

bills. Members of the Mutuo pulled together to help each other. Each member was in effect his brother's keeper.

When my grandfather came to Vermont from Italy, he went to the granite quarries to earn a modest living. Life was not easy—tough work, low pay, and health hazards. But in this foreign land, he had the Mutuo Club as a special community to share friendships in good times and a helping hand in bad times.

I remember as a small child walking with my grandfather down the streets of downtown Barre. He would often stop in the street to visit with fellow Mutuo Club members. They would tell stories, plan to help each other, or just learn the latest joke. I remember sensing a special bond of community and friendship between my grandfather and the other Italian-Americans of the Mutuo Club.

Now, the Mutuo Club is open to Americans of all nationalities. And that same special bond of community and friendship enjoyed by my grandfather is still shared by members of the Mutuo Club today.

Mr. President, the Mutuo Club is a living tribute to that special bond. In celebrating the Mutuo Club's 90th birthday, we celebrate that special sense of community and friendship shared by the Mutuo Club members of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.●

STEPHEN NORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE'S SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Stephen North for being named New Hampshire's Secondary School Principal of the Year. Steve is the principal of Profile Junior and Senior High School in Bethlehem, NH, a position he has held since 1977. As a former teacher and school board chairman myself, I congratulate him for receiving this prestigious award.

Steve celebrates a long and distinguished career in education. He has been a teacher at Hanover High School, Curriculum Coordinator for the Dresden-Hanover School Districts, and both principal and assistant principal at Frances C. Richmond Middle School in Hanover. Steve's 18 years in education have been marked with success and leadership in this regional school district. He has built a reputation for excellence and achievement in many areas, from teacher to administrator. An example of Steve's achievement is the completion of much needed additions and renovations for Profile Junior and Senior School. This project, under his leadership, was completed in just 5 years.

Steve's achievements can be seen in more than new buildings, he has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for his efforts. He is an excellent role model for his peers because of his professional activities, leadership abilities, and commitment to community. Steve is involved in various edu-

cational organizations including the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the New Hampshire Association of School Principals, and the North Country Principals Association.

Teachers and students alike admire Steve for what he has done for the school. He is known as someone who mentors new teachers, encourages innovation, promotes professionalism, and creates a sound educational environment. Under his supervision, Profile Junior and Senior High won the 1995 Sportsmanship Banner for exemplifying the positive tenets of good sportsmanship. This type of achievement reflects the type of motivation Steve provides for his school.

Our children are very important to our future and I am proud to see that they are in such capable hands. New Hampshire is fortunate to have such a talented educator and administrator like Steve North. I commend Steve for his outstanding career in the field of education.●

WEST VIRGINIAN RECEIVES VA 1996 EXCELLENCE IN NURSING AWARD

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, on June 6 of this year, the Department of Veterans Affairs presented four very prestigious awards recognizing excellence in nursing. I am proud to congratulate all of these nurses, but I am especially proud of a fellow West Virginian, Sharon Shade, the recipient of VA's 1996 LPN of the year award. Sharon's performance in the nursing home care unit of the Martinsburg, VA Medical Center is truly outstanding. As a member of the Martinsburg community, she has made a great difference.

Sharon has made many changes, both big and small, that have improved the lives of her patients. Because she works with the patients on a one-on-one basis, she learns about their interests while determining their needs. For example, she found out that a reclusive patient had an interest in music. With her help and encouragement, he began to DJ at the noon meals and is now a thriving member of the high-level communication group. A bedridden patient now joins the noon dining group with the help of a walker, due to Sharon's special attention. These are just a few examples of the changes Sharon has made in the lives of individual patients.

Sharon is truly creative and original in her approach to care, with ideas that benefit the entire program. One of her more innovative techniques includes an Adopt-A-Plant program. Here patients can adopt a plant to take care of, giving them a sense of hope. Another program includes a reminiscence group in which the patients talk about days gone by. Sharon also arranged to move wheelchair-bound patients nearer to the windows in the dining hall where they can get a better view of the outdoors. These simple, yet thoughtful acts have made an enormous difference

in the overall morale of both the residents and staff.

