

seek the common good and not appeal to our worst instincts.

This is a time for a new ethic—justice without vengeance. Let us come together to hold people accountable for their actions, to resist and condemn violence, to stand with victims of crime and to insist that those who destroy community, answer to the community. But let us also remember that we cannot restore life by taking life, that vengeance cannot heal and that all of us must find new ways to defend human life and dignity in a far too violence society.

This will be a long struggle. It begins by raising new doubts about the death penalty. It will require new and more serious efforts to address crime and reform prisons. But in the end, we cannot practice what we condemn. We cannot defend life by taking life. We cannot contain violence by using state violence.

In this new century, we join with others in taking a prophetic stand to end the death penalty. In doing so, we hope to share a new vision of society that is unambiguous and consistent in its defense of life. It will demand the courage and faith of many to see us through a long and challenging process of dialogue and conversion. It is a challenge, however, that is worth our best efforts.

Thank you.●

TRIBUTE TO MIKE AND JOANNE DUNCAN

● Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Mike and Joanne Duncan of Inez, Kentucky, for the successful internship program they continue to run for students in eastern Kentucky.

Mike and his wife Joanne founded an innovative summer-internship program in 1977 with the hope of encouraging young people to continue to work and live in their home state after college. To date, more than 100 people have participated in Mike and Joanne's program and have had the opportunity to intern at local businesses or participate in other leadership-building projects around the community. This program has given students a place to exchange ideas with each other and community professionals to help them prepare for their career. It is through experiences such as these that Mike and Joanne have helped to show interns that they can make a difference in their corner of the world. The program the Duncan's have created gives students an opportunity to see firsthand what the real, working world is like in their hometown and often results in the students' desire to return home after college to share their talents and skills with the community of their youth.

Mike and Joanne's work is known and appreciated throughout eastern Kentucky, and throughout the nation. In 1996, Mike was called the "Mentor to Eastern Kentucky," by the Journal of the Appalachian Regional Commission. Also, the Los Angeles Times once described the internship program as being "more akin to adoption." The impact of the Duncan's work reaches across county and state lines, and is surely an example for similar programs across the United States.

Mike and Joanne display an unswerving commitment to the people of Kentucky and possess the gratitude and respect of many. Their dedication to helping young Kentuckians succeed through countless hours of counseling and tutoring over the last 23 years is indeed admirable.

Congratulations, Mike and Joanne, on your tremendous success, and thank you for your many generous years of service to eastern Kentucky's youth. On behalf of myself and my colleagues in the United States Senate, thank you for giving so much of yourself for so many others.●

A TRIBUTE TO HEIDI KIRK DUFFY

● Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Heidi Kirk Duffy upon her receipt of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, First Class.

Heidi was selected to receive the Order of Merit to recognize her "outstanding contribution to the development of academic and economic interchanges between universities and companies of the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany." The Order of Merit will be bestowed upon Heidi in particular recognition of her commitment to the cultivation of a strong relationship between the University of Rhode Island's International Engineering Program and the Federal Republic of Germany.

A native of the Dusseldorf area, Heidi is currently the Chair of the Advisory Board of the University of Rhode Island's International Engineering Program. At the conclusion of this five-year program, graduates receive two degrees, one in English and the other in German. Recently, the University of Rhode Island has also added degrees in Spanish and French. This International Engineering Program is considered to be one of the most unique programs of its kind in American higher education.

Under her direction, the University of Rhode Island's Engineering Program provides both German and American students a global education. Due to Heidi's dedication and hard work, the Program has been truly successful in strengthening a transatlantic relationship between the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany.

Heidi was notified earlier this year by the Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. P.C. Hauswedell, that she had been selected to receive the Order of Merit. The Verdienstkreuz 1. Klasse des Verdienstordens der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, as it is known in German, is one of the highest honors given to civilians by the Federal Republic. She will receive the Order of Merit on Friday, August 4th at ceremonies in her honor in the Rhode Island Capital.

