

impartial. Clearly, they are not impartial.

But more troubling are the questions raised about their scientific credentials and quality of their academic research. Having testimony thrown out by a court of law and being forced to withdraw research on this subject because of errors should disqualify an individual from serving on the Agency's panel of advisors.

EPA record for accepting comments on the nominees to assist the Science Advisory Board will soon close. I know that the EPA has received a wide variety of comments, and I urge the EPA Administrator and the Science Advisory Board to carefully consider these comments so that this study may be above reproach and not be affected by anti-natural gas political agendas.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING ALLAN PURDY

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, on behalf of my fellow Missourians, I wish to remember the life and achievements of Mr. Allan Purdy, a native of Missouri and the founding president of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, NASFAA, who died at age 96 this past October. Mr. Purdy dedicated his life to removing financial barriers to higher education and the awards and scholarships that are named after him are a testament to his hard work and dedication to this purpose.

Mr. Purdy's passion for financial aid and serving students was sparked by his extraordinary life experiences. He graduated from high school without a nickel in 1932—the middle of the Great Depression. He managed to attend college through the National Youth Administration, a newly created national work program for students. Although he only earned \$15 a month at 25 cents an hour through the program, it was enough to attend the College of Agriculture at the University of Missouri, where he ultimately earned a graduate degree.

After graduating, Allan taught at Rutgers University and then joined the U.S. Navy where he served as a PT boat captain during World War II. After the war, he returned to the University of Missouri, MU, to work as an extension horticulturist—driving across the State to help farmers resolve problems with their fruit and vegetable crops. As he toured the State, he met many qualified students who lacked the financial resources to attend college. He advocated grant and work aid for these students to allow them to attend college. Allan was so diligent at recruiting these students that he was promoted to assistant to the dean of the College of Agriculture. In this position, he recruited students, arranged schol-

arships and part-time jobs for students, and helped graduates find jobs.

At this time, catching the attention of the MU president, Allan was asked to start a department in the President's Office to coordinate all scholarships, jobs, and loans for all students on campus. Under the direction of the MU president, Allan began meeting with other aid administrators in the Midwest, which led to the formation of the Midwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators in 1962. The group eventually grew to become NASFAA in 1969 and was incorporated in 1973 as a nonprofit corporation in the District of Columbia and emphasized, above all else, the needs of students.

Shortly after Allan's retirement in 1979, as then-Governor of Missouri, it was my pleasure to appoint him to the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority, MOHELA, in 1981 where he served more than 20 years. During that time he worked to implement borrower benefit programs including loan forgiveness and low interest rates. The Purdy Scholarship Fund to benefit students demonstrating the greatest financial need was also established to honor his legacy.

At the 2006 NASFAA National Conference in Seattle, Mr. Purdy told his financial aid colleagues, "It has been a wonderful 40 years of service to students."

"It is, I'm sure, a wonderful experience to each of you when you see students that have long-since graduated and now are gray-haired, and they thank you for what you have done for them over the years," Allan added. "That is your overtime pay. Certainly we are not in the highest paid profession, but I think that we have the highest rewards for the work that we have done."

Allan is survived by his wife Vivian and their four children, Robert, George, Ray and Christina, and their families.

It is my distinct honor to remember Allan Purdy's life today. His legacy of opening the doors of college to Missourians will be remembered by the countless lives he touched.●

CALIFORNIA MEDAL WINNERS

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the recipients of the National Medal of Science and National Medal of Technology and Innovation from my State of California.

I am so proud of the National Medal of Science Recipients from California: Yahir Aharonov from Chapman University, Marye Anne Fox from the University of California San Diego, Stanley B. Prusiner from the University of California San Francisco, and Amnon Yariv, from the California Institute of Technology.

I am also very proud of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation Recipients: Marcian Hoff, Stanley Mazor, and Federico Faggin, from the Intel Corporation.

Since its creation by Congress in 1959, the National Medal of Science has honored individuals for their outstanding contributions to knowledge in the physical, biological, mathematical, engineering, chemistry, and social sciences.

The National Medal of Technology and Innovation is presented to individuals, teams, and companies for achievement in the innovation, development, commercialization, and management of technology.

It is a great honor to receive these medals which represent the highest honor for achievements in science and technology that are bestowed by the President of the United States.

This week, we recognized those who have invested so much in the advancement of knowledge and who inspire the next generation to follow in their footsteps. In order for our country to remain a strong leader in science and innovation, we must continue to promote and invest in the sciences and honor those who have accomplished so much in the name of discovery.

I offer my heartfelt congratulations to these accomplished recipients from my State and wish them the best in their continued pursuits of science and technology research and innovation.●

REMEMBERING CHRISTOPHER A. WILSON

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I am honored to commemorate San Diego Police Officer Christopher A. Wilson, who tragically died in the line of duty on October 28, 2010 in San Diego. He was 50.

Throughout his 17-year career with the San Diego Police Department, Officer Wilson placed duty ahead of his personal safety while protecting the community in southeast San Diego.

Christopher Wilson was an extraordinary police officer. He trained more than 50 police officers, many of whom have stated that they are better officers because of him. A past trainee declared, "Chris was always interested in making me the best officer he could." In addition to training officers, for more than 2 years Officer Wilson helped a fellow officer recuperate from an on-duty shooting by monitoring his physical and mental health. San Diego Police Chief William Lansdowne said that Officer Wilson was "the kind of person you want in your department, your City."

In a moving tribute to a committed and caring man, more than 700 people attended a candlelight vigil in the Skyline neighborhood to honor Officer Wilson, demonstrating the community's