

on him often for the same solid advice and counsel he has given to us for so many years.

The lives of countless thousands of disabled and disadvantaged citizens have been enriched as a result of Marvin Fifield's work. As a result, our nation will benefit for generations to come. It is a privilege to honor him today. I am proud to call him a friend.●

#### SALUTE TO WE THE PEOPLE STUDENTS

• Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, over the past several days, more than 1,200 students from across the United States are in Washington to compete in the national finals of the We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution program. I am proud to announce that the class from Wyndmere High School from Wyndmere, North Dakota represents my state in this national event. These young scholars have 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.

The names of these students are: Brian Boyer, Mandy David, Julie Dotzenrod, Elizabeth Foertsch, Alissa Haberman, Lindsey Heitkamp, Lori Heitkamp, Daniel Hodgson, Jesse Nelson, Kari Schultz, Amy Score, John Totenhagen, and Bobbi Ann Ulvestad. I would also like to recognize their teacher, Dave Hodgson, who deserves much of the credit for the success of the class, Phil Harmeson, North Dakota's dedicated state coordinator, district coordinator Dan Vainonen, and Kirk Smith, who serves as a judge for this year's competition.

One of the most memorable experiences of my life was when I was one of 55 people chosen to represent all Americans at a ceremony in the Assembly Room in Constitution Hall in Philadelphia to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the writing of the Constitution. Our Constitution was written by 55 white men, including some of the most revered men in our nation's history. In the Assembly Room, George Washington's chair is still sitting at the front of the room where he presided over the Constitutional Convention, along with Ben Franklin and James Madison.

Two hundred years later, the gathering was noticeably different—this time it was 55 men, women, minorities. I got chills sitting in this room because I had studied in a very small school the history about Ben Franklin, Madison, Mason, George Washington—just like those students participating in the We the People . . . program are doing now—and there I was sitting in the very room where they wrote the Constitution of the United States.

I wish every American could have the same opportunity to visit Constitution Hall the way I did, but at the very least, every young American student

should learn about the history and importance of our Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution program is the most extensive educational program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Columnist David Broder described the national finals as "the place to have your faith in the younger generation restored."

The class from Wyndmere High School has worked hard to become "constitutional experts," and on behalf of my fellow North Dakotans and my colleagues in the Senate, I want them to know we are proud of their hard work and dedication.●

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL EMS WEEK

• Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, almost one year ago today, I came to the floor of the Senate to recognize a very important group of individuals: Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel.

I would like to take some time again this year to applaud the selfless efforts of the men and women who dedicate themselves to such a worthy cause day in and day out. For most of us, it is hard to imagine going to work every day not having any idea what kind of tragic situations we may encounter or what kinds of dangers we might face. These dedicated individuals overlook these challenges every day and often imperil themselves to help those in need of medical attention.

Unfortunately, especially given the important work they do, this group often goes unrecognized. I rise today in support of National EMS Week and want to recognize EMS personnel by celebrating their selfless efforts with thanks and gratitude. My praise comes early; while National EMS Week is observed during the third week in May, I felt it necessary to make these remarks today, as many EMS personnel will be honored this evening at a special reception held here in Washington, DC.

Mr. President, this year's National EMS Week theme, "New Century, New Hope," encourages a forward-looking, optimistic approach to identifying and meeting newly emerging community challenges. EMS is a complex, integrated system of personnel in both ambulances and hospitals that provides excellent care in emergency medical situations by affecting safe and efficient transport and treatment until more advanced medical care can be delivered. Importantly, EMS also includes the person who recognizes an emergency and summons help through a phone call to 9-1-1. This is the beginning of a very important chain of communication and care, which results in saved lives.

During both the 105th and 106th Congresses, I have come to the floor of the Senate to introduce the Emergency

Medical Services Efficiency Act, S. 911. This bill was a product of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee that I formed in 1997 to evaluate some of the problems facing EMS providers. Because I believe there is an overriding public health interest in ensuring a viable and seamless EMS system, I continue to pursue passage of S. 911.

This legislation attempts to create acceptable government standards for EMS providers and allows expansion in the next century to enable providers to better serve their local communities. A first priority included in my bill is for "prudent layperson" language to accompany the approval of EMS services under many medical plans, especially Medicare. One of the most fiscally disruptive forces is the denial of emergency transport due to a physician's reevaluation of what "seemed" critical and is later labeled as being "medically unnecessary." Portions of this legislation have already been approved by the Senate. In addition, S. 911 calls for EMS providers to play a role in the process of providing recommendations on how federal regulatory policy is made. I think this makes sense, and most importantly, it gives EMS providers a clear voice in identifying and finding a solution to the most challenging aspects of critical care delivery.

