interns are a welcome addition to my Idaho and Washington, DC, offices. They have brought their energy and scholastic ability with them and helped make my office more responsive to constituents at home.

In return for their effort, these students gain the satisfaction of helping their fellow citizens, the reward of being a well-trained worker, and the opportunity to make lifelong political contacts. Some have incorporated their study into their curriculum and will receive academic credit for their endeavors.

For these reasons, I will continue to provide internship opportunities to Idaho students. Student internship programs are an excellent example that student employment is pivotal in the continuation of a well-trained work force.

I commend my colleagues who have done their part by opening their offices to interns. I hope that they have seen, as I have, that student internships offer numerous benefits to both the congressional office and the student.

I thank the students who have participated in an internship. Their time as interns has made them knowledgeable citizens on the subject of government, and their participation has enriched our nation's legislative process.●

16TH ANNUAL TUFTONIA'S WEEK CELEBRATION AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY

● Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, this month marks the 16th annual observance of Tuftonia's Week by Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts. As part of this impressive celebration, large numbers of the 80,000-plus Tufts alumni from around the world return to honor their outstanding university. We are fortunate to have many distinguished Tufts alumni working on Capitol Hill, so many of us are well aware of the high quality of these graduates.

This celebration always has special meaning for me. My daughter, Kara, is a graduate of Tufts, and I've also worked closely with many Tufts scholars on a wide range of public policy issues. I am proud to count myself as a member of the Tufts family, and to add my congratulations to the official proclamations by Governors and Mayors across the country.

For the past 148 years, Tufts has trained many of our nation's out-

standing scholars and distinguished political leaders. Tufts has provided outstanding leadership in medicine, engineering, nutrition and education. In addition to Tufts' strong academic tradition, it is a national leader in emphasizing service learning and providing opportunities for students to combine community service with their academic life. This program called "TuftServe" was highlighted when President Clifton held his Summit for America's Future in 1997, and it continues to be a model for the country. Campus Compact, housed at Tufts, has assisted Massachusetts colleges in participating in America Reads and America Counts, two initiatives that continue to improve the lives and futures of children in public schools.

I commend Tufts for the wide range of opportunities that it continues to offer to its students and alumni, and I also commend Tufts' President, John DiBiaggio, and all the members of the Tufts community for their impressive accomplishments in enhancing education and contributing so effectively to Massachusetts, the nation, and the world.●

232ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

● Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, April 5th marked the 232nd anniversary of the founding of the first Chamber of Commerce in the United States. A full eight years before the colonies declared their "independence" from English rule, New York City business owners banded together to create a unified voice. Today, there are thousands of local Chambers from Anchorage, Alaska to Zumbrota, Minnesota.

Over the past eight years, I have had to honor to work with these grassroots organizations on a wide variety of issues. Whether its been estate tax relief or permanent normalized trade with China, Minnesota's chambers have been there, working for Minnesota's job providers, every step of the way. That is why I was so proud to receive the Chamber's Spirit of Enterprise award earlier this year.

When Washington talks about our strong economy, debating what to do with the billions in federal surplus dollars, it sometimes appears as though Congress wants to take all the credit. Policy makers focus on the innovations, the increased productivity, the "globalization" of today's marketplace as proof of their good work. I don't need to remind my colleagues that the only thing Government can do is to remove the barriers to competition and provide a level playing field. The rest is a direct result of the entrepreneurial spirit of the men and women who've sacrificed to build businesses around Minnesota and around the country. Employers and employees, working hand in hand and with their chamber of

commerce, have helped to turn this nation around.

So Mr. President, while our chamber members are taking care of business back home, we must recognize they are looking to the Congress for leadership to stem the tide of burdensome regulations and oppressive taxes. I believe working together, we can create an environment where all can thrive. And as we mark the anniversary of the first chamber of commerce, let us celebrate the contributions of all our chambers.●

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES STEWARD MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND MR. PETER LEVINE, MPH

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise to congratulate Mott Community College and Mr. Peter Levine, MPH on being selected as the 1999 Corporate and Individual Health Advocates of the Year by the American Lung Association of the Michigan-Genesee Valley Region. Mott Community College and Mr. Levine are being honored by the Lung Association for their efforts to encourage, promote and raise awareness about improving the health of the Genesee Valley Region.

