

Public Policy Action Committee, and later founded "Lobby Day," an opportunity for people with CFIDS to travel to Washington, DC to meet with their federal representatives and advance funding and policy needs of CFIDS. Since then, he has testified at a Senate hearing examining the affects of this illness.

Although Jerry has always spoken on behalf of all people with disabilities, he specifically expanded his focus in 1998 to include people with lymphoma when he was diagnosed with this rare form of cancer himself. He became active in the Carson Advocates for Cancer and was the Nevada co-chair of the 1998 National Cancer March. He came to Washington again, and marched along-side cancer survivors such as Norman Schwarzkopf as they crusaded to encourage research to find a cure for this terrible disease.

Jerry has been a catalyst in bringing advocates together to achieve victories for the disabled. I thank him for his service to Nevada and to all who suffer from chronic, disabling conditions such as CFIDS. He has made Nevada proud.●

#### TRIBUTE TO RE/MAX 1ST CHOICE OF LONDONDERRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to RE/MAX 1st Choice of Londonderry, New Hampshire, for being named "Company of the Year" by the Londonderry Business Council. It is indeed a prestigious honor.

RE/MAX 1st Choice is a fast growing real estate business that has recently opened in Londonderry. Under the direction of Arlene Hajjar, RE/MAX 1st Choice has worked hard to establish itself within the real estate market of Londonderry.

RE/MAX 1st Choice has worked hard for the community. It has sponsored a number of activities to benefit both charities and the community as a whole. Admirable business practices, community involvement, and charitable donations and sponsorships have made the company a rising force in the Londonderry business community. Its dedication to the town has been admirable and gracious.

Arlene has been one of the main reasons behind RE/MAX 1st Choices' success. She is a member of the Londonderry Business Council and works diligently to represent the business community. She has helped shape not only her company, but also the community through her activism with the town.

As a former real estate business owner, I understand the demands and the trials associated with owning and operating a real estate business. I commend Arlene Hajjar and the staff of RE/MAX 1st Choice on their success. I wish them the best of luck and congratulate them once again for receiving this award. It is an honor to represent them in the United States Senate.●

#### CONGRATULATING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the students and teachers from Valley High School in West Des Moines, IA for achieving the top score in the 1999 National GRAMMY Signature School Competition.

It took hard work and dedication to achieve this honor, and I congratulate the students, teachers, and others who make it happen. Valley High School enrolls over 2,200 students, and fully 600 students, nearly a third of the student body, participates in one or more music programs. On February 4, 1999 the GRAMMY Signature School designated Valley High School the best music program among 250 public schools from around the country. They were judged by a panel of top musical educators and professionals and were selected based on their high level of commitment to music education.

In light of this announcement, U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley, said, "At a time when creativity and communication skills are at a premium, schools like those being recognized at this program are using arts for their rich potential to captivate and engage students in the process of learning. The arts help children learn to solve problems, think creatively, and develop mental discipline, which are valuable skills for any academic endeavor."

Mr. President, year after year underfunded public schools continue to slash funding for all forms of arts and humanities education, thereby weakening the strong cultural heritage the United States has always enjoyed. We should therefore commend the students and teachers of the Valley High School music program for their commitment to a quality music education, and the benefits their efforts reap upon the cultural landscape of the state of Iowa. It is a true honor to serve as their Senator, and I believe they are examples of what all Americans should strive to be.●

#### GIRL SCOUTS FROM KETCHIKAN

● Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the work of three Girl Scouts from Ketchikan, Alaska. Angela Pfeifer, Chelsea Pfeifer and Tennille Walker are each working towards the Girl Scout Gold Award. As a part of their service, they are attempting to enhance the visibility, respect and care of the American flag in Ketchikan.

The following is an excerpt from a letter in which Chelsea explains the pride and respect she has for our nation's flag.

