

it would be one of the largest districts in Washington state.

Index School District is one of the smallest in the state, with only 35 students from preschool to 7th grade. Because of the district's size and location in a rural area, the district has constantly struggled to find funding that could boost student achievement. Index's Superintendent and Principal, Martin Boyle, took the funding challenges head on and has worked tirelessly to find money for Index's students through federal grants and a \$298,208 bond levy that was passed in 1998. After four years of hard work, the Index School District has become a model for other schools.

Improving student reading levels was one of the first goals Boyle and his colleagues accomplished. The district hired a reading specialist and with the help of parents and local volunteers, reading levels have soared. Recently, Boyle started a new mentor reading program called, "Help One Student to Succeed." He hopes it will get parents involved in teaching their children to read, as well as a new way to promote and innovate reading skills, advancing student reading levels by an even greater margin.

Index School District's includes 20 staff members and 5 board members who work tirelessly for their students and are constantly brainstorming new activities and new programs that will help their students learn. They have even started an after-school program for children who in the past, were sitting outside waiting for their parents' workday to end. Students now use this extra time to participate in fun activities that reinforce classroom curriculum.

In addition, last summer, the district implemented the Index Elementary Summer School Program where students take part in hands on art and cultural activities. Students also visit art museums and theaters, as well as travel to other parts of the state for hiking and camping activities, giving children opportunities to learn and challenge their knowledge outside the classroom.

Many students at Index also depend on their school as a home away from home, relying on the school for three meals a day. While a majority of students qualify for free and reduced lunches, the staff of Index understands the importance of meals for their students and have made it a priority to create and fund a food program which was recognized with a "Children's Alliance Award."

The innovation and commitment of the Index School District's staff is truly inspiring. Clearly, the children are succeeding in the classroom and will be ready to take on any challenge. I think it is uplifting to hear that the power of a few can empower many, as the educator's of Index have done.

Every local school district is unique. I hope that highlighting Index with my "Innovation in Education" Award will show others that wonderful things happen when you put children first.●

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SALVATION ARMY IN BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today in honor of the Salvation Army in Benton Harbor, Michigan, which on May 20-21, 2000, will celebrate its 75th Anniversary. This event will conclude a very special week for the organization, as May 15-21, 2000, is also National Salvation Army Week, during which Americans have the opportunity to salute an organization that does so many things for so many people around the world.

Mr. President, the mission of the movement remains the same as it was in 1865, when William and Catherine Booth formed an evangelical group, and preached to people living in poverty on the east side of London: to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. The organization, officially titled the Salvation Army in 1878, and its many adherents, soldiers, officers, and volunteers, remain dedicated to caring for the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, loving the unlovable, and befriending those who have no friends.

In its 135 years, the Salvation Army has expanded from this small coalition of individuals in London into a multifaceted, global organization. Its outreach currently extends to over 100 countries, and the Gospel is preached by its officers and soldiers in 160 languages. Each year, the organization assists over 27 million individuals. In the United States alone, there are 1.7 million volunteers, 470,000 Salvationists, 5,339 officers, and 43,000 employees serving the Salvation Army.

Amid such statistics I fear it is easy to overlook the essential fact that the foundation of the Salvation Army lies at the community level. It is an organization based in communities, whose volunteers, officers and employees are primarily concerned with helping members of their own community in the name of Jesus Christ. Whether it be through summer camps, day care centers, services for senior citizens, shelters for battered wives and children, drug rehabilitation, or family and career counseling, where there is a Salvation Army, there are people working hard to improve their community.

With this in mind, Mr. President, I applaud the officers, Salvationists, volunteers and employees of the Salvation Army in Benton Harbor, whose efforts over the years have had made this anniversary possible. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I wish the Salvation Army in Benton Harbor a

happy 75th birthday, and continued success in the future.●

TRIBUTE TO MARY MIDDLETON

● Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Mary Middleton of Covington, Kentucky, for receiving the Friends of Covington Award for Outstanding Community Service.

Mary is a devoted civic leader and volunteer in Covington and throughout Kenton County. She gives her time and energy to numerous activities at church, and has provided leadership for several Northern Kentucky organizations. Mary helped found the Northern Kentucky Interfaith Commission and was the first president of the area's Salvation Army Auxiliary. In her many years of service to the community, she also was president of the Covington Art Club, Booth Hospital Auxiliary, Church Women United, and the Mary Circle of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Mary's kindness and generosity does not end there—she also has been involved with the Heritage League, Northern Kentucky Symphony, Women's Health Initiative, American Cancer Society, Florence Women's Club, and the Friends of Covington.

Aside from being involved in civic and philanthropic activities, Mary has long been an active member of the Northern Kentucky Republican Party and a driving force for Kentucky's Republican women. Back in the 1960s, Mary helped found the Kenton County Republican Women's Club and continues her work there today.

Mary also deserves credit for the many successes in her personal life. She and Clyde have been happily married for many, many years and have showed enormous strength of character and have a marriage that is an example to us all.

