

the world's most coveted science and math honors, including six Nobel Prizes.

David and his family can be proud of this outstanding achievement, and I am heartened by his interest in using science to the potential benefit of our first responders in the war on terrorism. I ask that the following New York Times article of March 16, 2005 be printed in the RECORD. I congratulate David Bauer for his creativity and leadership.

The article follows:

[March 16, 2005]

NEW YORKER TAKES TOP PRIZE IN INTEL SCIENCE CONTEST

(By Lia Miller)

New York City public school student whose project was inspired by the events of Sept. 11 has won the top prize of a \$100,000 scholarship in this year's Intel Science Talent Search.

The winner, David L.V. Bauer, is a 17-year-old senior at Hunter College High School in Manhattan. He worked on a new method to detect toxic agents in the nervous system. Mr. Bauer said that his study could result in a patch, worn somewhat like a radiation patch is on a jacket, that would quickly detect how much neurotoxin a person had been exposed to.

"I was thinking more in terms of paramedics and individual exposure, so in the event of a terrorist attack, we would know the nature of the attack," he said.

Forty finalists have been competing for the last five days in Washington for \$530,000 in scholarship money. Each finalist will receive at least \$5,000.

Mr. Bauer began his study last year while working in the bio-organic chemistry lab of Prof. Valeria Balogh-Nair at the City College of New York. He said that a co-worker at the lab had been at ground zero the day of the attack. Mr. Bauer was amazed to hear that testing showed that the co-worker had a different level of exposure to asbestos in the bloodstream than others in the same area. It was this finding, Mr. Bauer said, that led him to begin thinking of a way to quickly determine a person's neurotoxin exposure levels through the use of fluorescent nanocrystals.

Mr. Bauer, who is from the Bronx, plans to attend the CUNY Honors College in the fall to study chemistry and hopes to teach at the university level one day.

Now that the competition is over, he said he was looking forward to taking up some of his other interests, which include fencing and overseeing an organization he founded called United Liberia, which runs a Web site that provides news about Liberia. Since seventh grade, Mr. Bauer has attended Hunter College High, a public high school administered by the college.

Professor Balogh-Nair, who was Mr. Bauer's mentor, said: "He is an unusual student, both by the depth of his understanding of science—but he is multitalented—you seldom find a combination of talents in one person. He has great people skills, too."

The last time a student from the New York metropolitan area won the top prize was in 2000, when Viviana Risca from Paul D. Schreiber Senior High School in Port

Washington, N.Y., won for encrypting a message on a DNA strand. This year there were 13 finalists from New York State, but only Mr. Bauer made the top 10.

The second-place winner was Tim Credo, 17, a senior from the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy. He won a \$75,000 scholarship for a study involving particle accelerators and a more precise way to measure brief intervals of time known as picoseconds. Third place went to Kelly Harris, 17, from C.K. McClatchy High School in Sacramento. She won a \$50,000 scholarship for her study on Z-DNA and viral proteins.

The technology company Intel has sponsored the contest since 1999. Before then, the Westinghouse Electric Corporation sponsored it.●

RUTH CHICKERING CLUSEN

● Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I was deeply saddened at the passing of Ruth Chickering Clusen, a true champion for the environment and women's causes, and a dear friend whose memory I will always cherish.

Ruth's deep dedication to women's rights led to her outstanding leadership as president of both the Wisconsin and National League of Women Voters. As president, Ruth was at the forefront of the League's historic effort to pass an Equal Rights Amendment. Her national leadership put her at the center of the 1976 Presidential campaign when she hosted a debate between Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter.

Ruth's commitment to women's rights was mirrored in her advocacy for the environment. Her tireless activism eventually led to her work as an Assistant Secretary on the environment in President Carter's Department of Energy, and to make a run for Congress in Wisconsin in 1982.

Whether she was teaching English to students or moderating Presidential candidates, Ruth was a true inspiration to those around her, and I am grateful to have been able to call her a friend.●

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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 9:43 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker of the

House of Representatives has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 384. An act to extend the existence of the Nazi War Crimes and Japanese Imperial Government Records Interagency Working Group for two years.

H.R. 1160. An act to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through June 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 10:06 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Chiappardi, 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. 1270. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate.

H.R. 1332. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the removal to Federal court of certain State court cases involving the rights of incapacitated persons, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 98. Concurrent resolution expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the recent passage of the anti-secession law by the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China.

At 5:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 18. Concurrent resolution expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the continuing gross violations of human rights and civil liberties of the Syrian and Lebanese people by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic.

H. Con. Res. 32. Concurrent resolution expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the occupation of the Republic of Lebanon by the Syrian Arab Republic.

H. Con. Res. 103. Concurrent resolution providing for an conditional adjournment or recess of the two Houses.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 18. Concurrent resolution expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the continuing gross violations of human rights and civil liberties of the Syrian and Lebanese people by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 32. Concurrent resolution expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the occupation of the Republic of Lebanon by the Syrian Arab Republic; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 98. Concurrent resolution expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the recent passage of the anti-secession law by the National People's Congress