

TRIBUTE TO BRUNO STACHOWSKIE & NUTFIELD COUNTRY STORE OF LONDONDERY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Bruno Stachowske, a hard-working New Hampshire entrepreneur. His thriving small business, Nutfield Country Store, was named the "1999 Retail Business of the Year" by the Londonderry Business Council. I commend his hard work and this outstanding achievement.

Nutfield Country Store is well known in Londonderry and across the state for its friendly and courteous service to its patrons. As a small business, Nutfield continuously demonstrates exemplary community spirit through its involvement in many local and national causes.

Bruno's commitment to community involvement has led Nutfield Country Store to support many volunteer organizations, youth sports teams, and the annual Thanksgiving food drives. Bruno is also well known for his fund raising efforts on behalf of cystic fibrosis. Every year, he participates in cystic fibrosis fund raising efforts by riding his bicycle for donations.

As a former small business owner, I recognize the importance and value of community involvement by hard-working entrepreneurs. They help shape our economy and our society as a whole. I wish to congratulate Bruno Stachowske on the success of Nutfield Country Store and for receiving this distinguished award. It is an honor to represent him in the United States Senate.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

• Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize today the 8th annual Missouri Children's Mental Health Week, which was celebrated May 2-8. This year's theme is "In a child's life, everyone is accountable." The Missouri Department of Mental Health and MO-SPAN, the Missouri Statewide Parent Advisory Network, teamed up to co-sponsor the week.

Some estimates indicate that 12 percent of all children and youth in the United States have an emotional, behavioral or mental disorder. While many of these children and their families need services ranging from therapeutic to educational and social services, only about one-third of these children and youth receive assistance.

Recognizing Children's Mental Health Week is one way to bring attention to the seriousness of mental health disorders in our children and spread the message of support for them. The week's events were begun with MO-SPAN's Second Annual Clayton Huey Memorial Benefit Walk-A-Thon and a kickoff event at the Missouri Capitol and continued throughout the week.

It is a privilege for me to be able to recognize the diligent work of families

with children who have emotional, behavioral and mental disorders. Likewise, it is also important to celebrate the workers, volunteers, and organizations—like MO-SPAN—who provide vital support, services, information, and advocacy for these families.

A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN

• Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Young Women's Christian Association of Trenton, New Jersey, and their Tenth Annual "Celebration of Women" luncheon which will honor and recognize six award recipients for their outstanding contributions to the community.

The YWCA of Trenton was established in 1904 with its primary mission to provide a residence and recreational activities for women in the work force during the industrial revolution. Since this beginning, the Board of Directors and staff have developed the YWCA into community based organization committed to the empowerment of women and girls and to erase racism through diverse activities and programs. The YWCA provides leadership training, public advocacy, education, support services, health promotions and recreation within the city of Trenton and the surrounding communities.

The awards given have become a distinguished tradition in the New Jersey capital region since they were first introduced years ago as the Tribute to Women in Industry, or TWIN, awards. The recipients of this year's award embody the mission of the YWCA.

Eileen Thorton will receive the Woman of Achievement Award given to a woman who has achieved distinction in her field while using her power to encourage opportunity. J. Dolores Baker is this year's recipient of the Woman of Inspiration Award presented to a woman who has overcome insurmountable odds. Molly Merlino will receive the Meta Griffith Community Service Award, named after the prominent civic leader. This award is given to a woman who has effectively recognized and addressed community needs through exemplary volunteer service. Gwendolyn I. Long will be the recipient of the Ethel Downing Johnson Memorial Award, named in honor of a YWCA board member who died in 1992. The woman who receives this award has demonstrated an earnest and sincere commitment to mission and purpose of the YWCA. Cotempo Press is the recipient of the Organizational Commitment Award, presented to an organization or corporation which has provided innovative corporate policies and company attitudes enabling women to excel in the workplace. The Artist of the Year award will be given to Carl McCleese whose piece, titled "Trio Sublime," will become a permanent exhibit at the YWCA.