On an annual basis, the American Ambulance Association recognizes EMS personnel from around the country for their selfless contributions to their profession, and presents them with the Star of Life Award. This year, 94 individuals were chosen by their peers to receive this prestigious award. I would like to personally thank those honorees for their service, and commend them on the respect they have generated for themselves and their profession amongst their peers and the public.

Again, I would like to applaud the efforts of all EMS personnel. They have the sometimes unenviable task of cleaning up the messes that life affords every community, but they do it with pride and they do it well. I plan to do everything in my power to provide these individuals with the additional tools and loud voice that they have earned through their devotion to our local communities.

Mr. President, I ask that the names of the year 2000 American Ambulance Association's Star of Life honorees be printed in the RECORD.

The list of honorees follows:

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STARS OF LIFE

Dub Morris, Columbia County Ambulance Service, AZ.

Barbara K. Clark, Rural/Metro—Southwest Ambulance, AZ.

David Stockton, Rural/Metro—Southwest Ambulance, AZ.

David Atkins, American Medical Response, CA.

Rachelle Byler, American Medical Response, CA.

Bert DeMello, American Medical Response, CA.

Dennis Flannery, American Medical Response, CA.

Darlene Heitman, American Medical Response, CA.

Noella Lelham, American Medical Response, CA.

Brian Pounds, American Medical Response, CA.

Dennis G. Smith, American Medical Response, CA.

Sheri Burcham, American Medical Response, CO.

Michael Harvey, American Medical Response, CO.

Jeffery Adams, American Medical Response, CT.

Brooke Liddle, American Medical Response, FL.

Pagona Pratt, American Medical Response, FL.

Terri L. Brown, American Medical Response, GA.

Bradley A. Melone, Mid Georgia Ambulance, GA.

Lisa D. Scott, Rural/Metro Ambulance, GA.

Danny Sagadraca, American Medical Response, HI.

David Cole, Iowa EMS Association, IA.

Wendy L. Hackett, MEDIC EMS, IA.

Christine A. Hartley, Lee County EMS Ambulance, Inc., IA.

Sandy Neyen, Iowa EMS Association, IA.

Jim B. Steffen, Henry County Health Center EMS, IA.

Andrew D. Stevens, MEDIC EMS, IA.

Dan R. Walderbach, Henry County Health Center EMS, IA.

Darin E. Longanecker, American Medical Response, IL.

Daren T. Pfeifer, American Medical Response, KS.

Michael Moree, Acadian Ambulance & Air Med Services, LA.

Annette V. Mouton, Med Express Ambulance Service, Inc., LA.

Jamie L. Richaud, Med Express Ambulance Service, Inc., LA.

Joan Savoy, Priority Mobile Health, LA.

Mary Williams, Priority Mobile Health, LA.

Jamie J. Crawford, Lyons Ambulance Service, MA.

Robert McDevitt, Action Ambulance, MA.

Donna L. Moore, Lyons Ambulance Service, MA.

James Scolforo, American Medical Response, MA.

Alfred Theirrien, American Medical Response, MA.

Gary Wright, Action Ambulance, MA.

David L. Janey, Rural Metro Corporation, MD.

Cindy Walker, American Medical Response, ME.

Mandy Argue, American Medical Response, MI.

Bryan A. Fuller, American Medical Response, MI.

Steve Hazucka, Medstar Ambulance, MI.

Scott Hicks, Medstar Ambulance, MI.

Joseph Horvath, Huron Valley Ambulance, MI.

Robert Martin, American Medical Response, MI.

Wayne H. Mervau, North Flight, Inc., MI.

Judy Pearson, American Medical Response, MI.

Jack Taylor, Life EMS, MI.

Robert Atzenhoefer, Gold Cross Ambulance, MN.

Richard P. Humble, Metropolital Ambulance Service Trust, MD.

Scott Wolf, Metropolitan Ambulance Service Trust, MD.

Jimmy H. Gill, American Medical Response, MS.

Martha A. Branden, Mecklenburg EMS Agency, NC.

Rolanda L. Collins, American Medical Response, NC.

Littlejohn Goodwin, Mecklenburg EMS Agency, NC.

Patricia Graham, Medical Transportation Specialists, Inc., NC.

John R. Tompkins, Mecklenburg EMS Agency, NC.

Lee M. Van Vleet, FirstHealth of the Carolinas, NC.