This Spring Break I went down to Florida to visit my grandparents. My Grandfather served in World War II. At 87, he still put up the U.S. flag every morning, and takes it down every night. It makes my think of the number of people who died serving this country, so that we could have the freedoms that

we enjoy today. The flag serves as a symbol of the respect and honor that should be given to those who fought. I observed that many of the retired people display the Flag proudly on a daily basis outside their homes. It would be my goal to see that my generation carry out this tradition and be proud to be an American.

In their efforts to instill this same sense of pride and respect, Chelsea, Angela and Tennille have conducted school assemblies at Ketchikan area elementary schools, have placed flags in every classroom at Ketchikan High School and have spoken to local governments officials about erecting a new flag pole in Ketchikan City Park.

Currently, there is no flag flying in Ketchikan City Park. Angela, Chelsea and Tennille have addressed this with Ketchikan—Gateway Borough Mayor Jack Shay. As a result, the Mayor and Borough Assembly agreed to install a flag pole in City Park.

It is my honor to present these three outstanding Alaskans with an American flag flown over the United States Capitol. The flag will be presented to the City of Ketchikan on June 14, 1999, Flag Day, and will be the first flag to fly in City Park.

I commend the work of Angela, Chelsea and Tennille and the Girl Scouts of Ketchikan. They have shown their ability to make a difference and have made a lasting impression on their community.●

#### 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VERMONT STATE PARK SYSTEM

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Vermont State Park System.

In 1924 Frances Humphreys donated the peak of Mt. Philo and surrounding lands to the State of Vermont as the first State Park. Mt. Philo was the perfect location for the first park; looking east from the summit one views Lake Champlain, North America's most beautiful lake stretching as far as the eye can see to the north and south; looking west one views the Green Mountain range rolling across Vermont to the Connecticut River. There are limitless recreational opportunities within and surrounding our first park.

After 75 years, Vermont now has 50 State Parks, from Alburg Dunes on Lake Champlain, to Wilgus on the Connecticut River; from Mount Mansfield, Vermont's highest peak to Quechee, our deepest gorge.

Vermont's State Parks are rich in history. Many of the nation's first ski trails were carved out in Vermont State Parks by the Civilian Conservation Corps, creating the New England ski industry. Under the direction Perry Merrill, who oversaw the State Parks for 37 years, more than 40,000 "CCC Boys" created a parks infrastructure that is intact, and unparalleled even today.

Recognition should also go to the many Vermonters who, over the years, have followed the example of Frances

Humphreys in donating land to become state parks, including one of our newest parks, Sentinel Rock, which was recently donated by Windsor and Florence Wright.

Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I recognize 75 years of visionary conservation and recreation development by the State of Vermont, and by those who have conceived and built the State Park System.●

#### TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the town of Plaistow, New Hampshire on its two hundred and fiftieth anniversary. The town's residents will celebrate this historic occasion on June 27, 1999 with a number of festivities including a grand reception. I was proud to be invited to participate in this meaningful event.

Plaistow's history first dates back to the year 1642 when families first settled in the Plaistow area. It was then that the Plaistow area was purchased. In 1749, Plaistow was incorporated. At that time, it was separated from Haverhill, Massachusetts. Then Governor Benning Wentworth, along with King George II signed the town's first charter.

The town has had a rich and fruitful history. The First Baptist Church was built in 1837, and subsequently remodeled in 1906. The first Catholic Church, Holy Angels, was built in 1893, then redone in 1964. The first high school was built in 1966. Prior to that, the students traveled outside the town for schooling.

Plaistow has steadily grown throughout the years. In 1854, there were 800 people. In 1949, the town had grown to 1800 people. Today, over 7000 people are residents of Plaistow.

Through the years, Plaistow residents have courageously served their country. They have served in the Colonial War, Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

The most well known benefactor of the town was Arthur Pollard. Pollard donated the bell for the First Baptist Church, the land for Pollard School and the town hall, and the Civil War statue and cannons on the town green.

I congratulate the town of Plaistow, and all of the dedicated and patriotic citizens there. I am proud to be their Senator.●

#### HONORING THE LIVINGSTONS ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, families are the cornerstone of America. Individuals from strong families contribute to the society. In an era when nearly half of all couples married today will see their union dissolve into divorce, I believe it is both instructive and important to honor those who have

taken the commitment of "till death us do part" seriously, demonstrating successfully the timeless principles of love, honor, and fidelity. These characteristics make our country strong.