My colleagues and I join in congratulating you, Mary, on yet another fine achievement and we thank you for the time and effort you have put into others lives. I know the people of Northern Kentucky will continue to benefit from your generosity for many years to come.●

CONGRATULATING WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY IN THE WE THE PEOPLE . . . THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION NATIONAL FINALS

● Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to congratulate the class from Westminister Christian Academy in St. Louis that represented the state of Missouri in the We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution national finals in Washington, D.C., during May 6-8, 2000. These young scholars worked diligently to reach the national finals, where they received honorable

mention. Through this experience they have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy.

I would like to recognize Rebekah Baxter, Anna-Grace Claassen, Samantha Denny, Jonathan Friz, Joseph Goldkamp, Nick Gustafson, Tim Ivancic, Aaron Johnson, Melissa Millar, Sarah Munson, John Murphy, Steve Ottolini, Nick Pavlenko, Dawn Piehl, Rodney Schnellbacher, Michelle Stanford, Lindsey Vehlewald and Kristen Walle and their teacher Ken Boesch.

The We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution program is an extensive educational program developed specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The three-day national competition is modeled after hearings in the U.S. Congress. These hearings consist of oral presentations by high school students before a panel of adult judges. The students testify as constitutional experts before a panel of judges representing various regions of the country and a variety of appropriate fields. The students' testimony is followed by a period of questioning by the simulated congressional committee. The judges probe students for their depth of understanding and ability to apply their constitutional knowledge.

I would like to congratulate the class from Westminister Christian Academy on their exemplary performance at the We the People . . . national finals. I wish these young "constitutional experts" from Missouri the best of luck in their future endeavors.●

THE HONORABLE BARRY M. GRANT RECEIVES ELEANOR ROOSEVELT HUMANITIES AWARD

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, each year, the Attorney Division of State of Israel Bonds honors two individuals with the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award. Recipients of this award are recognized for their contributions to the legal profession as well as their outstanding service to humanity in the spirit and ideals of Mrs. Roosevelt. I rise today to recognize the Honorable Barry M. Grant and the Honorable Nanci J. Grant, who will both receive the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award on May 16, 2000, in Southfield, Michigan.

The Honorable Barry M. Grant has been an Oakland County Probate Judge since 1977, currently serving as the Chief Judge Pro Tem for the county's probate court. He received his graduate degree from Michigan State University and his law degree from Wayne State University, with postgraduate work at Northwestern University and Harvard Law School. Prior to becoming a Judge, he was a practicing attorney,

having started his career as a clerk in the Probate Court and later serving as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.

Judge Grant is President of the National College of Probate Judges and Editor of their national publication. He serves as the Secretary of the Judicial Tenure Commission and was the Chairman of that organization in 1992 and 1993. He has served as Secretary, Treasurer and President of the Michigan Judges Association and was President of the Oakland County Judges Association. Judge Grant has been on several gubernatorial commissions including the Governor's Traffic Safety Commission and the Strategic Planning Commission for programs for the mentally ill. In addition, Judge Grant authors a weekly column in *The Detroit News*, helping to keep many Michigan residents abreast of current issues involving the law.

In addition, Judge Grant dedicates much of his time to the Oakland County Community. He has served as Treasurer of the Southfield Board of Education, was a member of the Parent Youth Guidance Commission, is on the Board of Trustees of William Beaumont Hospital, and is a Director of the Boys Scouts of America, Clinton Valley Council. He has served as a Director of the Oakland County Chapters of the American Cancer Association, the Michigan Cancer Foundation and the March of Dimes. He is also on the board of the YMCA of Oakland County and is a Director of the Oakland County Youth Assistance Advisory Council.

Mr. President, I applaud the Honorable Barry M. Grant on his many personal achievements within the realm of the law and his many charitable endeavors outside of that realm. Not only Oakland County, but the entire State of Michigan, has benefitted from his great works. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate Judge Grant on receiving the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award. He is certainly deserving of the honor.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:57 p.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. 2647. An act to amend the Act entitled "An Act relating to the water rights of the Ak-Chin Indian Community" to clarify certain provisions concerning the leasing of such water rights, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3244. An act to combat trafficking of persons, especially into the sex trade, slavery, and slavery-like conditions in the United States and countries around the world through prevention, through prosecution and enforcement against traffickers, and through protection and assistance to victims of trafficking.

H.R. 3293. An act to amend the law that authorized the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to

authorize the placement within the site of the memorial of a plaque to honor those Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service.

H.R. 3313. An act to amend section 119 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the program for Long Island Sound, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4040. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a program under which long-term care insurance is made available to Federal employees, members of the uniformed services, and civilian and military retirees, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4365. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to children's health.

H.R. 4386. An act 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, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to surveillance and information concerning the relationship between cervical cancer and the human papillomavirus (HPV), and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2647. An act to amend the Act entitled "An Act relating to the water rights of the Ak-Chin Indian Community" to clarify certain provisions concerning the leasing of such water rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 3293. An act to amend the law that authorized the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to authorize the placement within the site of the memorial of a plaque to honor those Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4040. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a program under which long-term care insurance is made available to Federal employees, members of the uniformed services, and civilian and military retirees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4365. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to children's health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3313. An act to amend section 119 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the program for Long Island Sound, and for other purposes.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 4386. An act to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide medical assistance for certain women screened and