

who, in the best tradition of America, gave generously to his community." He never lost sight of his Basque values. He understood the value of hard work, and he learned at an early age the importance of honor and integrity.

The measure of this man is reflected in the mission statement for his company which reads, "We are a company committed to creating opportunities for success." Joe Cenarrusa's life was committed to helping all around him succeed. And for that, each of us who knew Joe have lived a richer life. My prayers are with his parents Pete and Freda, his wife Jean, and their two sons, Andy and Tyler.●

#### TRIBUTE TO THE COMMITTEE OF 200

● Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay special tribute to the Committee of 200, a distinguished professional women's organization headquartered in my home State, on the occasion of its 15th anniversary the week beginning October 20.

The Committee of 200 is dedicated to promoting entrepreneurship and corporate leadership among women of this generation and the next. The committee is comprised of 370 members from the United States and abroad, representing 70 different industries. Each member is an accomplished businesswoman, including entrepreneurs whose companies generate annual revenue of \$10 million or greater and U.S. corporate executives who manage divisions that produce more than \$50 million in annual revenue.

Recognizing the needs of young women who will soon be entering the business world, the Committee of 200 established a foundation in 1986 to enhance its outreach activities. This foundation provides important assistance and scholarships for women business students and provides grants to foster entrepreneurship among young women.

The Committee of 200 exemplifies the spirit of American business, promoting entrepreneurship, corporate innovation, and community awareness. It supports the careers of young women by giving them the tools to complete effectively in an intensely competitive environment.

Mr. President, the Committee of 200 has provided critical support services over the last 15 years to business leaders and business students. It has distinguished itself as a preeminent professional organization for women. I am confident that over the next 15 years, the committee will continue to be a credit to American businesses and women corporate leaders. I want to congratulate all the members of the Committee of 200 as they celebrate this important milestone in the organization's history.●

#### ASTRONAUT JERRY LINENGER

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Jerry

Linenger and his wife Kathryn and sons John and Jeffrey as they celebrate their homecoming to Eastpointe, MI.

Astronaut Jerry Linenger has traveled a little farther than just the ends of the Earth. Having been a crewmember of STS-64 aboard the Space Shuttle *Discovery* and the recent STS-81 and STS-84 missions of the Space Shuttle *Atlantis*, and a resident aboard the Russian *Mir* Space Station, Dr. Linenger has logged a total of 142 days in outerspace, clearly, he exemplifies the spirit of a modern-day American pioneer.

Dr. Linenger has made a profession of reaching for the stars, and now spends much of his time sharing his experience with the people of Michigan and of this great Nation. By bringing the stars to Earth, Dr. Linenger has inspired young minds to look beyond their immediate surroundings and has offered them a vision of an even greater future.

Tonight, there is no doubt a young Dr. Linenger in the audience. As a graduate of East Detroit High School, at one time walking in your shoes, he has shown us what can happen with hard work and commitment toward a goal. I encourage you to view Dr. Linenger's accomplishments with the thought in mind that you too may someday share the same experience.

With all of his educational, personal and professional accomplishments, Dr. Linenger has truly proven to be an American hero for his family, friends, all citizens of Michigan, especially the citizens of the city of Eastpointe.

On behalf of the U.S. Senate, I congratulate Dr. Linenger and his family and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.●

#### JANE ALEXANDER'S RESIGNATION FROM THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to commend Jane Alexander on her tenure as Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts. Just a few days ago, she announced her resignation from the NEA and her plan to return to private life. I am truly saddened that the NEA will lose such a strong and respected leader and that the Nation will lose one of its most articulate and effective champions in the effort to preserve the NEA.

I am proud to be a strong supporter of the arts. It is clear that future generations will remember us not for our gross national product or our stockpile of advanced weapons, but for the content of the artistic and cultural expression that characterizes our civilization. The arts give us an opportunity to leave our mark on history.

Jane Alexander's tenure has not been easy. Her term has spanned four of the most challenging years in the NEA's history, filled with annual fights over its survival. Each year we have seen assaults mounted on the arts and the NEA in particular. But the supporters

of the arts in the Congress have met each of these challenges and emerged victorious thanks to the leadership of Jane Alexander.

