

# CONGRATULATING CENTRAL FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

• Mr. L. CHAFEE. Mr. President, on May 6th, twenty-five outstanding students from Central Falls High School in Rhode Island visited Washington to compete in the national finals of the "We The People . . . The Citizen And The Constitution" program. This is the third time that the Central Falls High School team has won the statewide competition, and I would like to commend their achievement.

The "We The People . . . The Citizen And the Constitution" program focuses on teaching our nation's students about the history, philosophy, and meaning of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, as well as increasing civic participation. The national finals competition simulates a congressional hearing in which students testify as constitutional experts before a panel of judges.

I am very proud of Francisco Araujo, Sean Brislin, Andrzej Budzyna, Delia Buffington, Eloisa Dellagiovanna, Rachel Dittell, Renee Dittell, Matthew Doucett, Ricky Ferreira, Hipolito Fontes, Michelle Fontes, Sonia Gaitan, Jennifer Golenia, Joshua Lapan, Celia Marques, Edward Pare, Kassandra Reveron, Helen Reyes, Kathleen Roach, Amy Rodrigues, Anthony Rodrigues, Jennifer Savard, Cassie Tripp, Monica Vicente, and Leslie Viera for making it to the national finals. I applaud this terrific group of young men and women for their hard work and perseverance. Also, Mr. President, I want to congratulate Jeffry Schanck, a fine teacher who deserves so much credit for guiding the Central Falls High School team to the national finals.

Mr. President, it is encouraging to see young Rhode Islanders participating in the "We The People . . . The Citizen And the Constitution" program. They have learned that the Constitution is not just a piece of paper, but a living document that all Americans should cherish. It gives me great hope for the future of Rhode Island and our nation.●

## IN HONOR OF MR. RICHARD BUNKER

• Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a distinguished Nevadan, a good man, and a good friend, Mr. Richard Bunker. Richard will be receiving the National Jewish Medical and Research Center's Humanitarian Award on June 3, 2000. The Humanitarian Award recognizes individuals who have made significant civic and charitable contributions, and whose concern is not personal, but for the greater community. There is no one more deserving of this honor than Richard Bunker.

Richard's legacy of service to the state of Nevada is long and remarkable. He has served as Assistant City Manager of Las Vegas and Clark County Manager, before being appointed Chairman of the prestigious State Gaming Control Board. He is currently a member of the Colorado River Commission and a member of the Board of

Trustee for the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union Welfare/Pension Funds.

As Chairman of the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, Richard is Nevada's ambassador on the Colorado River. With shrewdness and finesse, he has developed positive relations with officials of the Colorado River basin states. His political skill has firmly re-established Nevada as a player on the important issues of the Colorado River community. He also made the critically needed expansion of Southern Nevada water facilities a reality when he brokered a financial plan with the business, developer, and gaming communities.

Over the years, Richard Bunker has also been recognized by a variety of distinguished organizations. In 1993, he received the prestigious Nevadan of the Year award from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. The Anti-Defamation League honored Richard with the Distinguished Community Service Award in 1996. In June 1999, he was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Nevada Gaming Attorneys and the Clark County Bar Association.

For those of us who have had the pleasure to work closely with Richard, as I have, the above awards pale in comparison to his true grit. He is knowledgeable of the system of government and totally aware of the magic of our system of free enterprise. For the growth and development of southern Nevada, no one for the past twenty-five years has played a more key role than Richard Bunker.

On a more personal note, Richard has played an important part in my political endeavors. He has been an advisor, counselor, and sounding board. Above all else, he is a god listener, for this Richard, I am grateful.

I extend to you my congratulations and the appreciation of all Nevadans for your good work on their behalf.●

## TRIBUTE TO PORTER HOSPITAL AND THE HELEN PORTER NURSING HOME

• Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, it is a great honor for me to represent the people of the state of Vermont. On this occasion, I rise to pay tribute to two health care institutions in Vermont that add so much to their communities and make "the Green Mountain State" such a wonderful place to live.

This year Porter Hospital is celebrating its 75th anniversary and Helen Porter Nursing Home is celebrating its 30th anniversary of providing quality health care to the people of Addison County, Vermont. Together these two institutions have played a vital role in delivering a continuum of care to thousands of people. They have demonstrated their commitment to serving as catalysts in the development of health services for the people of this region.