For these important reasons, I rise today to honor Robert and Nellie Livingston, who on June 4th, 1999, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Many things have changed in the 50 years they have been married, but the values, principles, and commitment this marriage demonstrates are timeless. As Mr. and Mrs. Livingston celebrate their 50th year together with family and friends, it will be apparent that the lasting legacy of this marriage will be the time, energy, and resources invested in their children, friends, and community. My wife, Janet, and I look forward to the day we can celebrate a similar milestone.

The Livingstons' commitment to the principles and values of their marriage deserve to be saluted and recognized.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE WASHINGTON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to recognize the Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, AR, for being awarded the American Hospital Association's prestigious 1999 NOVA award. This award is given to acknowledge hospitals that create and implement new and innovative community partnerships. Only nine hospitals nationwide were honored by this distinction.

The Washington Regional Medical Center is a leader in its commitment to the health and well-being of Washington County's children. The Washington Regional Medical Center works to reverse the trend of chronic disease, disability, and even death through its "Kids For Health Program." In collaboration with the Washington County school system, more than 8,000 children have been educated about self-esteem, general health, nutrition, fitness, hygiene, safety, and environmental health. Good health habits learned at a young age often parlay into better health in adult life. The "Kids For Health Program" proves that communities which educate their children in healthy habits reap vast benefits by becoming healthier communities overall.

On behalf of all the children in Arkansas, I thank the Washington Regional Medical Center for its impressive achievement in children's health and its contribution to stronger communities.●

#### NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to our nation's law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. I am proud to be a cosponsor of S. Res. 22, a resolution passed earlier this year by the Senate to commemorate and ac-

knowledge the dedication and sacrifice made by these men and women. The resolution declared this Saturday, May 15th, as National Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Currently, there are more than 700,000 men and women who serve this nation as the guardians of law and order. The duties of a law enforcement officer are both vitally important and extremely dangerous. Officers place themselves between our communities and the criminals who would do us harm. Every year, approximately 1 in 9 officers is assaulted, 1 in 25 officers is injured, and 1 in 4,400 officers is killed in the line of duty. In 1998, 156 federal, state and local law enforcement officers lost their lives in the line of duty.

My home state of Vermont is familiar with the sacrifices made by law enforcement officer. Since 1965, the nine Vermont law enforcement officers listed below have lost their lives in the line of duty.

July 9, 1965, Chief Alexander Pontecha, Lyndonville Police Department.

December 12, 1972, Chief Dana L. Thompson, Manchester Police Department.

January 17, 1978, Deputy Sheriff Bernard J. Demag, Chittenden County Sheriff's Department.

April 27, 1978, Game Warden Arnold J. Magoon, Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department.

October 1, 1982, Deputy Sheriff George J. Bent, Chittenden County Sheriff's Department.

May 13, 1983, Lieutenant Arthur L. Yeaw, Vermont Department of Public Safety.

June 14, 1987, Detective Sergeant William J. Chenard, Vermont Department of Public Safety.

June 25, 1989, Investigator Eugene N. Gaiotti, Vermont Department of Liquor Control.

May 12, 1992, Sergeant Gary Gaboury, Vermont Department of Public Safety.

It is my hope that the National Peace Officers Memorial Day will remind Vermonters and Americans everywhere of the sacrifices made by law enforcement officers, and of the vital duties they perform every day. Whether by apprehending dangerous felons, assisting stranded motorists on the side of the road, or improving the lives of our young people, law enforcement officers make our towns, cities, states, and Nation safer places to live and work. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to those officers, and their families, who have given so much to improve all of our lives.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR PSALEDAS, THE 1999 LONDONDERRY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Arthur Psalidas of Londonderry, New Hampshire, for being named the "1999 Citizen of the Year" by the Londonderry Business Council. I commend