

homes a year. So it is not just landfill space that is saved under the Evergreen project.

AlliedSignal and DSM plan to market nylon 6 products made with caprolactum from the Evergreen facility to carpet manufacturers, auto makers and others to produce the highest quality nylon products. You will soon see Infinity Forever Renewable Nylon on products in early 2000.

I applaud the private sector initiatives that led to the evergreen project and I am particularly pleased that they have chosen the great state of Georgia in which to operate.●

TRIBUTE TO JAMES DUNCAN

● Mr. BURNS Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of James Duncan of Billings, Montana, a shining example of altruism and leadership. He is being awarded the 1999 Outstanding Fund Raising Executive Award by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

As president of the Deaconess Billings Clinic Foundation, James has helped increase the Foundation's assets and endowments by over 46 million within four years. However, Jim's efforts extend far beyond the reaches of his organization. He has worked with ZooMontana, was instrumental in the donation of \$50,000 to Easter Seal, and donates his fund raising expertise free to rural communities across Montana.

Montana is lucky to have people like James Duncan. His dedication to this community serves as an example for all of us.●

TRIBUTE TO GORDON J. LINTON

● Mr. SARBANES. I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated and effective leader of our Nation's transit program, Gordon J. Linton. Gordon recently resigned his post as the thirteenth head of the FTA to move on to other opportunities, and I would like to express my appreciation for the outstanding work that he has done.

During his six-year tenure as head of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Gordon Linton has proved to be one of the best and most accomplished Administrators. He spearheaded the FTA's Livable Communities Initiative which has demonstrated that transit can make a substantial contribution toward improving the quality of life in communities all across the Nation by improving the links between transportation and housing, schools, places of worship, employment and recreation. He worked tirelessly to expand citizen participation in the decision-making process to help make transit facilities and services more customer friendly and community-oriented. He played a key role in shaping the transit portion of the landmark Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century—or TEA-21—which is providing record levels of funding for public transportation and established the innovative Access to

Jobs program which is designed to ensure that people in transition from welfare to work have adequate transportation services.

I first came to know Gordon six years ago in July, when I chaired his nomination hearing in the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee. It was clear that day, and evident throughout the past six years, that Gordon Linton was a passionate advocate for transit. He not only designed and directed over \$37 billion in federal mass transit investments throughout the country—but never forgot that leadership begins by example and used public transportation himself to get to work and in traveling in communities around America. Mr. Linton came to Maryland on numerous occasions to support mass transit projects and improvements—projects such as the Baltimore Light Rail system; regional transit, such as the MARC commuter rail system; small town and rural systems to connect citizens in our rural areas to jobs, health care, education. He has done this in Maryland and he has done this in every state across the Nation.

Mr. Linton has exemplified a steadfast commitment to public service and public transportation. He is the longest-serving head of the Federal transit program since it was enacted in 1961. Before coming to Washington, Mr. Linton served as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in Pennsylvania where he was instrumental in passage of the Commonwealth's first dedicated source of funding for transit and Pennsylvania's seat belt legislation. I am pleased to say that through his work as a Pennsylvania legislator and through his sincere, skillful shepherding of the Federal transit assistance program, Mr. Linton has proven his commitment to improve mobility, invest in our future and make America more livable for all Americans.

Mr. President, I know that every one of us whose constituents have benefitted from Gordon J. Linton's leadership of our Federal Transit programs wish him well.●

TRIBUTE TO GARY W. PURYEAR

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Gary W. Puryear of the 94th Regional Support Command, for his leadership and vision in creating one of the most comprehensive development and land exchange projects in support of the soldiers, sailors, and marines in the United States Armed Services.

Mr. Puryear established himself as a leader while developing a state-of-the-art home and training center for twenty-one units of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps Reserve in Manchester. He spearheaded this innovative program, assisting the Department of the Army in saving over \$2.5 million dollars in repair and maintenance costs. His efforts also saved the Navy over \$350,000 per year in lease

costs, and fostered the expansion goals of both the Manchester Airport and Saint Anselm College.

Mr. Puryear also actively worked to publicize the Army Reserve's Modular Design System (MDS), highlighting its cost effectiveness and speed, and subsequently reaffirming the importance of pursuing a process of multiple and mutual success.