Porter Hospital has been caring for its community since 1925 and is a full service, community hospital, providing emergency services and comprehensive

medical care. Helen Porter Nursing Home provides skilled and intermediate care to residents in a home-like environment where privacy is honored and individuality respected.

The devoted and professional staff of both institutions provide the full range of health care from outpatient services and rehabilitation, to long-term care and Wellness programs. Additionally, Porter Hospital and Helen Porter Nursing Home have contributed significantly to the economic vitality of the region as major employers and active members of the Addison County business community.

In a rural state such as Vermont, we count our successes one community at a time. We hold our institutions dear and we thank the men and women who devote their lives to improving the health status of our state.

Porter Hospital and Helen Porter Nursing Home have displayed a steadfast commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Addison County. The citizens of Vermont are tremendously grateful for that commitment, and I join them in sharing gratitude. Thank you.●

## TRIBUTE TO NAVY REAR ADMIRAL JOHN D. HUTSON, USN

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Rear Admiral John D. Hutson, USN, the Judge Advocate General of the Navy. Admiral Hutson will retire from the Navy on August 1, 2000, having completed a distinguished 27-year career of service to our Nation.

Admiral Hutson was born in North Muskegon, Michigan, and is a graduate of Michigan State University and the University of Minnesota Law School. He also earned a Master of Laws degree in labor law from Georgetown University Law Center.

During his military career, Admiral Hutson excelled at all facets of his chosen professions of law and naval service. He served as a trial and defense counsel at the Law Center, Corpus Christi, Texas, faithfully preserving military justice at its very foundations. As a staff judge advocate, he provided legal counsel to Commanding Officers at Naval Air Station, Point Mugu, California, and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine. He served as an instructor and later as the Commanding Officer of Naval Justice School, Newport, Rhode Island, playing a critical role in preparing and mentoring future generations of judge advocates.

As the Executive Officer of the Naval Legal Service Office, Newport, Rhode Island, and later the Commanding Officer, Naval Legal Service Office, Europe and Southwest Asia, Naples, Italy, Admiral Hutson proved to be an inspiring leader. He guided young judge advocates in the understanding, appreciation and dedication of their roles as both judge advocates and naval officers, exemplifying the Navy's core values of honor, courage, and commitment.



During his career Admiral Hutson also provided counsel and support to senior leaders while serving as the Staff Judge Advocate and Executive Assistant to the Commander, Naval Investigative Command and as Executive Assistant to the Judge Advocate General of the Navy.

I am sure many of my colleagues remember and appreciate Admiral Hutson's service as a legislative counsel and later as the Director of Legislation in the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs. During these assignments, he directly contributed to clear and thorough communication with Congress on the interests of the Navy in a broad range of legislative matters.

Admiral Hutson's dedication to service and superior performance in all assignments appropriately culminated in his appointment as the 36th Judge Advocate General of the Navy. In this role, he provided invaluable legal service to both the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations, and the Judge Advocate General's Corps. He fulfilled these duties with great distinction, leaving the Judge Advocate General's Corps strong and well-prepared for the challenges of the 21st century.

It is fitting that following his retirement Admiral Hutson will become the Dean of the Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord, New Hampshire, where he will continue to lead and mentor future servants of the law.

Mr. President, the Nation, the United States Navy, and the Judge Advocate General's Corps have been made better through the talent and dedication of Rear Admiral John D. Hutson. I know all of my colleagues join me in wishing him and his wife, Paula, fair winds and following seas.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MANUAL HIGH SCHOOL

● Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate students at my alma mater, duPont Manual High School, for their victory in the U.S. Department of Energy's National Science Bowl.

I am proud to share with my colleagues that a team of five students from duPont Manual High School in Louisville, Kentucky, are the champions of the 2000 National Science Bowl. These young scholars worked diligently to reach the competition and through their academic excellence and teamwork, prevailed at the end of a tough, four-day challenge held in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

First, and most importantly, I recognize the students on this year's Manual High School team and commend them for their hard work and determination: Mariah Cummins, Marty Mudd, Matthew Reece, Gabe Wood, and Yan Xuan.