Sharon is known for her dedication to her profession. She is constantly working to make things better for her patients and for the staff. In addition to attending meetings and training seminars, she took initiative in developing her own survey to evaluate the program. To lend support to her co-workers, she has implemented a monthly restorative LPN meeting where she shares ideas and literature. She is praised by fellow members of the staff, her patients, and their families for her tireless efforts. The human spirit needs support and encouragement, both of which Sharon has generously given.

I am proud to recognize Sharon Shade and her remarkable talent for making the lives of the veterans at Martinsburg better. It is clear that Sharon is a valuable asset to her staff, her profession, her patients, and our State of West Virginia. Her commitment to her profession and her community makes me enormously proud to say that she is a fellow West Virginian.●

MICHAEL TOCCI, NEW HAMPSHIRE'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Michael Tocci for being named New Hampshire's Secondary School Principal of the Year. Mike is the principal of Gilford Elementary School in Gilford, NH, a position he has held since 1964. As a former teacher and school board chairman in the Lakes Region myself, I congratulate him for receiving this prestigious award.

Mike celebrates a long and distinguished career in education. He received his bachelors in education in 1967 his masters in public school administration and Supervision in 1973 from Plymouth State University. Mike has served as teaching principal at Danbury Elementary and supervising elementary principal for Newfound Area School District in Bristol. In his 30-year career, he has built a reputation for excellence and achievement in many areas, from teacher to administrator.

Mike is known among his colleagues for his leadership, enthusiasm, dedication, and contribution to children's education. His honest and caring spirit is reflected in the school's positive atmosphere. As an individual of distinction, Mike provides an excellent role model for his students and his teachers. He is admired by his school and his community for his concern and his commitment to community development.

Granite State children are fortunate to have such a talented educator and administrator committed to their education. Gilford Elementary School's success and achievement is reflective of the outstanding leadership Mike has

provided. Our children are very important to our future and I am pleased to know that they are in such capable hands. I commend Mike for his outstanding career in the field of education and congratulate him for his dedication.●

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM EXTENSION

● Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the Senate's passage last night of S. 1995, legislation I cosponsored to authorize construction of a Smithsonian Institution National Air and Space Museum extension at Washington Dulles International Airport. This Dulles center, which will be built without any Federal funds, will provide crucial additional exhibit space for displaying national aviation treasures to the public.

The current Air and Space Museum on the Mall is filled to capacity. There is no room to store any more of our large, invaluable aviation artifacts. These artifacts are currently stored in warehouses, hidden from the public, and some even stored outside, where they are exposed to the elements. The passage of S. 1995 places us on track to provide a safe and secure facility to house and preserve, for the public, these historical aircraft and spacecraft such as the B-29 *Enola Gay*, the Space Shuttle *Enterprise*, and the SR-71 *Blackbird*. This bill seeks to save these irreplaceable artifacts for our children and our future generations.

Mr. President, in 1946, President Truman, believing in the importance of preserving our historical aircraft, signed Public Law 722 establishing the National Air Museum. Twenty years later, in 1966, President Johnson understood the importance of this museum and signed the law authorizing construction of a National Air and Space Museum, which expanded the museum's collection efforts to include spacecraft and lunar artifacts. This museum was built on the National Mall here in Washington, opening its doors in 1976 and becoming the world's most visited museum, averaging over 8 million visitors per year.

In keeping with this tradition of preservation and planning for the future, the Senate has passed S. 1995. When it becomes law, we will be able to house historical air and spacecraft, underscoring the major advances we have developed and the contributions to history we have made. Construction efforts for the Air and Space extension at Dulles, estimated to cost \$200 million, represents exemplary coordination between public funds from the Commonwealth of Virginia and private sources. It is expected that the Smithsonian Institution National Air and Space Museum Dulles Center could be completed by 2003, in time for the 100 year anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first flight. This Dulles Center is an incredible, historical effort that will be a

benefit to us now and for generations to come.●

NEW HAMPSHIRE OLYMPIAN, BARBARA MAROIS

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Barbara Marois of Dover, NH for her competition in the 1996 summer Olympic games in Atlanta. Barb captained the women's field hockey team in their impressive series of games. This year's Olympic hockey team is the best team the United States has ever fielded. New Hampshire is proud of Barb's dedication and commitment to training for such a competitive sport.

