

to Eileen Kennedy, a business reporter for the Nashua Telegraph, for receiving the United States Small Business Administration's 2000 "Women in Business Advocate of the Year" award.

Eileen's hard work and dedication clearly placed her at the top, as this was the first time a reporter has been selected for this award. Through profiling local small business women, she has demonstrated compassion and understanding for the difficulties they face, and has acted as an advocate of their accomplishments.

A staff reporter at the Nashua Telegraph since May 1998, Eileen has frequently written on issues involving high-tech businesses, with particular attention paid to those owned and managed by women. She has effectively educated the surrounding community on small business leaders throughout the state.

As a former small business owner in the state, I commend Eileen Kennedy for her contribution. It is truly an honor to represent them in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO CAROLYN MARTIN

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Carolyn Martin of the Keene Sentinel for being honored as the 2000 "Small Business Journalist of the Year" by the United States Small Business Administration.

Carolyn not only covers news and feature stories, but underscores the unique needs and accomplishments of small businesses and the men and women who lead them as well. Over the past year, she has helped increase public awareness of small business issues and reported on community service aimed at enhancing small business opportunity and growth.

Carolyn brings many qualifications with her to the job, as she has worked as a print and broadcast journalist in Annapolis, Maryland, and Mobile, Alabama. She also served as the senior communications officer with the American Association for the Advancement of Science and was Vice President of Community Development for the Chamber of Commerce in Mobile, Alabama.

As a former small business owner in the state, I commend Carolyn for her hard work and dedication. It is truly an honor to represent her in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH C. LEDDY

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Joseph C. Leddy, CEO of Work Opportunities Unlimited, Inc., for being named the 2000 "Small Business Person of the Year" by the United States Small Business Administration.

Joseph founded the company in 1982, where it began as a local leader in the

field of vocational training and employment placement. Presently, it brings in approximately \$12 million a year and employs over 500 people in 27 offices throughout four New England states.

Work Opportunities Unlimited assists individuals with disabilities, veterans, young adults, at-risk youth and others with locating employment, and has used previous Small Business Administration funding to catapult their business to the forefront of the field.

In addition to his work with Work Opportunities Unlimited, Joseph has held numerous positions in the Department of Education, worked as a Blind Rehabilitation Specialist with the Veterans Association and taught at New Hampshire Technical College.

A valuable resource to the state and to New England, it is my honor and a great pleasure to represent Joseph Leddy in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN OF SALEM

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the town of Salem on its 250th anniversary, an important and historic milestone.

Since being incorporated as a town on May 11, 1750, Salem has provided its residents with a safe place to raise families in a convenient location on the border of New Hampshire and Massachusetts. This thriving community boasts countless recreational opportunities. Canobie Lake attracts boaters, fishermen and those just looking for a peaceful place to relax. People from all over New England flock to Canobie Park to enjoy a day of games and fun during the summer months, and those who are looking for a little history can visit America's Stonehenge.

Salem's 26,000 residents have seen a great amount of change throughout its 250 years. The town is now home to numerous industrial firms, and will soon welcome Cisco to the growing number of businesses that call Salem home. Salem also offers numerous shopping outlets, most notably the Mall at Rockingham Park, with opportunities for great tax-free shopping.

Salem is also home to some very talented athletes. Olympic Women's Hockey Gold Medalist Katie King was a multi-sport star at Salem High before the world took notice in Nagano in 1998. And Salem High's softball team is a perennial state power, taking the state title once again this year.

Salem is also a very politically active town as it recently opened its Republican Town Committee offices. Also, the town has come together to celebrate its 250th anniversary, celebrating with events that began with a tremendous First Night party to mark the year 2000 and will culminate with a party on the Fourth of July. Once again, I want to congratulate the town

of Salem on its 250th anniversary. It is an honor to serve its citizens in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO THE BELKNAP COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Belknap County Economic Development Group for receiving the 2000 United States Small Business Administration's New Hampshire "Financial Services Advocate of the Year" award.

Financial service advocates play an integral role in the success of a small business, particularly in their assistance with access to credit. The Belknap County Economic Development Group is no exception. They have been assisting small businesses in surrounding communities with great success since 1992.

Initially formed to address economic issues plaguing the area at the time, it later expanded to assisting small businesses struggling to get off the ground. It currently operates a revolving loan fund and two micro-lending programs, as well as provides technical assistance and counseling.

As a former small business owner in the state, I commend the Belknap County Economic Development Group for their hard work and dedication. It is truly an honor to represent them in the United States Senate.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:14 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 275. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress with regard to Iraq's failure to release prisoners of war from Kuwait and nine other nations in violation of international agreements.

At 4:36 p.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, without amendment: