they bring to their work everyday, and for all they have done to build our Nation.

REMEMBERING THREE GREAT MUSICIANS, THREE GREAT FRIENDS
- Mr. MILLER. Mr. President, today marks the 100th anniversary of Ironworkers Local Number 25—the largest ironworkers local in the Nation. On Saturday, July 21, 2001, thousands of members of Local 25, their families and friends will gather in Detroit, MI to celebrate this significant milestone.

Founded on July 18, 1901, and chartered by the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Ironworkers, Local 25 is responsible for the construction of much of modern day Detroit. As we continue to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Detroit, many of the most notable landmarks that dot Detroit’s skyline were constructed by members of Local 25. Cobo Hall, the Broadway Theater, the Renaissance Center and many of the city’s auto plants are just a few of the facilities constructed with the help of Local 25.

Dubbed “I-beam cowboys” or “cowboys of the sky,” because of their independent nature and the fact that they often work hundreds of feet above ground on steel beams only a few inches wide, ironworkers are proud of the challenging and rewarding nature of their work. Ironworkers are not to be confused with steelworkers who make steel. Ironworkers take architectural plans and turn them into massive steel structures. This work can send ironworkers all over the country—in fact, some members of Local 25 are working in our very backyard on the biggest steel project underway in North America: the Washington, DC Convention Center.

The independent nature of ironworkers makes the success of Local 25 even more significant. While one should never doubt the strength of an individual ironworker, the strength of ironworkers uniting together around a common goal is something to behold. While hundreds of collective work is evident in beautiful structures across our Nation, Local 25 and the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Ironworkers have also worked together to guarantee fair wages, increased safety and needed benefits for their members.

Local 25’s contributions to Detroit and our Nation can be seen in skylines, bridges and facilities across our country. At the same time, Local 25 has worked to protect the rights of skilled workers enabling them and their families to build better lives. I know that my Senate colleagues join me in saluting Local 25 for all the enthusiasm

MEMBERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS
- Mr. CORZINE. Mr. President, it is a pleasure to take this opportunity to recognize the 144 New Jersey students who were recently selected to receive this year’s Comcast Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship. The company awarded scholarships totaling $144,000 to college bound students from 96 high schools throughout New Jersey. Each scholar is receiving a grant in the amount of $1,000 to pursue further, post-secondary studies. To be considered for this scholarship, prospective candidates were required to demonstrate a positive attitude, outstanding academic achievement, exemplary leadership skills, and a serious commitment to community service. Therefore, it is with great pride that I bring the outstanding accomplishments of these individuals from the great State of New Jersey to your attention.

Education has always been one of my top priorities. In an era of globalization and high technology, it is vital that each child has access to a world-class education that emphasizes the importance of both academics and social responsibility. The quality of our educational system will determine the future of our children, our nation, as well as the world.

At a time in history where environmental hazards and civil conflicts have captured our interests, we must not abandon the ongoing battle to modernize schools and reform education. It is truly gratifying to learn how these individuals from New Jersey are challenging themselves to reach their highest potential. As these students quickly emerge as the future leaders in our society, I would ask that my colleagues join me in applauding this year’s Comcast Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship winners for their remarkable accomplishments and their sincere desire to make a difference.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT
Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
At 3:47 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by