Mr. Puryear's efforts largely contributed to creating this state-of-the-art training center. As a result, 1,091 soldiers now occupy the center as a residence and a training site. The center itself indirectly helped expand the Manchester Airport as a vital shipping and transportation link by freeing up prime development space for airport related activities.

Gary Puryear has proven himself an innovative leader who is committed to the United States Armed Forces, and the community as a whole. He has assisted in saving the taxpayers thousands of dollars annually, enhancing the readiness of our armed forces, and solidifying a long-term military presence in Manchester and Londonderry. It is an honor to represent him in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO MARK ALDRICH, TRUSTED ADVISOR AND FRIEND

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Mark Aldrich on the occasion of his retirement, on November 30th, from the United States Senate after 20 years of service.

For the past nine years, Mark has served as my State Director, confidant and community leader. Mark also served my predecessor, Senator Gordon Humphrey, as a loyal and dedicated staff member for more than a decade.

Over the years, I have had the pleasure to travel thousands of miles with Mark, through the Great North Woods, the covered bridges of Orford and Cornish, and the scenic mountains of the Monadnock Region. Mark and I drove in his old Cadillac * * * sharing stories and helping the people of New Hampshire.

Together we worked to secure federal funding for the expansion of the Manchester Airport, the newly completed Reserve Center in Londonderry, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, the development of the Pease Air Force Base and so many other important projects that have helped to fuel the New Hampshire economy. Mark should take great pride in his many fine accomplishments, especially in promoting economic vitality in the North Country and throughout the state. I know that the many businesses and communities he helped will miss him, as I will.

Mark is the kind of leader that we all aspire to become. He mixed humor with guidance, making each of his fellow staff members feel comfortable while sharing his advice and expertise. He energized the office allowing for greater productivity and a fierce sense of loyalty.

As Mark embarks on this new journey, I wish he and Connie every happiness life has to offer. I know he will enjoy his leisure time with Jonathan exploring the trails of the White Mountains and I am sure his coaching skills will continue to flourish as he cheers on Molly and her teammates at Concord High. And the engagements with his band "Souled Out" will continue to experience success. I hope Mark will enjoy this poem by New Hampshire poet, Robert Frost.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep.
And miles to go before I sleep.

Mark, it has truly been an honor to call you my friend. It is a pleasure to represent you in the United States Senate.

I wish you God speed and good luck in your future endeavors.●

COMMEMORATING THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SHOOTING OF SAN FRANCISCO POLICE OFFICER JAMES GUELFF

● Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to San Francisco Police Officer James Guelff on the fifth anniversary of his death in the line of duty.

This coming Saturday, the City of San Francisco will honor Officer Guelff by having his name enshrined at the corner of Pine and Franklin in San Francisco where he was slain on November 13, 1994.

Responding to a distress call, Officer Guelff, stationed at Northern Police Station, reached the crime scene and was immediately fired upon by a suspect shielded by body armor and armed with an AK 223, an Uzi, two semi-automatic pistols, and thousands of rounds of ammunition. In an attempt to defend himself, Officer Guelff returned fire but his police issue revolver could not penetrate the gunman's kevlar vest and bulletproof helmet. Officer Guelff was killed under the barrage of the assailant's bullets as he attempted to reload his revolver.

Officer James Guelff bravely faced an assailant with defensive armor and firepower no police officer should ever confront. In response to his death, his relatives and fellow officers embarked on a national campaign to restrict felons' access to body armor.

This incident helped raise awareness of the unacceptable risks officers face on the street when they encounter gunmen with equal or better defensive protection. The bottom line is that criminals who use body armor have a deadly offensive weapon.

It is a tribute to the memory of Officer James Guelff and a tribute to the persistence and dedication of his family and fellow officers that California passed legislation restricting the use of body armor by felons.

Earlier this year, I introduced the James Guelff Body Armor Act of 1999 to enact Federal regulations on body

armor. First, the measure increases the penalties criminals receive if they commit a crime wearing body armor. Specifically, a violation will lead to an increase of two levels under the Federal sentencing guidelines. Second, it makes it unlawful for violent felons to purchase, use, or possess body armor.

