

Meriweather, East Point, Georgia; Lauren K. Meyers, Lilburn, Georgia; Margaret Ayers Miller, Dalton, Georgia; Stephanie D. Taylor, Riverdale, Georgia; Chandra L. Teddleton, Decatur, Georgia; Katherine DeAnn Weisz, Stone Mountain, Georgia; Bethany Wiethorn, Lawrenceville, Georgia; and Brooke Wiggins, Lilburn, Georgia.●

**DOUGLASS W. COOPER—OHIO
TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

● Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, as we continue to debate the education reform legislation and the importance of teachers, in particular, I would like to recognize and congratulate an outstanding teacher from my home state, Mr. Douglass W. Cooper, who has been named the Ohio Teacher of the Year for 2001.

Nothing is as important to our children's education than the quality of their teachers. My own high school principal, Mr. Malone, once told me that when it comes to education in our schools, only two things really matter, a student who wants to learn and a teacher who can teach. Mr. Malone was right 35 years ago, and he's still right today!

A good teacher has the power to fundamentally change the course of a child's life. I'm sure that each of us can recall at least one great teacher who inspired us, or motivated us and changed our lives. These teachers guided us then and continue to influence us today.

Douglass Cooper is one of those teachers. He is the kind of teacher who has a life-lasting impact on his students. And, as Ohio Teacher of the Year, Mr. Cooper is being recognized for this and for his outstanding dedication and leadership in the classroom, school, and community.

Mr. Cooper, who received both a bachelor's and a master's degree from Wright State University, is currently a social studies teacher in Clinton County, Ohio, and has been teaching in the Wilmington School System for the last ten years. He serves as the chair of the social studies department at Wilmington High School. Mr. Cooper is a member of the Wilmington Local Professional Development Committee and serves his school as a mentor for entry-year teachers. He is a National Board Certified teacher and received the Ohio Governor's Educational Leadership Award in 1999.

Additionally, Mr. Cooper has spent much of his free time volunteering in his community. He is involved in the Clinton County Kids Voting Steering Committee and serves as Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 909.

I commend Douglass Cooper for his exceptional service and his unending dedication to his students and community. He is a great role model for our young people in school, as well as for

his colleagues in the teaching profession. Ohio is honored to have him as a representative this year for teachers all over our State.●

**IN CELEBRATION OF SANTA
CLARA UNIVERSITY'S 150TH AN-
NIVERSARY**

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to share with the Senate my thoughts on the 150th Anniversary of Santa Clara University.

Santa Clara University, located in the heart of California's Silicon Valley, became California's first school of higher learning in 1851. The college is celebrating its sesquicentennial this year on the same Santa Clara Valley campus it has occupied continuously since its founding. At the center of campus is the beautiful Mission Santa Clara de Asis, the eighth of the original 21 California missions.

Santa Clara University brings the intellectual rigor, respect for scholarship, and spiritual vision of its Jesuit founders to students of all backgrounds and beliefs. In the fall of 1961, women were accepted as undergraduates and Santa Clara University became the first coeducational Catholic University in California. The college is committed to the diversity that distinguishes California and the United States throughout the world and its student body includes more than 35 percent minority group members.

Santa Clara University's unique community events, undergraduate and nationally recognized graduate programs greatly inform and enrich communities in the Silicon Valley and the State of California. The sesquicentennial of Santa Clara University is a time for celebration by us all. ●

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM HAZELETT

● Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate William Hazelett of Colchester who was chosen as the United States Small Business Administration National Exporter of the Year. Bill has shown extraordinary innovation and vision in building a very successful business in Vermont.

Bill Hazelett and his wife Dawn are old friends of mine and Marcelle's. Bill is the president of Hazelett Strip-Casting Corp., a manufacturing firm that designs and makes continuous metal casting machines designed to produce long sheets of metal and wire for everything from pennies to aluminum siding to automobile bodies. Hazelett Strip-Casting now employs 145 people. Foreign business accounts for 70 percent of its \$23 million in annual sales, and Hazelett Strip-Casting has clients all around the world, including much of Europe, Canada, Indonesia, Japan, China, Saudi Arabia, Brazil and Chile. Bill moved his company to Vermont

from Connecticut in 1957 because, as he says, "I wanted to ski." We are very happy he came and decided to stay.

I commend Bill and Dawn for receipt of this prestigious award.

I ask that a copy of a May 9, 2001, article in the Burlington Free Press outlining Bill Hazelett's achievements be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

[From the Burlington Free Press, May 9, 2001]

**COLCHESTER MAN NAMED SBA'S NATIONAL
EXPORTER OF THE YEAR**

R. William Hazelett of Colchester on Tuesday received the U.S. Small Business Administration's National Exporter of the Year award from President George W. Bush in a White House ceremony. Hazelett, 82, president of Hazelett Strip-Casting Corp., was honored for building a manufacturing firm for which foreign business accounts for 70 percent of its \$23 million in annual sales.

Hazelett had a simple reason for the recognition. "We have a technology that is superior to any other technology in fabricating sheet metal," he said. "My business was selected (for the award) as being very, very good at creating exporting business for the United States." The company designs and makes continuous metal casting machines, behemoths designed to produce long sheets of metal and wire that can weigh as much as 120 tons and cost \$15 million. The machines produce sheet metal for everything from pennies to aluminum siding to auto bodies, Hazelett said.

Clients are scattered all over the world, including much of Europe, Canada, Indonesia, Japan, China, Saudi Arabia, Brazil and Chile, he said. Earlier this year, a Hazelett representative was part of the trade mission that traveled to Argentina with Gov. Howard Dean. Though no sale was made on the trip, it started a process that will lead to a sale, Hazelett said. "You don't sell one of these machines overnight because a machine might cost \$15 million," he said. "You've got a whole plant that might cost \$150 million that they go into. It's a very long-term consideration." Hazelett was confident a deal would be signed. "We will get the business because we are the best in the world," he said.

Hazelett, which does all of its engineering and manufacturing in Vermont, employs 145 people. The company moved here in 1957 from Connecticut because, Hazelett said, "I wanted to ski."

In naming Hazelett for the honor, the SBA noted his company's "stellar success in export marketing." "Bill Hazelett's contribution to Vermont's stature as a world-class exporter center is absolutely outstanding," said Kenneth Silver, director of the SBA's Vermont district office.●

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