Mott Community College (MCC) is a dynamic community institution serving the needs of all the residents of Genesee County. This commitment to community service is manifested in the school's efforts to promote public health on campus and in the community. MCC has implemented a pro-active lung health program that not only eliminates smoking in all campus buildings, but also assists smokers in their efforts to "kick the habit". MCC provides counseling for employees who desire to quit smoking, and its health insurance providers offer educational programs to support employees who desire to quit smoking.

In addition, MCC has become a leader in community service. The college encourages faculty and staff to serve on local boards for community-based, non-profit organizations, and the school allows employees to fulfill these commitments on company time, if necessary. The school also serves as a gathering place for community health special events. The annual MCC Health Fair brings community and health officials together, and Tipper Gore chaired a recent mental health town meeting on campus. MCC students and faculty in the health sciences share their expertise by assisting school groups, churches and the Genesee County Public Health Department with a variety of community health initiatives.

Peter Levine has served his community, state, and country in countless ways. He serves as the Executive Director of the Genesee County Medical Society. The Society is a progressive organization which seeks to be pro-patient and pro-physician. During Mr. Levine's tenure, the Medical Society has

grown from a small association employing a few people into a set of four corporations serving the medical and general community with approximately 80 employees. The Society focuses on medical, social, bioethics, environmental health and resource allocation issues.

Mr. Levine has been on the faculty of Michigan State University since 1985, where he is currently an Associate Adjunct Professor in the College of Human Medicine. He has published extensively about health issues in scholarly and popular journals. In 1992, *Health Care Weekly Review* cited him as one of the eight most influential health care policy individuals or organizations in the State of Michigan. Peter Levine was a founding Board Member and volunteer for the Genesee County Free Medical Clinic. He also serves on the board of numerous civic and professional organizations. Currently he is the Chair of the Michigan Council of County Medical Society Executives.

Mr. President, I have mentioned only a small sampling of the many ways in which Charles Steward Mott Community College and Mr. Peter Levine have used their creativity, hard work and unflagging commitment to public service to make this community and our nation a better place to live. I know my colleagues will join me in honoring Mott Community College and Peter Levine for service on behalf of the Genesee Valley Region and State of Michigan.●

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF CHARLIE MOHR

● Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of Charles "Charlie" Joseph Mohr, the University of Wisconsin's last 165-pound collegiate boxing champion. In April 1960, Charlie was badly beaten in a NCAA championship bout against San Jose State's Stuart Bartell. Minutes later he began convulsing in the locker room and lost consciousness. A week afterward, Charlie died without regaining consciousness.

Charlie grew up in Merrick, NY, and learned to box in nearby Long Beach. At age 18, he reached the semifinals of the prestigious New York City Golden Gloves amateur boxing tournament. In 1955, Charlie wrote a letter to Wisconsin's boxing Coach John Walsh asking about the possibility of receiving a scholarship. Coach Walsh eagerly obliged.

At the university, he excelled in all aspects of campus life. He was a good student who helped others study for their exams. Charlie was very involved with the local parish St. Paul's Church and even thought about becoming a priest.

However, it was in the ring where he gained his notoriety. In his freshman

year, he won two university tournaments despite not being able to compete on the varsity team. The next year he won seven of his nine fights. As a junior, he captured the NCAA's 165-pound championship after defeating Jesse Klinkenberg.

The cause of Charlie's death is still in question. Doctors dispute whether the brain hemorrhaging that led to his untimely passing was caused by a blow at the hands of Bartell or an aneurysm. No one can dispute the profound impact his death had on the University and the intercollegiate sport. A couple of weeks after Charlie's death the faculty decided to disband the school's boxing program. Soon after, the NCAA followed suit, abolishing boxing as a sanctioned sport.