James G. White, FirstHealth of the Carolinas, NC.

Darin B. Haverland, F-M Ambulance Service, ND.

David Lacaillade, Rockingham Regional Ambulance, Inc., NH.

Sylvia Riley, Rockingham Regional Ambulance, Inc., NH.

Earl F. Gardner Jr., Med Alert Ambulance, Inc., NJ.

John E. Romano, Rural/Metro Ambulance, NJ.

Charlene Ortega, Living Cross Ambulance Service, Inc., NM.

Patricia Beckwith, American Medical Response, NV.

Robert E. Mann, Rural/Metro, NY.

James Poole, Mohawk Ambulance Service, NY.

Gaye Buckingham, Stofcheck Ambulance Service, OH.

Roger Meir, Rural metro Ambulance, OH.

Randy W. Benetti, Sr., Rural/Metro Fire Department, OR.

Brett Gnau, Pacific West Ambulance, OR.

Joseph D. Hyatt, Rural/Metrol Fire Department, OR.

Kevin Lambert, Metro West Ambulance, OR.

Paul Martin, American Medical Response, OR.

Zane McKnight, Oregon State Ambulance Assn. & Medix Ambulance, OR.

Timothy Blackston, Cetronia Ambulance Corps., PA.

James Ralston, Rural/Metro Medical Services, PA.

Wonda C. Pickler, Rural/Metro—Mid South, TN.

Cheryl Barrett, Life Ambulance Services, Inc., TX.

Michael DeBerry, LifeNet EMS, TX.

Ben Kruse, American Medical Response, TX.

Paul M. Rogers, Rural/Metro—MedStar, TX.

Daniel L. Evans, Gold Cross Service, UT.

Ryan D. Pyle, Gold Cross Service, UT.

James D. Stevens, Gold Cross Service, UT.

Lauren C. Challis, American Medical Response, VA.

Colleen Gilman, Regional Ambulance Service, Inc., VT.

Bradley C. Derting, American Medical Response, WA.

Ron Stewart, Rural/Metro Ambulance, WA.

Laurie Whitfield, American Medical Response—Pathways, WI.●

#### RETIRING CLARK COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

• Mr. REID. Mr. President, on Friday, May 12, 2000, Nevadans will pause to honor the outstanding achievements and retirement of Clark County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Brian Cram. Throughout his 34 years as an educator, Dr. Cram has touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of youth in the Las Vegas Valley as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent, all within the Clark County School District. He is retiring after serving more

than eleven years as superintendent. The fact that his tenure has been approximately nine years longer than the average for a superintendent demonstrates his excellence and commitment to our community Southern Nevada.

Dr. Cram can be appreciated most for his outstanding management of the fastest growing school district in the country. During his tenure, the district has grown from 111,000 to more than 215,000 students, and is currently the eighth largest school district in the country. Dr. Cram is a self-proclaimed "poster boy for school bonds," having successfully secured billions of dollars for the construction of more than 100 new schools for the students, teachers and staff of the Clark County School District. He recently was successful in obtaining voter approval of school construction funding for the next ten years, a legacy that will carry on well beyond his tenure. This achievement takes on added significance when one considers that Nevada, as my Senate colleagues have heard me state on numerous occasions, must build approximately one school a month just to keep up with the unprecedented growth in the Silver State.

Although he spent many years in administration, Dr. Cram has always been happiest when working with children. He has never been one to sit behind a desk, preferring instead to be out working with children, families and staff. His tenure as superintendent will be characterized by strong personal relationships with the students, teachers, families and employees of the school district and the entire community.

Above all, Dr. Cram is a true believer in the value of education. He hails from a home which stressed the importance of sound learning and lifelong education, and he has been driven by a fundamental belief that education is the great equalizer and provider in life.

It is my distinct pleasure and honor to join all Nevadans in wishing Dr. Brian Cram all the best upon his retirement. His genuine commitment of the youth of Nevada will be appreciated for many generations to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DANIEL AZZIZE SAMUEL

• Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize an outstanding young Virginian, Daniel Azzize Samuel, who has been selected to receive the 2000 American Automobile Association Lifesaving Medal. This award is the highest honor given to members of the school safety patrol.

Daniel is a member of the Kent Gardens School Safety Patrol in McLean, Virginia. On January 12th of this year, he was on his way to his post when he saw an eight-year-old student running back toward his departing bus. Quickly sizing up the danger, Daniel yelled at the student to stop. The bus driver also heard Daniel's yell and stopped the