I congratulate Heidi for her accomplishments and wish her luck as she continues in her endeavors.●

THE BEST 100 COMMUNITIES FOR MUSIC EDUCATION IN AMERICA

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Farmington Public School District of Farmington, Michigan, for its outstanding achievement in music education. It was ranked number one (along with Coppell, Texas) on the list of 100 best communities in America for school music programs. This is a very special honor which emphasizes the importance of arts education to the lives of our children.

The rankings were the result of a first-ever nationwide survey of more than 5,800 public schools and independent teachers, district administrators, school board members, parents, and community leaders representing communities in all 50 states. The web-based survey assessed many aspects of music education, such as funding, participation, student-teacher ratios, and quality of facilities. The results indicate that superior programs exist both in areas that possess a wealth of monetary and material resources, as well as in those that must rely on more innovative means of funding and implementing ambitious educational endeavors. The key element of success, found in each of the top 100 communities, is the dedication and support of parents, teachers, school decision-makers, and community leaders. This landmark survey highlights the efforts of people who truly value quality music education and strive to make it a reality for today's youth.

The partnership that sponsored the study was comprised of the country's top organizations devoted to music and learning. National School Boards Association President, Clarice Chambers, commented on the significance of the results: "We already know that students who participate in music programs tend to be high achievers. Now we can use the data generated by this survey to identify the common characteristics of exemplary music programs. This information will be invaluable to school boards and communities as they go about the work of raising student achievement in their own school districts." Scientific research has revealed the impact of music education on a child's cognitive abilities, self-discipline, communication, and teamwork skills. The self-confidence gained through artistic accomplishment encourages kids to avoid drugs and alcohol and channel their energy into positive activities. Farmington's musical education program will serve as a model for shaping young lives in school districts across the nation.

I applaud the City of Farmington for the wonderful music education program that it has established. It has truly earned its status as America's best place for music education, and I am sure will be a leader in the cultivation of musical talent for many years. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate the City of

Farmington, and wish the music education program continued success in the future.●

CONGRATULATING DR. SAMIR ABU-GHAZALEH

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dr. Samir Abu-Ghazaleh, who has been appointed by President Clinton to the National Cancer Advisory Board. Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh is currently a gynecologic oncologist at the Avera Cancer Institute in Sioux Falls, South Dakota where he has been successfully serving the important health needs of the citizens in my home state.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh attended Nahara College and received a M.B.B. from Ain Shams University Medical School, both in Cairo. He did his residency in OB-GYN in Yankton, South Dakota, at the University of South Dakota Affiliated Hospital, from 1972 to 1976. He also held a residency in gynecologic oncology at Duke University, from 1976 to 1978.

After finishing his schooling in medicine, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh returned to South Dakota where he served as the Director of the OB-GYN Student Teaching Program from 1981 to 1985, and an Associate Professor from 1980 to 1985, at the University of South Dakota School of Medicine. When not practicing medicine, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh is writing about it. He is the author of numerous articles on gynecology and oncology. The community in which he practices is important to him and he has hosted several workshops and presentations as a free service to inform the public and increase cancer awareness, particularly concerning women's health issues.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh is a member of the North Central Cancer Treatment Group, the Gynecologic Oncology Group, and the American College of Gynecologists. He has also been a member of the National Cancer Institute. Beginning in 1985, he has continued to serve as a Fellow of American College of Surgeons. Additionally, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh has been a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and Surgical Gynecologic Oncologists since 1980.

It is with great pride and pleasure that I rise in recognition to an outstanding health care provider, an honored member of the National Cancer Advisory Board, and a true asset to the state of South Dakota. He is a man who has dedicated his life to helping others and providing education on the serious illness of cancer. Again, congratulations to Dr. Samir Abu-Ghazaleh. I trust the Advisory Board will find him a valuable asset and a skilled advisor.●

A TRIBUTE TO FRANCIS SCOTT KEY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS BIRTHDAY, AUGUST 1, 1779

● Mr. L. CHAFEE. Mr. President, one of my constituents, Virginia Louise

Doris of Warwick, RI, has written a beautiful poem that commemorates the life of Francis Scott Key, and his steadfast efforts in penning what has become the words of our National Anthem. Last year I was pleased to share with my colleagues a poem she wrote about the valiant soldiers of World War II. Today, after reading her latest poem, I thought it would be appropriate to share her heartfelt words.