On January 19, 1999, I proposed S. 143, the Professional Boxing Safety Act Amendments of 1999 in order to try to protect fighters from lasting and debilitating head injuries in the ring. The bill passed, as an amendment to S. 305, the Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act, on July 27 of last year. The bill will require fighters to undergo a computer axial tomography (CAT) scan before a fighter can renew their professional license. Hopefully, the lesson taught to us by Charlie Mohr will not be forgotten.●

IN RECOGNITION OF BETH DANIEL

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, it is a pleasure for me to recognize one of South Carolina's most outstanding athletes, Beth Daniel, who was recently inducted into the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour Hall of Fame—only the 16th woman to claim this prestigious honor.

A native of Charleston, SC, Daniel moved to Greenville to attend Furman University and play collegiate golf. While a student at Furman, she captured the U.S. Women's Amateur title twice, in 1975 and 1977. She was a member of the 1976 and 1978 U.S. Curtis Cup teams and the 1978 World Cup team. Since joining the LPGA Tour in 1979, she has collected an impressive 32 career victories and seven LPGA awards, including the 1979 LPGA Rookie of the Year award.

Beth had a phenomenal year in 1990, winning seven tournaments, including a major—the Mazda LPGA Championship—and setting a record for consecutive rounds in the 60s with nine. Also in 1990, she was named the Rolex Player of the Year and the United Press International Female Athlete of the Year. In 1995, she entered the South Carolina Golf Hall of Fame and, in 1996, became the third player in LPGA history to cross the \$5 million mark in career earnings. She was also a member of the victorious 1996 U.S. Solheim Cup team.

Beth Daniel's accomplishments on the LPGA Tour and her many contributions to women's golf make her an ex-

cellent addition to the LPGA Hall of Fame. She is a credit to her sport, to Charleston, and to the State of South Carolina.●

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL DOBMEIER

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Michael Dobmeier and to recognize him as a member of a distinguished group of North Dakotans who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership in their military careers and civilian life.

Michael was recently elected National Commander of the million-member Disabled American Veterans, a group with a historic tradition of advocating responsible legislation to assist disabled veterans, their families and survivors. Speaking of the DAV recently Michael said, "I soon discovered the critical role the DAV serves in the lives of disabled veterans and their families in my community and communities nationwide." I wholeheartedly agree with this statement and attest to the fact that Michael has exemplified through his many significant achievements the great importance of the Disabled American Veterans.

Michael Dobmeier is a native of Grand Forks, North Dakota. After graduating from high-school, he enlisted in the navy in 1969. Following boot camp in San Diego, he trained as an engine man in Great Lakes, IL, attended Submarine School in New London, CT, and, later, Diver's School in San Diego.

While serving off the coast of Washington in April 1972 aboard the USS *Trigger*, Michael was severely burned when an engine crankcase oil heater exploded. It sprayed him with flaming oil and caused him 2nd and 3rd degree burns over more than 30 percent of his body.

Following this accident, Michael received a military discharge and joined the Grand Forks' Disabled American Veterans Chapter 2. Since then, he has held almost every local, state, and national leadership position in the organization and has held all chapter and department leadership positions. At the 1994 DAV National Convention, Michael was chosen to serve on the National Executive and Finance Committee, was elected 4th and 3rd Junior Vice Commander consecutively at the 1995 and 1996 DAV National Conventions, and at the 1997 National Convention was elected 1st Junior Vice Commander. In 1998, Michael was elected Senior Vice Commander at the National Convention in Las Vegas, NV. He was also the president of the North Dakota Veterans Home Foundation and was chosen the 1985 DAV Outstanding Member of the Department of North Dakota.

Michael Dobmeier resides in Grand Forks with his wife Sandra Jo and their two children. As owner and President of Dobmeier, Inc., an independent