Perhaps as important as her leadership in these legislative battles has been her efforts throughout the country as an articulate voice in support of the arts and a Federal role in supporting the arts. She has visited schools and community centers as well as theaters and galleries across the country and has reminded Americans of the strength and importance of the arts.

Beyond these efforts on the national scene, she has proved an able and adept manager of the NEA. She has implemented the mandated staff cuts at the NEA and restructured the agency without compromising its mission. She has compensated for fewer resources by forming partnerships with other agencies and encouraging all arts organizations to work more closely together. In addition, under her leadership, grant-making processes have been reorganized, accountability measures have been put in place, investments in arts education have increased, and new communication tools including a website have been developed.

From the stage and the big screen to the halls of Congress, Jane Alexander has proven she is a remarkable individual, a great voice for the arts in America, and a true national treasure. I thank her for her dedication and her tireless efforts, and I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.●

#### THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS MARKET ACCESS ACT

● Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I would like to add my name as a cosponsor to S. 219, the Agricultural Products Market Access Act of 1997 and to commend Senators GRASSLEY and DASCHLE for their excellent work on behalf of American agricultural exports.

S. 219 will set up a system for agricultural trade identical to that used to identify violations of intellectual property rights—the "Special 301" procedure. Specifically, the bill requires the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative to annually designate as priority countries those trading partners having the most egregious trade barriers to U.S. agricultural products. USTR would then initiate a streamlined 301 investigation of the trade practices of those countries identified to determine whether their agricultural trade barriers merit sanctions or other retaliatory actions.

As many of my colleagues know, my home State of Washington is a major producer and exporter of agricultural products. In fact, agriculture is Washington's No. 1 industry employing well over 100,000 people directly and accounting for 20 percent of the State's total exports. I and my constituents, however, are continually frustrated by the unfair and irrational barriers erected to our agricultural exports in countries throughout the world.

The most recent example is Mexico's imposition of a 101.1-percent prohibitive duty on red delicious and golden delicious apples. This tariff hike is based on claims by Mexican apple farmers that United States producers are selling apples to Mexico at half the fair price. There is no factual basis for these claims, yet Mexico has successfully closed the United States-Mexico border to apples and cut Washington apple producers off from their largest export market. The administration has pledged to work to resolve this impasse, but the process is likely to be long and hard fought with no guarantee of a solution through the NAFTA or WTO dispute resolution process.

Japan too has continually used protectionist measures to lock Washington apples out of its domestic market. On questionable phytosanitary grounds, Japan has erected barrier after barrier to Washington apples. Under the current protocol for the export of apples to Japan, only red delicious and golden delicious varieties may be shipped to Japan. Since the Japanese market was first opened to United States apples in 1994, Japan has required the cold treatment and fumigation of all United States apples. While scientific data supports the United States contention that this type of treatment is unnecessary, Japan insists on subjecting all additional United States apple varieties to the same costly and time-consuming tests.

Washington's wheat exports also face formidable export barriers. Since 1972, the People's Republic of China has maintained a nontariff barrier on Pacific Northwest wheat affected by TCK smut. Over the past 20 years, the United States has presented Chinese officials with scientific evidence that conclusively shows there is no risk of introducing this smut into China, but the Chinese Government refuses to budge. The continued ban on our wheat only adds to our large and growing trade deficit with China which has already reached \$40 billion.

These are just a few of the most egregious examples of the seemingly endless obstacles to Washington's agricultural exports. The time has come for the U.S. Trade Representative to take quick and decisive action against all nations that engage in unfair trade practices to lock out U.S. agricultural exports. S. 219 will give the administration the tools it needs to do just that. If this legislation can accomplish even half of what the "Special 301" process has done to protect U.S. intellectual property, we will be well on our way to a freer, fairer system of international trade in agriculture.

Mr. President, Washington, and every State in the Nation engaged in agricultural trade will gain if this legislation is signed into law. I commend my colleagues Senators GRASSLEY and DASCHLE for their insight and hard work in devising this intelligent solution to a difficult and pressing problem and am proud to join them as a cosponsor of S. 219.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CARMEN WARSCHAW

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and congratulate Carmen Warschaw on receiving the 1997 Heart of Gold Award from the Medalion Group of the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

Through the years, Ms. Warschaw has shown her commitment to the people of Los Angeles, and to the people of California. She has served her community with pride and dignity. I commend her on a job well done, and an honor richly deserved.

