

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.

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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

that a safe refuge for families was necessary during illness.

David's House gives parents the ability to concentrate on their children without worrying about where to sleep, eat or shower during hospital visits. The House is staffed entirely by volunteers and receives donations from private sources. After fifteen years of operation, David's House has assisted hundreds of families and eased the pain of coping with illness. Such stability and growth is a testament of the true importance and need for institutions like David's House.

Richard's dedication to helping others in a grave time of need is truly inspirational. It is an honor to represent him in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO THE BELKNAP COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Belknap County Economic Development Group for receiving the 2000 United States Small Business Administration's New Hampshire "Financial Services Advocate of the Year" award.

Financial service advocates play an integral role in the success of a small business, particularly in their assistance with access to credit. The Belknap County Economic Development Group is no exception. They have been assisting small businesses in surrounding communities with great success since 1992.

Initially formed to address economic issues plaguing the area at the time, it later expanded to assisting small businesses struggling to get off the ground. It currently operates a revolving loan fund and two micro-lending programs, as well as provides technical assistance and counseling.

As a former small business owner in the state, I commend the Belknap County Economic Development Group for their hard work and dedication. It is truly an honor to represent them in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO RUTH GRIFFIN—2000 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Ruth Griffin for being named the "2000 Citizen of the Year" by the Greater Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce.

Ruth's dedication to the citizens of Portsmouth and its surrounding communities has spanned an impressive thirty years. She exemplifies what is good about today's society and proves that everyone can become involved in his or her community in some small way. Ruth genuinely cares for the people of the seacoast and thinks of everyone as her children to some degree. Her unfaltering commitment to assisting those in need or in crisis has touched the lives of many and garnered her an award for her efforts.

Aside from participating in countless community service events and programs, Ruth served on the Portsmouth School Board and the Police Commission. She extended her service beyond the seacoast to all of New Hampshire by serving terms in the New Hampshire State House and Senate. She currently serves as one of the governor's executive councilors. Ruth gives one hundred percent of her time and efforts to bettering the lives of those less fortunate. Her kind-hearted care and concern for the well-being of all she encounters proves her deep commitment to making New Hampshire a better place to live. Such dedication to her community and state is heart-warming and truly inspirational in a time where civic responsibility seems to be waning.

It is citizens like Ruth who make our communities stronger and exemplify what is good about America today. It is an honor to serve Ruth in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO BRETT MURPHY ON BEING NAMED PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Brett Murphy of New Ipswich, New Hampshire, for being selected as a 2000 Presidential Scholar by the United States Secretary of Education.

Of the over 2.5 million graduating seniors nationwide, Brett is one of only 141 seniors to receive this distinction for academics. This impressive young man is well-deserving of the title of Presidential Scholar. I wish to commend Brett for his outstanding achievement.

As a student at Saint Bernard's Central Catholic High School in New Hampshire, Brett has served as a role model for his peers through his commitment to excellence. Brett's determination promises to guide him in the future.

It is certain that Brett will continue to excel in his future endeavors. I wish to offer my most sincere congratulations and best wishes to Brett. His achievements are truly remarkable. It is an honor to represent him in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO JAY BORDEN—2000 ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Jay Borden, for his recognition as the 2000 Entrepreneur of the Year by the New Hampshire High Technology Council.

Jay is the President and CEO of Granite Systems, Inc., a leading provider in configuration management solutions to the telecommunications industry worldwide. His company is a rapidly growing success because of its innovative approaches to supporting a wide array of network technologies. This allows Granite Systems the chance to do business with a wider

spectrum of clients and to solidify their golden reputation in the fast-paced world of telecommunications technology.

Under Jay's strong leadership, his company has maintained a policy of 100 percent employee stock participation, a program intended to create a real difference for all employees if the company reaches its valuation and liquidity goals. He is truly dedicated to furthering the creative development of his employees through work-conducive programs. Because of the examples Jay has set for others, his employees are also deeply committed to high quality service and products.

Jay's sharp business skills and telecommunications experience prove to be just the right combination for a business that shows its success not only in dollar figures, but in the contributions it makes to leading new technologies. His commitment to the advancement of New Hampshire's technological economy is truly commendable. It is companies like Jay's that prove New Hampshire's true competitiveness in the technological field. Jay, it is an honor to represent you in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO KRISTINE WEST—AMERICAN LEGION LADIES AUXILIARY NATIONAL PRESIDENT

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Kristine West for her recent selection as National President of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Kristine's commitment to public service as a member of the American Legion Auxiliary is evident through her long list of accomplishments. In a time where civic duties seem to be waning, Kristine exemplifies true civic pride and involvement. Not only has she been an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary for over 20 years, she has given freely of her time to the town of Sutton as a member of the North Sutton Improvement Society and the Sutton Historical Society; working to better New Hampshire's scenic and historic heritage for all Granite Staters.

Kristine was a member of the American Legion Department of New Hampshire for five years before moving on to national level work. Her ten years of experience as chairwoman of various national committees proves that she is more than capable of handling the position of President. Her commitment to such organizations as Habitat for Humanity, the Education Committee and the Community Service Committee prove her strong dedication to helping surrounding communities and individuals in need.

Kristine's hard work, determination and energy are truly commendable. Her deep concern for the common good is admirable. She has truly demonstrated the qualities of strong leadership which will take her far in her new position. It is an honor to represent her in the United States Senate.●