

this, and as he worked his way into the speech, he would come from the podium and he would walk into the audience. People would always respond with the same kind of passion and be inspired by him. That is my clearest, favorite memory of him.

His legislative record, of course, was so important too. One of the most important things he did was the plant closing legislation, giving a 60-day notice to workers who, too often, have seen their jobs disappear with nothing to show—pensions and more. He fought for people who had less privilege than he did, and he always fought for opportunity for people of both genders. That is what he will be remembered for.

I particularly admire his family. Howard was a great family man, a man who cared very much about Shirley, his wife, and four daughters, Shelly, Amy, Susan, and Barbara. He will be greatly missed. He later became head of the Consumer Federation of America, never giving up his passion for fighting for ordinary people and being a warrior for social and economic justice.●

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE CREATION OF THE 310TH SPACE WING

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the 310th Space Wing, which was officially activated on Friday, March 7, 2008. This newly created wing is comprised of 16 subordinate units located at Colorado's Schriever AFB, Peterson AFB, and Buckley AFB, as well as Vandenberg AFB, CA. This wing is an expansion of the 310th Space Group, currently based at Schriever AFB in Colorado Springs, CO.

Over the last 15 years the outstanding members of the 310th Space Group have played a critical role in space operations, providing unrivaled support in operating and defending our space systems. This expansion is a testament to both their performance and mission, while also reinforcing my belief that space is a vital component to fighting and winning our nation's wars.

The 310th's history dates back to World War II when it began as the 310th Bombardment Group on March 15, 1942. The unit flew B-25 "Mitchell" bombers in support of operations in Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, Sardinia, France, Austria, and Yugoslavia. During those campaigns, the 310th perfected "skip bombing" techniques against bridges, airborne, and rail yard targets. Developed to allow aviators to come into the target area low and fast to avoid deadly anti-aircraft fire, the bombs actually "skipped" over the surface of the water in a manner similar to skipping a stone and either bounced into the side of, or exploded over the target, proving extremely effective.

The 310th was reactivated 1997, as the 310th Space Group, and rapidly grew to meet the Air Force Reserve's expanding role in space operations. As the co-chairman of the Congressional Space Power Caucus and a Coloradoan, I am extremely proud of the 310th and all who serve in it and congratulate them on their success in becoming a wing.●

TRIBUTE TO THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I pay tribute to the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team. The Norse defeated the University of South Dakota 63 to 58 to capture the NCAA Division II Championship on March 29, 2008.

This is the second time the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team has won the NCAA Division II Championship. The last time the Norse reached the pinnacle of their sport was in the 1999 to 2000 season.

The citizens of Kentucky are proud to have these national champs living and learning in the Northern Kentucky community. Their example of hard work and determination should be followed by all in the Commonwealth.

I congratulate the players for their success in bringing another championship trophy to the campus of Northern Kentucky University. I also want to congratulate their coaches, along with their peers, faculty, administrators, and parents for their support and sacrifices they have made to help them meet their achievements and dreams. They all represent Kentucky honorably.●

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MEYERHOFF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

● Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the 20th anniversary of the Robert and Jane Meyerhoff Scholarship Program at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, UMBC.

The Meyerhoff Scholarship Program is among the most successful undergraduate diversity programs in our Nation, helping thousands of minority students reach their full potential in mathematics, the sciences, and engineering fields. Since its inception, Meyerhoff scholars number more than 800, with 557 graduates across the Nation and 267 undergraduates and graduate fellows enrolled at UMBC.

More than two decades ago, UMBC president Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski, a mathematician, author, and education innovator, lamented that there were few minorities in the sciences and that the education pipeline did not suggest that that situation would change.

Through the generosity and vision of Robert and Jane Meyerhoff, Dr. Hrabowski was able to establish the Robert and Jane Meyerhoff Scholarship

Program at UMBC. The program seeks and attracts top-notch minority high school students and is able to provide university educational expenses as well as a demanding academic program concentrating in science, math, and engineering. The UMBC corporate community is able to use the talents of the students while providing internships, jobs, and research opportunities.

The Meyerhoff Scholarship Program has become a leading national model for diversifying America's scientific and engineering workforce, preparing large numbers of African Americans and others for careers in science, medicine, engineering, information technology, teaching, and public health.

On April 4 and 5, the Meyerhoff Scholarship students, their mentors, professors, and families will gather for a research symposium to celebrate their 20 years of progress and success. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting the vision and perseverance of UMBC president Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski and the generosity of Robert Meyerhoff and his late wife Jane. Together they have changed lives and expectations.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. WALTER PAVASARIS

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor a visionary in the field of music education, Dr. Walter Pavasaris. Dr. Pavasaris, a native of New Britain, CT, has been selected to receive the Massachusetts Music Educators Distinguished Service Award.

Walter M. Pavasaris has been a music educator and curriculum coordinator in Massachusetts for the past 31 years. During that time he has taught all levels of K-12 music, including both general and instrumental, as well as teaching undergraduate and graduate level courses in various collegiate settings. In Walter's position as coordinator of fine and performing arts for the Lexington Public Schools, he is responsible for the implementation of the K-12 curriculum in the areas of music, visual arts, and drama. He leads a faculty of 41 highly motivated professional artists/educators. In addition to his responsibilities in Lexington, Walter also serves on the music education faculty at the Boston Conservatory of Music.

In 1971, Walter graduated from the University of Hartford, Hartt College of Music, with a bachelor of music education degree. While at Hartt he studied double bass with Bert Turetzky, Leland Tolo, and also traveled to Boston and Tanglewood to study with William Rhein, associate principal double bassist of the Boston Symphony. While completing his undergraduate degree at Hartt, Walter was active as a freelance musician playing in a variety of small combos and big bands in the greater Hartford, CT, area. Additionally, he played in the Smith College