Ms. Warschaw has served on many governing boards and commissions, including the California Fair Employment Practices Commission, the National Council of Women, the California State Board of Social Welfare, the Los Angeles County Election Security Commission, and the 1996-97 Los Angeles County Blue Ribbon Budget Task Force. She is currently an active member of the State Central Commission of California.

Ms. Warschaw has also served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention, chairperson of the Jewish Community Relations Committee, and National Vice Chairperson of the Anti-Defamation League. She has a long tradition of supporting the arts: She was president of the Los Angeles County Art Museum, a founder of the Civic Light Opera, and a board member of the Truman Library Institute. In 1968, she was a recipient of the prestigious Los Angeles Times Woman of the Year Award.

In addition to these accomplishments and activities, Ms. Warschaw is a mother of two and a grandmother of three.

There are many heroes among us: Men and women who, like Ms. Warschaw, give something back to the world in which they live. They inspire and move us. We may not always know their names, nor recognize their faces, but their goodwill lives on in every life they touch. Their selflessness and courage is an example to us all.

I congratulate Carmen Warschaw once again, for her years of dedication and hard work on behalf of her city, her State, and her country. She is a true hero, and I salute her.●

#### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP

● Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I rise today to commend the American Legion Auxiliary, State of Georgia, and their efforts in assisting educational opportunities for fellow Georgians. Specifically, as it has recently come to my attention, they have distributed \$10,125 toward the education of 21 medical students in Georgia. In addition, \$3,678.55, given by the Past Presidents Parley, was equally distributed to the following medical college students: Regina Lewis, of unit 107; Laura Sargent, of unit 64; Krista Nicole Swann, of unit 160.

As we continue to strive to better our country and the educational opportunities it promotes, it is vital that we work in partnership with organizations like the American Legion Auxiliary so all of our fellow Americans may reach their goals.●

#### TRIBUTE TO RICHARD D. ORR

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War [SUVCW] is a congressionally chartered organization dedicated to preserving the memory of Union veterans and their sacrifices on behalf of our Nation. Today, I rise to recognize an exceptional Pennsylvanian, Mr. Richard D. Orr, who was recently elected commander-in-chief of the SUVCW.

Richard's forefathers answered the call to duty during the Civil War. His great-great-grandfather, Pvt. Peter Paul Gallisath, served in the 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry. Another great-great-grandfather, Sgt. Martin Schaefer, served in Pennsylvania Militia of 1863, which defended the arsenal at Pittsburgh during the Gettysburg Campaign. His great-great-grandfather, Sgt. David Orr, was a member of the 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry. Other Union veterans in Richard's family include his great-great-great uncle, Capt. Bardele Gallisath of the 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and Medal of Honor recipient Col. Robert L. Orr, of the 61st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

Since joining the SUVCW on April 11, 1981, Richard has been very active in the organization. A life member, Richard has served the Pittsburgh Davis Camp as camp commander and treasurer. After attending his first department encampment in 1982, he immediately took an active role at the department level. He has served the Pennsylvania Department as patriotic instructor, junior vice commander, senior vice commander, counselor, department council member, and department commander. In the national organization, Richard has held the positions of committee chairman, trial commissioner, national treasurer, national counselor, junior vice commander-in-chief, and senior vice commander-in-chief.

I am pleased to note that Mr. Orr is equally active in his community. A former Eagle Scout, the new commander-in-chief continued his affiliation with the Boy Scouts of America as a volunteer for more than 35 years. In fact, Richard was awarded the District Award of Merit for his many years as a volunteer with the Boy Scouts. Similarly, the Boy Scouts' National Court of Honor presented him the Silver Beaver Award—the highest honor that can be conferred upon a volunteer. Likewise, the National Catholic Committee on Scouting recognized his contributions to youth with the St. George Award.

Mr. Orr is employed as an environmental health administrator by the Allegheny County Health Department