I also applaud and thank their teacher, Skip Zwanzig, who taught these students and provided the leadership which brought them to this year's competition.

The National Science Bowl is a rigorous academic competition among teams of high school students. This year is the 10th anniversary of the program, which has brought more than 60,000 high school mathematics and science students from across the country together in competition since its inception in 1991. The program is designed to encourage students and their teachers to achieve educational excellence in science and math. Competing teams are quizzed on topics in biology, chemistry, physics, astronomy, earth science, computer science, and mathematics.

Congratulations, Manual High, on your win and thank you for continuing Louisville's and the State of Kentucky's tradition of excellence in education.●

#### COMMENDING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE "CELEBRATE THE CENTURY EXPRESS"

● Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, I rise today to commend the United States Postal Service for receiving two distinguished awards for its Celebrate the Century Express Educational Train Tour. I would like to thank Mr. Gary A. Thuro, Jr., Manager, Promotions, and Mr. Ernest Cascino, Jr., Project Manager, for bringing the awards to my attention. The United States Postal Service deserves special recognition for receiving the Department of Transportation's Design for Transportation National Award of Merit and the Transportation Marketing & Communications Association's 2000 Award of Excellence.

Both awards were presented in recognition of the United States Postal Service's Celebrate the Century Express Train which is a specially outfitted four-car Amtrak train and traveling postal history exhibition that serves as the "iron ambassador" of the Celebrate the Century commemorative stamp and education program. The train is a rolling history museum, presenting the story of how the mails and rails helped develop our country and, highlighting some of the most significant people, places and events of the 20th century.

Over its 18-month tour from March 1999 to fall 2000, the Celebrate the Century Express will visit dozens of communities across the nation, from the biggest cities to the smallest towns. In 1999, the train traveled over nearly 13,000 miles of track, visiting 36 cities in 18 states and being viewed by more than 150,000 people, including thousands of schoolchildren. The train is expected to make at least 36 stops this year before concluding its two-year run in November 2000.

The Design for Transportation National Awards 2000 honor those facilities and activities that exemplify the highest standards of design and have made an outstanding contribution to the nation's transportation systems

and the people they serve. The United States Postal Service received a Merit Award (which is only given every 5 years) for achieving a high level of design quality for its Celebrate the Century Express. The Postal Service is among 30 winners out of more than 300 entries and is the only recipient to receive an award for any type of vehicle.

The Transportation Marketing & Communications Association's Transportation Communicators Award program, also known as the "Tranny" Awards, recognizes excellence in communications programs in the transportation and logistics industries. The program recognizes individual practitioners who apply solid communications principles and creativity to effectively promote the goals of their organizations. The United States Postal Service received an Award of Excellence in the category of "best practices in special events" and was one of 18 winners out of more than 150 entries.●

#### NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL DAY—THANK YOU ISN'T ENOUGH

● Mr. CARPO. Mr. President, I rise to discuss an innovative program in my home State of Idaho that honors our Nation's law enforcement officers.

As you know, May 15, 2000, was National Law Enforcement Memorial Day. This important day was established to commemorate the brave men and women of law enforcement who lost their lives in the line of duty. Law enforcement personnel risk their lives every day to protect and serve this Nation. According to statistics released by the U.S. Department of Justice, the incidents of violent crime are steadily declining. There is no doubt that this is a direct result of the hard-work and dedication of law enforcement officers across the Nation.

This year, I was pleased to be able to join the Idaho Education Association in sponsoring a state-wide poster contest in conjunction with National Law Enforcement Memorial Day. Using the theme "Thank You Isn't Enough," creative and talented public school students from communities throughout Idaho submitted posters honoring the service and sacrifices of law enforcement. The winning posters, chosen from four different grade ranges, were announced on May 15. The winning entries, which I will have the honor of displaying in my office here in Washington, D.C., were submitted by the following Idaho public school students:

Kindergarten through Second Grade: Jenefer Kramer from Westside Elementary in Idaho Falls.

Third through Fifth Grade: Mirella Toncheva from Washington Elementary in Pocatello.

Sixth through Eighth Grade: Jenni Henscheid from Sandcreek Middle School in Idaho Falls.

Ninth through Twelfth Grade: Cassey Newbold from Alameda Junior High School in Pocatello.