

of telemedicine, (4) new initiatives to speed evacuation of wounded soldiers from the battlefield.

Mr. President, Lieutenant General Blanck is a great credit to the Army and the Nation. Even with all of the extraordinary accomplishments during his thirty-two years of service, General Blanck will be remembered mostly for his great compassion for people, his loyalty to his country and his inspirational leadership.●

RECOGNITION OF DR. PAT JOHNSON, PRINCIPAL OF KENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

● Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, the students at Kent Elementary School have witnessed many innovative changes thanks to the hard work and foresight of their principal, Dr. Pat Johnson. For the last nine years, Dr. Johnson has been called a strong and supportive leader by her colleagues and never ceases to make the mark of excellence high for her staff and students. I applaud Dr. Johnson's work in transforming an at-risk school into one of excellence.

Kent Elementary School serves a low income and highly transient population, yet Dr. Johnson believes in the abilities of all students, preaching her motto that "Together Everyone Achieves More" (TEAM). Though many students face challenges both at home and in the classroom, Dr. Johnson uses her positive attitude to inspire her staff toward maintaining an environment that promotes student learning.

One example of Johnson's commitment to enhancing student achievement was by creating a school-wide discipline program. Through this program, discipline problems have dramatically decreased on the playground and in the classroom. Dr. Johnson also believes in reinforcing positive social skills to the children through rewards and student recognition. All of the staff members share in this "Positive Action" program, making teamwork a priority for the children.

Dr. JOHNSON has also implemented block scheduling to maximize student learning. In order to better target students' math and reading skills, students attend specifically assigned classes that fit their appropriate learning levels, giving children the opportunity to move to other classrooms as their needs and skill levels improve throughout the year.

Student reading levels have also improved because of Dr. Johnson's Reading Mastery program which focuses on strategies that help students reach academic success. Johnson's impact on her students is also evident in Kent Elementary's 1998 Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) writing scores which were the highest scores in the Kent School District.

Another challenge taken on by Principal Johnson was giving students a

sense of stability in their lives by creating a "multi-age format" in each classroom. This system allows students to have the same home-room teacher for two years and lowers the student/teacher ratio.

Clearly Dr. Johnson is a tremendous leader who works to enrich her students' lives. She has established many new ways to improve student learning and continues to inspire her staff and students to conquer new challenges. Clearly Dr. Johnson is an influential principal who is making local education in Washington State even stronger.●

AAA OHIO MOTORISTS ASSOCIATION 100TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the AAA Ohio Motorists Association.

On January 8, 1900, seven prominent Cleveland businessmen with ties to the automotive industry met in a small room in the Old Hollenden House Hotel on Superior Avenue to incorporate an organization that would promote and protect their interests in the growth of the automobile. Their belief in the future of this fledgling industry led to the founding of the Cleveland Automobile Club. Over the years, as cars became more popular, the Club expanded and the name changed, finally becoming the AAA Ohio Motorists Association. But through it all, the successor organization to the first meeting of the Cleveland Automobile Club celebrates not only its 100th anniversary this year, but its stature as the oldest automobile club in the world.

I have often said that the one organization that I listen to in Ohio which represents the motoring public is the American Automobile Association, and I am certain many of my colleagues feel the same way. AAA's service to its members is renowned, and there are many cold and rainy nights where that service is especially appreciated, via AAA's Emergency Road Service. In addition, AAA provides Approved Auto Repair service, AAA Travel Agency and high quality maps and TourBooks. These are some of the services that AAA members have depended upon for generations; services that are possible, in part, because of the many firsts that can be attributed to the association. The Cleveland Automobile Club opened the first travel agency in the State of Ohio; operated the first license bureau in the state; and was the first in the United States to use radios to dispatch emergency road service vehicles. In addition, the Ohio Motorist magazine, which has been published for 92 years, was recently selected as one of the best magazines in Ohio.

Ohio Motorists Association members as well as non-members benefit from the OMA's support of local commu-

nities' traffic, bike and pedestrian safety programs, including the Helmet Smart and Community Traffic Safety programs. Also, the Ohio Motorists Association is a leader in the promotion of seat belt safety and courteous, responsible driving.

From those first 7 members in Cleveland 100 years ago, the AAA Ohio Motorist Association has grown to serve over 650,000 members in nine counties today. As they begin another 100 years, I know that the AAA Ohio Motorists Association will continue help stranded motorists, plan trips, and perform the many services that members have come to enjoy.

On behalf of the citizens of Northeast Ohio, I congratulate the AAA Ohio Motorists Association on their centennial and look forward to many more years of service.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendments in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

S. 1402. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance programs providing education benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 371) to facilitate the naturalization of aliens who served with special guerrilla units or irregular forces in Laos.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 297. An act to authorize the construction of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System and to authorize assistance to the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the planning and construction of the water supply system, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2498. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for recommendations of the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the placement of automatic external defibrillators in Federal buildings in order to improve survival rates of individuals who experience cardiac arrest in such buildings, and to establish protections from civil liability arising from the emergency use of the devices.

H.R. 3544. An act to authorize a gold medal to be presented on behalf of the Congress to Pope John Paul II in recognition of his many and enduring contributions to peace and religious understanding, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3637. An act to amend the Homeowners Protection Act of 1998 to make certain technical corrections.

H.R. 3639. An act to designate the Federal building located at 2201 C Street, Northwest, in the District of Columbia, currently headquarters for the Department of State, as the "Harry S. Truman Federal Building."

H.R. 4392. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for intelligence and