Virginia Doris has informed me that she has worked for many years researching the life of Francis Scott Key, and has written a monograph compiling her findings. Her dedication to bringing recognition to this great American is indeed inspiring. I thank her for sharing the poem with me, and wish her continued success in sharing the worthy story of her hero, Francis Scott Key.

I ask that a copy of Virginia Doris' poem appear at this point in the RECORD.

The poem follows:

POEM IN HONOR OF FRANCIS SCOTT KEY
(By Virginia Louise Doris)

Anthem, Mighty Anthem! Our voices resound,

Poem by God's blessing, unsceptered, uncrowned!

Anthem, Sacred Anthem! Our pulses repeat,
Warm with the life-blood, as long as they beat!

Listen! The reverence of his soul imbued
doth thrill us still,
In the old familiar places beneath their emerald hill.

Here at this altar our vows we renew
still in thy cause be loyal and true—
True to thy flag on the field, and the wave,
living to honor it, dying to save!

Wake in our breast the living fires,
the Holy faith that warmed our sires,
Thy spirit shed through every heart,
to every arm thy strength impart!

Our lips should fill the air with praises, and
pay the debt we owe,
So high above his hymn we raise the floods
of garlands flow.

Harken! The reverence of his soul imbued
doth thrill us still,
In the old familiar places beneath their emerald hill.

Anthem, Mighty Anthem! our voices resound,

Poem by God's blessing unsceptered uncrowned!

Anthem, Sacred Anthem! our pulses repeat,
Warm with the life-blood, as long as they beat!●

HONORING THE CLASS OF 1965 THE FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW AND DIPLOMACY

● Mr. REID. Mr. President, the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy was created in 1933, to be administered jointly by Tufts University and Harvard University, to offer a broad program of professional education in international affairs to a select group of graduate students, who desired to pursue careers in the U.S. State Department, the United Nations, and other public and private entities, organizations, and agencies that are involved in various aspects of international affairs: and

The Class of 1965 of said Fletcher School is celebrating its 35th reunion on August 19, 2000, to commemorate the achievements of members of that class. The members of the 1965 class have served with distinction in promoting world peace and harmony and working in many different places around the world, in a variety of professional, business, and public service positions to promote: freedom through international cooperation and effective defense policies; prosperity by means of international trade; democracy in new and developing nations by helping people understand how to build socially responsible societies based on democratic principles; and justice through the promotion of a better global understanding of the destiny of humankind to live in freedom from fear, hunger, want, and disease; and

Many in the Class of 1965 have served both in the U.S. Foreign Service, as well as in various positions in the U.S. Congress; and others have served in a variety of capacities in federal and state agencies, helping the United States to fulfill its role of leadership and responsibility in the world community.

I commend the Class of 1965 for the achievements and contributions that its members have made to promote better understanding among the people of the world and to bring hope to those who seek a better life for all the world's citizens. The United States Senate congratulates the class of 1965 of Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy on its 35th reunion and conveys best wishes to its members for good health, prosperity, and much happiness in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD CYR—JACQUELINE KENNEDY ONASSIS AWARD WINNER

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Richard Cyr upon receiving the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Award for outstanding public service.

In a time where random acts of kindness seem to be waning, Richard has proven that kind souls are still in abundance. He has established one of the most important volunteer efforts in the state, if not the country. Richard formed David's House, a program for the parents of sick children that provides much-needed support and love during critical times of treatment programs. It is this tireless dedication to helping others that garnered Richard a national award for this efforts.

Richard understood how difficult it was for families of sick children to remain close to their loved ones without having to add hotel costs to the growing number of bills. He was in the same situation himself when his foster child, David, became ill with acute lymphocytic leukemia. Richard spent countless nights sleeping in his car or in the hospital lobby to be closer to his child. After David's death, he decided