This legislation is included in S. 254, the Juvenile Justice Crime bill, which is in its final negotiations in a joint House-Senate conference committee.

It is my hope that the Conference Committee will finish its job quickly so that we can provide a lasting tribute to Officer James Guelff. This legislation will better protect our police officers by making sure they are adequately supplied with body armor, and that hardened criminals are deterred from using body armor.

Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to join me on this special day in honoring Officer James Guelff and celebrating the life of a true American hero.●

HONORING ALASKA'S VETERANS OF UNDERAGE MILITARY SERVICE

● Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, earlier this year the Alaska Legislature passed a resolution honoring Alaska's Veterans of Underage Military Service. This is an important veterans organization in Alaska, and I would like to let the Senate know a little bit about it by submitting the text of the state resolution in the RECORD.

I ask that the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The resolution follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE HONORING ALASKA'S VETERANS OF UNDERAGE MILITARY SERVICE

The Twenty-first Alaska State Legislature is proud to commend Veterans of Underage Military Service and its members for their attempts to locate and assist all underage veterans of America's armed forces.

Throughout history, nations have called upon their youth to fight their wars, and it is inevitable that some men and women under the legal age, usually driven by strong patriotism, have enlisted in the armed forces. In some instances, these youth were discovered and separated from the service having already seen action. After being discharged from one branch of service for being underage, many promptly enlisted in another branch of the armed services.

The Twenty-first Alaska State Legislature recognizes these men and women who understood the importance of fighting for freedom and honors their valiant efforts as defenders of the United States of America during times of war and peril. The Veterans of Underage Military Service Veterans was formed in 1990 to help such individuals, who were frequently discharged from the service and stripped of their awards and their military benefits.

The goal of the Veterans of Underage Military Service organization is to contact all veterans who served in any branch of the United States Armed Forces when they were under legal age and to advise and assist them in obtaining a proper discharge and veterans' benefits. A secondary goal is to establish a historical record of underage veterans by publishing their names, deeds, and stories. The organization currently consists of more

than 1,000 members nationwide who served in the United States Armed Forces before they were of legal age.

The Twenty-first Alaska State Legislature wishes to recognize Alaska's own members of the Veterans of Underage Military Service: Judd Clemens, Michael Mitchell, Gordon Severson, Gene Wheeler, Larry Connolly, Miles Pierce, Elsie Sexton, and Thor Weatherby.

We, the members of the Twenty-first Alaska State Legislature honor the Veterans of Underage Military Service. We commend them for their attempts to locate and assist all underage veterans of the United States Armed Forces and support their efforts to make "whole" these national heroes.●

TRIBUTE TO ANDY FRENCH, EDDIE WILSON, AND LIBBY O'FLAHERTY FOR THEIR HEROIC EFFORTS

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor three individuals who define heroic action and the selflessness of many of the citizens of the State of New Hampshire. While only teenagers, these three individuals acted with maturity and grace in saving the life of Carol Black of Newton, Massachusetts.

Andy French, Eddie Wilson, and Libby O'Flaherty, all of Gilford, New Hampshire, were enjoying a quiet afternoon on the lake when they spotted Carol Black. Upon seeing the body of the unconscious woman in the water of Lake Winnepesaukee, the three youths selflessly came to her aid. They did not hesitate before saving her, a testament to their individual honor.

Mr. President, in a society where we too often hear stories of youth violence, it is refreshing to hear of heroic deeds such as this. Too often, the actions of a few that have wandered from the fold overshadow those who have acted with continual kindness.

It is one of the deepest pleasures for me to be able to rise today to honor these three individuals from my home area. Their kindness and dedication sets a precedent for other youth to follow. It is an honor to represent them in the United States Senate.●

ADDRESS BY KING ABDULLAH OF JORDAN AT THE KENNEDY LIBRARY

● Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, on October 14, the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston hosted a dinner in honor of King Abdullah II of Jordan.

In his remarks, King Abdullah spoke eloquently of the strong ties between the United States and Jordan, his vision for strengthening peace in the Middle East, and his hope of creating new opportunities for future generations in Jordan.

Like his father, King Hussein, King Abdullah cares deeply about the Jordanian people and stability in the region, and his comments are very inspiring. I believe that all of us who care about the future of the Middle East