Each of these individuals have distinguished themselves this year in their chosen fields. They have made the city of Trenton and the State of New Jer-

sey. I am pleased to recognize the YWCA of Trenton and the six award recipients for their continuing commitment to the people of New Jersey.

141ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADMISSION OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA INTO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

• Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I proudly rise today to honor and celebrate my home State of Minnesota's 141st year of statehood. On this date in 1858, Congress admitted Minnesota into the Union as the thirty-second State.

Let me begin by saying that the name "Minnesota" comes from two Sioux Indian words meaning sky-tinted waters. Now Mr. President, if you have ever been to Minnesota you will agree that my State was properly named. These "sky-tinted waters" are representative of Minnesota's many lakes (in excess of 12,000) and the numerous rivers and streams which run throughout the State. In fact, Minnesota has more shoreline than California, Florida and Hawaii combined!

Several million Minnesotans and out-of-state visitors take advantage of these waters every year to swim, water ski, boat, canoe, or fish. This Saturday, May 15, represents one of my home State's most treasured yearly experiences, the fishing opener. I have always been impressed with the spirit the opener brings out and the way it joins our State and visitors in a common interest. Out on the lake, people aren't too concerned with the difficulties of everyday life. Once a fishing rod is nestled tightly in hand, Minnesotans tend to forget the phone, the fax, or the other annoyances that consume so much of our lives today. The experience re-connects us to a much simpler time.

In addition to Minnesota's water resources, one-third of the State is covered with forests. Aspen, balsam fir, pine, spruce, and white birch grow in the northern part of the State, whereas groves of ash, black walnut, elm, maple and oak grow in the south. These forests form the centerpiece of 66 State parks, 55 State forests, one national park, and two national forests, all of which provide outdoor enthusiasts with scenic hiking, camping, and other outdoor activities on a year-round basis.

Mr. President, in addition to our beautiful lakes, streams, forests, and parks, Minnesota has much more to offer. My State produces 75 percent of the nation's iron ore which covers a section of northern Minnesota rightly known as the "Iron Range." There are also large deposits of granite found near St. Cloud and along the upper Mississippi River. I am proud to say that over 6,000 tons of Minnesota granite was used to make the walls and floor for the Franklin Delano Roosevelt memorial here in Washington, D.C.

The fertile soil has been key to Minnesota's overall economy, providing

suitable farmland that covers a little more than half the State. Agriculture is Minnesota's largest industry, generating over \$22 billion in goods and services per year. One of every four Minnesota jobs is tied in some way to agriculture, and 25 percent of our overall economy is dependent upon farmers and agri-business. Today Minnesota has approximately 87,000 family farms. Even though times are difficult for many of these family farmers, Minnesota depends upon their successful recovery.

Furthermore, Minnesota is home to some of the world's leading job providers—including 3M, Pillsbury, Honeywell, and Cargill, to name a few. Minnesota is also known for its achievements in the area of health care. It is a leader in the medical device industry and home to one of the world's premier health care facilities, the Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

Minnesota is also the birthplace of many great innovations which have become part of our American culture, such as Cellophane Transparent Tape, Post-it Notes, and the world's first enclosed mall located at Southdale Shopping Center in Edina. Today we have the Mall of America in Bloomington which is one of the world's largest enclosed malls and most popular tourist destinations. Among other notable Minnesota facts, we are the source of the Mississippi River, home to the busiest freshwater port in North America (which also happens to be the farthest inland ocean port in the United States), and Minnesota reaches the furthest north of the 48-continental States.

Mr. President, I hope I have managed to convey the pride I have for my state and its people, and in doing so, have perhaps encouraged others to visit. As a U.S. Senator from Minnesota, I wanted to express the honor I feel in representing the people of my State, which I believe is one of the premier States in the greatest country on Earth.●

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA MULLEN, RECIPIENT OF THE JEFFREY MAY MEMORIAL AWARD

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Barbara Mullen for being awarded the Jeffrey May Memorial Award from the Londonderry Business Council. It is a pleasure to recognize her contributions to her community and the Granite State.

