

so doing will further distinguish himself and consequently better his community.●

#### TRIBUTE TO BEDFORD SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT DENNIS POPE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Dennis Pope upon receiving the New Hampshire Superintendent of the Year Award for the 1999-2000 school year. This honor was awarded to Mr. Pope by the New Hampshire School Administrators Association, and both Mary Jo and I applaud the hard work and dedication that has earned him such high esteem.

Dennis Pope was chosen from eleven other nominees, and it was ultimately his actions and the respect of his peers that elevated him over the competition. He has dedicated nearly three decades of his life to education, the past eleven years of which have been as the Bedford, New Hampshire, Superintendent of Schools. Dennis Pope's goal has always been to make a difference in the lives of his students and in the education process, and he has succeeded. Mr. Pope's efforts exemplify the Association's motto "Champions for Children." Dennis is a champion of both our children and New Hampshire school systems.

Dennis Pope's presence in the Bedford community extends far beyond the walls of its schools. Dennis is an individual who leads by example. He has been a member of the Rotary club, numerous town committees and is currently the Vice-Chairman of the Visitation Committees for the NEASC.

Dennis has illustrated that one can't be a passive participant and prosper. He has taken the initiative of reforming the scholastic curriculum, and he has encouraged community involvement in school affairs. He has shown that being fiscally conservative doesn't detract from an academically rich school system.

Again, I commend Dennis Pope on this very special honor and on his service to the Bedford School System. His work is greatly beneficial to the Town and the State, and I wish him all of the best as he continues to make a difference in his community and in the lives of its young citizens. It is truly an honor to represent Dennis Pope in the United States Senate.●

#### 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF BRIDGEPORT'S ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of the 75th anniversary of St. Raphael Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut. I commend the church and its devoted members for their long tradition of faithfulness and service. This anniversary is, rightfully, cause for celebration among St. Raphael's parishioners, and it is a pleasure to recognize their enduring commitment to the Bridgeport community.

The 1920s and 1930s saw a great influx of Italian immigrants into this country

generally and into the City of Bridgeport, Connecticut specifically. These immigrants brought hope and courage to America, and they also brought with them a strong religious faith. A new Roman Catholic parish, St. Raphael's, was soon established in Bridgeport to minister to their needs.

While the church that everyone in Bridgeport recognizes as St. Raphael's was being built, masses were held in the old Caruso Theater. An altar was carried in on Sundays to make the theater more like a sanctuary. Services were modest, but they drew the parish together. On Christmas Day, 1925 the faithful celebrated the first mass in their new church. From that day forward the church has prospered and grown. A convent was added to the parish in 1937 and the sisters who lived there led religious instruction for six hundred public school children every week.

During World War II, hundreds of young men from this church bravely went overseas to fight for their country, and fifty of them never returned.

Despite these losses, the 1940s were a time of expansion for the church. New land was acquired and new buildings were raised. The church's current appearance is a result of the work done primarily during this period.

St. Raphael's is one of the most beautiful churches in Bridgeport, and I believe, in the entire state of Connecticut. What was once a yellow Spanish-style mission has undergone many renovations. Now a Gregorian Romanesque building overlooking a school, convent, and rectory, much of the property surrounding it belongs to the Church. The altar inside was imported to this country from Italy. Some of the woodwork around the altar was carved by Italian artists, while most of the renovations to this building have been the product of devoted parishioners throughout the past seven decades. From the marble steps to the artwork contained within the Church, this place of worship is a proud combination of traditional Italian style and modern American workmanship and dedication.

As St. Raphael's celebrates its 75th Anniversary, it is fitting to remember the rich history and the important role that this parish has had in the community and for the many generations of Italian-Americans that have lived in Bridgeport. It has persisted through the years as a source of spiritual guidance and communal strength, and I applaud their legacy and wish the parish well at the dawn of this new century.●

#### ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

● Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to recognize a recent achievement of the men and women at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, Alaska. Today, they received the Air Force's 1999 General Thomas D. White Environmental Award for Res-

toration. This award reflects the commitment of the Air Force in Anchorage to making Elmendorf Air Force Base and the surrounding community a better place to live.

Mr. President, the men and women who serve our nation at Elmendorf have always been sensitive to the needs of the communities surrounding the base. Indeed, all of the Air Force installations in Alaska, have gone out of their way to ensure that the environment is not permanently harmed by any military presence. Innovative approaches to cleanup have resulted in Elmendorf being projected to reach Air Force cleanup goals a full ten years ahead of schedule.

Several measures are in place to improve and speed up the cleanup of any future environmental hazards, all at a cost savings of over \$1 million to the taxpayers. All of these efforts have ensured a long standing positive relationship with the civilian community and preserved the beautiful lands in Alaska for future generations to enjoy. For this reason, the Air Force today rewarded the men and women at Elmendorf for their diligence.

