It is the dream of every American to provide for their child a better life than they had themselves. Helping families afford the increasing cost of a college education will move us closer to making that dream a reality. For this reason, I have spent a great deal of time in the Senate fighting to provide tax relief for middle class American families struggling with the cost of college. And while I was pleased when some of the ideas I advocated were adopted in the 1997 tax cut bill, it is clear that as tuition costs rise dramatically, working Americans need additional assistance. The “Tuition Assistance for Families Act” will provide extra help so that more families can afford to give their children a brighter and better future. Let’s not allow a college education to become a luxury when, in the information technology age, it is an absolute necessity.

STATEMENTS ON SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 324—CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL FARMERS UNION FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO FAMILY FARMERS, RANCHERS, AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. WELSTONE, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DACSHIE, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BACCUS, Mr. PENGOLD, Mr. BAYH, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. JERRIFORDS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DEWINE, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. BREAUX) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:

Whereas the National Farmers Union celebrates its 100-year anniversary in 2002; and Whereas during its 100-year service to rural America, the National Farmers Union has faithfully promoted the organization’s mission of education, legislation, and cooperation as identified by its founders and proclaimed in its triangular symbol; and Whereas the National Farmers Union represents nearly 300,000 family farmer and rancher members across the United States; and Whereas the National Farmers Union epitomizes the spirit and energy of hundreds of thousands of farmers, ranchers, rural advocates, and communities; and Whereas the National Farmers Union remains dedicated to protecting and enhancing the quality of life for rural America; and Whereas the National Farmers Union has been instrumental in the establishment and progress of the farmer-owned cooperative movement; and Whereas the National Farmers Union strives to improve rural America through proactive support and proposals to enhance rural economic development, educational opportunities, resource conservation, market competition, domestic farm income, and international cooperation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate commends and congratulates the National Farmers Union for a century of dedicated service to the farmers, ranchers, and rural communities of the United States.
possible access to them. Toward that end, the resolution provides that they be covered by Federal health care programs and group and individual health plans.

Representatives STEVE ISRAEL and ROSS DELAURA, both Israeli leaders of cancer research with health issues, introduced this resolution, in the House of Representatives. Through their efforts and bi-partisan support, H. Con. Res. 385 was passed by the House of Representatives on July 22. The resolution expresses the Senate's prompt attention, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting it.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4512. Mr. CRAIG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4471 proposed by Mr. LIEBERMAN to the bill H.R. 5005, to establish the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4513. Mr. THOMPSON (for himself and Mr. WARNER) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 4471 proposed by Mr. LIEBERMAN to the bill H.R. 5005, supra.

SA 4514. Mr. REID (for Mr. HOLLINGS) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4687, to provide for the establishment of investigative teams to assess building performance and emergency response and evacuation procedures in the wake of any building failure that has resulted in substantial loss of life or that posed significant potential of substantial loss of life; as follows:

SA 4514. Mr. REID (for Mr. HOLLINGS) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4687, to provide for the establishment of investigative teams to assess building performance and emergency response and evacuation procedures in the wake of any building failure that has resulted in substantial loss of life or that posed significant potential of substantial loss of life; as follows:

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4512. Mr. CRAIG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4471 proposed by Mr. LIEBERMAN to the bill H.R. 5005, to establish the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 67, between lines 13 and 14 insert the following:

(10) Conducting the necessary systems testing and demonstration of infrastructure target hardening methods at the National Critical Infrastructure Testbed at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

And renumber the subsequent paragraphs as necessary.

SA 4513. Mr. THOMPSON (for himself and Mr. WARNER) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 4471 proposed by Mr. LIEBERMAN to the bill H.R. 5005, to establish the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 8, strike lines 1 through 3. On page 9, strike lines 13 through 15. On page 12, line 15, strike ‘‘, with the Director.’’

On page 12, strike lines 18 through 26 and insert the following:

(4) To make budget recommendations relating to the Strategy, border and transpor-