In 1980, Barbara established the Londonderry Dance Academy and has been teaching children to dance ever since. Her community involvement has helped shape the lives of many young people in Londonderry and across the state. Barbara nurtures the aspirations of the town's youth by sharing her love and expertise of dance.

As a faculty member of the Department of Dance at the University of New Hampshire, Barbara also instructs

dance students at the college level. In addition, during the holiday season, Barbara and her students perform the "Nutteracker" at local schools and in other communities, in an effort to spread a greater appreciation for the arts.

Barbara's dedication to dance, children and the community is exemplary and an example for others to follow.

Mr. President, I wish to commend Barbara Mullen on her achievements and congratulate her on receiving this prestigious award. It is an honor to her in the United States Senate.●

MAINE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL AND THE "WE THE PEOPLE" COMPETITION

● Mr. FITZGERALD. Mr. President, last week, high school students from across the United States came to Washington, D.C. to compete in the national finals of the "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" program. These young scholars worked diligently to reach the national finals and through their experience have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy. I am proud to announce that the class from Maine South High School from Park Ridge, Illinois won the competition.

The "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" program is designed to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The three-day national competition is modeled after hearings in the United States Congress. These hearings consist of oral presentations by high school students before a panel of expert judges. The students testify as constitutional experts before a "congressional committee," that is, a panel of judges representing various regions in the country and a cross-section of professional fields. The student testimony is followed by a period of questioning during which the judges quiz students for their depth of understanding and their ability to apply their constitutional knowledge.

I congratulate all the student teams who made it to the national finals. Each of those young people took the time to truly learn about our Constitution and Bill of Rights. In return, they got the opportunity to come to Washington and to meet other students from around the country. I applaud their efforts and initiative.

I am particularly proud that the winning team is from Maine South High School in Park Ridge, Illinois. Led by their teacher, Patton Feichter, the students won the three day competition to become national champions. At a time when so much of our attention is focused on youth violence, it is particularly refreshing to congratulate an outstanding group of young people who worked very hard to achieve their goals. I congratulate the students, parents, and Maine South faculty mem-

bers on all their hard work to win the competition.●

TRIBUTE TO KENNETH WINTERS

● Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Dr. Kenneth Winters on the occasion of his retirement as president of Campbellsville University. Ken is a good personal friend and an admired leader in Taylor County.

Ken served as Campbellsville's president for the past 11 years, and accomplished much during his tenure. Under Ken's leadership, the school gained university status after having been known as Campbellsville College since its inception in 1909. The added prestige that comes with university status, coupled with Ken's hard work to make the school an academic success, helped increase Campbellsville enrollment by stunning 150 percent. The university also has been duly recognized by publications such as U.S. News & World Report, Money and Newsweek for its outstanding academic reputation. Ken's presidency brought a strong, guiding presence to Campbellsville, leaving a legacy of growth and progress.

As importantly, Ken showed unwavering commitment to the students and faculty at CU, and was well-liked and respected by all. Ken's colleagues describe him as a man with great strength of character—a man who demonstrated honesty and integrity, and who served as a campus role-model.

I am certain that the legacy of excellence that Ken Winters has left will continue on, and will encourage and inspire others toward that same goal. Ken, best wishes on your future endeavors, and know that your efforts to better Christian higher education will be felt for years to come. On behalf of myself and my colleagues, thank you for your contribution to Taylor County, the State of Kentucky, and to our great Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO CONSTANCE ROSS, THE 1999 LONDONDERRY EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Constance Ross for being named the "1999 Educator of the Year" by the Londonderry Business Council.

From teacher to administrator, Constance has built a reputation for excellence and achievement in many areas of education. In addition to serving the community as the Assistant Principal of South Londonderry School, she has become known throughout the State of New Hampshire for her tireless efforts to promote literacy among children. Constance's expertise in the teaching and advocacy of reading have propelled her to the position of co-chair of the "Governor's Best Schools Initiative," as well as president of the New England Reading Association.

Active inside and outside of classrooms and schools, Constance has demonstrated wisdom, compassion, and