Barb competed with the 1988 U.S. Olympic field hockey team in Seoul and this year she led the team into competition on home turf. Her long sports career, beginning 10 years ago, bears the marks of distinction and excellence. Barb has competed in 119 international contests and her team placed third in the 1994 World Cup. Field hockey has been gaining popularity over recent years, largely because of outstanding athletes in the sport like her.

The women's field hockey team gave an outstanding performance at this year's Olympic games. They defeated the No. 2 ranked South Korean team with a 3-2 victory and tied the well-respected Dutch team with a score of 1-1. Incidentally, the final point in the game with South Korea was scored by Barb from one of the penalty corners. She is known as a steady defensive force and a powerful weapon on penalty corners by her teammates. During the games she scored one goal and had 38 interceptions and 3 steals.

Barb is arguably one of the keys to the field hockey team's improvement over the last few years. This national team captain is the team mentor and maker of history in field hockey. She is a three time U.S. Field Hockey Association Female Athlete of the Year and has been an assistant coach at her alma mater, the University of New Hampshire.

Barb's distinguished record is the mark of an Olympian and a champion. Her driving spirit has enabled her to pursue her sport with determination and follow her dream. New Hampshire has followed her career and she has made the Granite State proud. Many people watched Barb lead the women's field hockey team. I join them in saluting her for representing them at the 1996 summer Olympic games and I commend her for her efforts in Atlanta. Congratulations Barb.●

NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE OF THE YEAR

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a West Virginian who serves as a model and inspiration for the entire Nation. On June 26, 1996, Denice Reese, of Hendricks, WV, was named "National School

Nurse of the Year" by the National Association of School Nurses. Along with all the people of West Virginia, I am proud of the accomplishments of Denice Reese. She is an example of dedicated and skilled school nurses everywhere, and especially of the 127 school nurses of West Virginia. I join her colleagues in recognition and praise for her service to the children and families of the Tucker County, WV, school system.

Denice Reese is the first—and only—school nurse for the 4 schools and 1,400 students of Tucker County, whom she has served for the past 8 years. By naming her the "National School Nurse of the Year," her peers have recognized her outstanding work in this rural school district with many needs but few resources.

Among her professional accomplishments, she helped get the Tucker County system designated as a pilot area for the Healthy Schools project. She has been an innovative leader, and has created model student and faculty health education programs. She has collaborated with other professionals to optimize the use of school system resources for health promotion and disease prevention.

At a time when health, nutrition, and education programs for our Nation's children are in jeopardy, the work of the country's school nurses stands as an inspiration and reminder that our children are our future. On behalf of all Americans who are working to ensure that the Nation maintains its investment in the health and well-being of its children, I express gratitude for the partnership of our school nurses. Mr. President, I congratulate Denice Reese on her accomplishments, and wish her all the best as she continues her important work on behalf of the people of Tucker County.●

BARRY ALBERT, NEW HAMPSHIRE'S MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Barry Albert for receiving New Hampshire's Middle School Principal of the Year award. Barry is principal of Franklin Middle School, a position he has held since 1990. As a former teacher and school board chairman myself, I congratulate him for receiving this prestigious recognition.

Barry has had a long and distinguished career in education. He graduated from Plymouth State College in 1970 with a bachelors degree in secondary education and earned a master's in learning disabilities and special education from Rivier College in 1977. In addition, Barry was a teacher at Merrimack High School and the coordinator of Raymond Middle School. For over 20 years he has been serving the students of New Hampshire and pursuing excellence in education. He has built a reputation for achievement among his colleagues in many areas, from teaching to administration.