Today, the people of Elmendorf can be proud of the fact that they are an example by which other Air Force installations around the nation, indeed the world, will measure themselves for environmental awareness. I join the Air Force in commending those at Elmendorf, like Lieutenant General Thomas R. Case and Colonel Duncan H. Showers, who have made this possible. I also look forward to continued work with the Air Force in Alaska to maintain their excellent relationship with the rest of the communities in Alaska.●

#### TRIBUTE TO LUCAS MOLLER

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I bring your attention to the recent accomplishments of Lucas Moller. Lucas is 11 years old, a student of Russell Elementary School in Moscow, Idaho, and is currently helping NASA scientists develop sensitive and complex space equipment.

In December of 1999, Lucas was selected by the Planetary Society to have his invention used by NASA scientists on the Mars Surveyor 2001 mission. Mr. President, I know you join Idaho and myself in extending to Lucas congratulations on this achievement.

The Planetary Society asked kindergarten through 12th-grade students to design an experiment that would enhance the Mars Surveyor mission. After learning of this contest, Lucas studied the mission to determine what he could build. What Lucas came up with was both simple and ingenious. He constructed a thimble-sized cylinder designed to help scientists test the angle at which Martian dust falls off space equipment. This invention will allow scientists to learn what angle to position their equipment to prevent dust collecting and interfering with experiments.

When Lucas is not working with the Nation's top scientists on space exploration, he is developing his character with such distinguished organizations as the Boy Scouts. He excels at math and science and is involved in the gifted and talented program at school.

Mr. President, Lucas Moller is an outstanding example of what Idaho students can do with the proper encouragement and dedication. He is a role model for students and scientists of all ages and I am proud that he will represent his family and state in future space exploration. I know you and my colleagues in the Senate join me in offering our congratulations to Lucas.●

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-8583. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to the housing allowances paid to uniformed service members stationed in the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8584. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to a technical correction to uniformed service pay tables; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8585. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to authorizing the reimbursement for the parking expenses of recruiters and other designated military personnel who have specific duties that require them to use their privately-owned vehicles in civilian communities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8586. A communication from the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to the use and distribution of the Quinault Indian Nation Judgment Funds; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-8587. A communication from the Planning and Analysis Office, Department of Veterans Affairs transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to the Board of Veterans' Appeals; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-8588. A communication from the Administrator, Small Business Administration transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to implementation of the President's FY 2001 Budget and other improvements and initiatives; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-8589. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to the DoT's security printing and engraving program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8590. A communication from the Federal Judicial Center transmitting the annual report for calendar year 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8591. A communication from the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Indirect Food Additives: Adhesives and Components of Coatings and Paper and Paperboard Components" (Docket No. 99F-0925), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8592. A communication from the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Reclassification and Codification of the Stainless Steel Suture" (Docket No. 86P-0087), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8593. A communication from the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Effective Date of Requirement for Premarket Approval for Three Preamendment Class II Devices" (Docket No. 98F-0564), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8594. A communication from the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegations of Authority and Organization", received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8595. A communication from the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gastroenterology-Urology Devices; Effective Date of Requirement for Premarket Approval of the Penile Inflatable Implant" (Docket No. 92N-0445), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8596. A communication from the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hematology and Pathology Devices; Reclassification; Restricted Devices; OTC Test Sample Collection Systems for Drugs of Abuse Testing" (Docket No. 97N-0135), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8597. A communication from the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Laser Fluorescence Caries Detection Device" (Docket No. 00P-1209), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8598. A communication from the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Gastroenterology-Urology Devices; Nonimplanted Peripheral Electrical Containment Device" (Docket No. 00P-1120), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8599. A communication from the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cardiovascular, Orthopedic, and Physical Medicine Diagnostic Devices; Reclassification of Cardiopulmonary Bypass Accessory Equipment, Goniometer Device, and Electrical Cable Devices" (Docket No. 99N-2210), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8600. A communication from the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Code of Federal Regulations; Technical Amendments" (Docket No. 00N-1217), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8601. A communication from the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Reclassification of 28 Preamendments Class III into Class II" (Docket No. 99N-0035), received April 20, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8602. A communication from the Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Valuation of Benefits; Use of Single Set of Assumptions for all Benefits" (RIN1212-AA91), received April 20, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8603. A communication from the Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lump Sum Payment Assumptions" (RIN1212-AA92), received April 20, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8604. A communication from the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Requirements Applicable to Blood, Blood Components, and Source Plasma", received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8605. A communication from the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Service Fellowships", received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8606. A communication from the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quality Mammography Standards", received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8607. A communication from the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Requirements Applicable to Albumin (Human) Plasma Protein Fraction (Human), and Immune Globulin (Human)", received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8608. A communication from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nevada State Plan; Final Approval Determination", received April 18, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8609. A communication from the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities transmitting the annual report on the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Program for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8610. A communication from the National Science Foundation transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2000"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8611. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Education, transmitting a