

Folklife Exhibit from New Hampshire and the Celebrate New Hampshire Culture Festival.

Mike's hard work, determination and ability to motivate those around him to reach greater heights are truly commendable. His strong concern for the common good is admirable. He has truly illustrated the qualities of strong leadership and interpersonal relationship skills. Mike, it is an honor to represent you in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO LAUREN JENNIFER MEEHAN—MISS NEW HAMPSHIRE 2000

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a young woman who has given selflessly to her community, inspired her peers and has been chosen to represent the great state of New Hampshire in the Miss America pageant in 2000, Lauren Jennifer Meehan.

Lauren, crowned both Miss Lakes Region and Miss New Hampshire, is a 1998 graduate of Nashua Senior High School. Not only did she graduate in the top ten percent of her class, she went on to continue her education at the University of New Hampshire, where she is a sophomore majoring in molecular, cellular, and developmental biology. In addition to her premedical program course work, she minors in English as well.

Despite a double major and challenging courses, Lauren finds time for her singing passion, performing with the All-State Classical Choir for the past 3 years, and she gives back to the surrounding community through her involvement as a kindergarten catechism teacher at St. Thomas Moore Parish, as well as a Wentworth Douglas Emergency Room volunteer.

Her platform of attachment and adjustment disorders in children is especially poignant in an age where violence and mental disturbance with America's youth is all too common. Her dreams of entering the field of Pediatric Neurology will surely allow her to further research this field of study.

Lauren is an excellent student who cares about her community and the state. Her talents, hard work and dedication are truly commendable, and it is an honor to represent her in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO THE MOUNT WASHINGTON HOTEL AND RESORT

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the Mount Washington Hotel and Resort for their designation as one of the Businesses of the Decade by Business New Hampshire Magazine.

For the past ten years, under the direction of partners Joel and Cathy Bedard, the Mount Washington Hotel and Resort has become a cornerstone of the White Mountain Community, providing not only a place for the people of New Hampshire to rest and relax,

but giving back to the surrounding community as well.

The Mount Washington Hotel and Resort had not been locally owned until 1991, after several failed business ventures attempted to capitalize on the property. The hard work and dedication of each individual who worked on renovating and revitalizing the hotel is truly commendable. As a result, the Mount Washington Hotel and Resort was saved from demolition and currently thrives as one of New Hampshire's greatest treasures.

The Mount Washington Hotel and Resort is the largest employer in the local economy, providing 450 jobs in the summer months and 550 throughout the winter season. They are also an active member of their community, lending their support to programs such as New Hampshire Public Television, the Littleton Regional Hospital Auxiliary and other worthy programs and causes.

The Mount Washington Hotel and Resort is a true friend to the people of New Hampshire. Their efforts over the past ten years are truly commendable, and it is an honor to represent them in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO OLDE PORT BANK—NH BUSINESS IN THE ARTS AWARD WINNER

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Olde Port Bank for its recognition as a 2000 New Hampshire "Business in the Arts" award winner in the small company category.

Olde Port Bank proves that time and money are not the only key factors necessary for the successful continuation of arts programs. They have provided exhibit space in its offices and lobbies and promoted the activities of employees and customers who are artists as well. It is this sort of personal attention and support that make various programs available to the local community. The bank also understands the importance of a strong financial backbone, and helps to secure loans and credit lines so that the arts can remain part of the seacoast community.

The Children's Museum of Portsmouth is one such grateful recipient of Olde Port Bank's efforts. The bank has given generous financial support for an endowment fund to the museum and established corporate membership and sponsorship. Bank employees spend countless hours assisting the museum in many of its events and activities. This sort of high participation is a testament to the staff's deep dedication to making the arts more accessible to the Portsmouth community.

Olde Port Bank recognizes the importance of arts in education and the community. Forty percent of the bank's contributions budget is earmarked for arts organizations in the Portsmouth area, and this support is consistently growing each year. This company recognizes their power to lead by example, both economically and physically.

Without the support of dedicated businesses like Olde Port Bank, the arts would not be able to flourish in New Hampshire. Olde Port Bank truly signifies the deep personal commitment of small businesses across the state to supporting the causes that make New Hampshire one's chosen place to call home. It is an honor to serve them in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO LILLIAN NOEL—PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARD WINNER

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Lillian "Billie" Noel for her recognition as the Portsmouth Rotary Club's "Paul Harris Fellow" award winner.

Billie's deep commitment to preserving New Hampshire's precious woodlands is truly commendable. Instead of selling 35 acres of land to developers, Billie sold it at a reduced price to preservationists, ensuring the land will remain untouched for a long time. It is because of her dedication to assuring the future of New Hampshire's forests that she was honored by the Portsmouth Rotary Club in option for preservation over profit.

Billie made the decision to sell her property for \$600,000 to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire's Forests, even though it is worth three times that amount. This generous sale will ensure that the scenic waterfront property is not touched by developers. One of the last remaining undeveloped pieces of land in the fast-growing seacoast area, residents would have lost a treasured piece of their New Hampshire heritage had it been sold to developers. The Society plans to add walking paths and areas to picnic and bird watch, preserving the land's charm and scenic appeal. Billie's contribution to New Hampshire's citizens proves that there are still people dedicated to saving nature's delicacy rather than making a mere profit. It is this type of private initiative which keeps New Hampshire as the beautiful "Live Free or Die" state.

New Hampshire is lucky to have citizens like Billie who are committed to saving our state's beautiful lands. Our state's scenic areas are too precious to lose and I commend Billie for her hard work and dedication to the environment. It is an honor to represent Billie in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE SUSAN B. CARBON—"FRANK ROWE KENISON" AWARD RECIPIENT

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to the Honorable Susan B. Carbon upon receiving the "Frank Rowe Kenison" award for her contributions to New Hampshire citizens through the field of Law and Justice.

The "Frank Rowe Kenison" award was established to recognize those individuals who, through the administration of justice, the legal profession or the advancement of legal thought, have worked towards improving the lives of New Hampshire citizens.

Susan has bettered the life of hundreds if not thousands of New Hampshire citizens through her pursuit of justice. Her personal and professional journeys have inspired her to seek an end to family violence.

As president of the New Hampshire Bar Association, Susan was instrumental in establishing the Family Violence Conference. She has also served as a member of the Executive Committee for the Governor's Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence and a trustee for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. This involvement has allowed her to combat domestic violence on a national level.

Susan's tireless dedication to domestic violence prevention is a testament to the philosophy of Frank Rowe Kenison, who stated "The Supreme Court and the Judiciary of this State will continue to maintain and guard its house justice for the humble as well as the powerful, for the poor as well as the rich, for the minority as well as the majority and for the unpopular as well as the popular."

In her many years in the legal profession, Susan Carbon has carried out Rowe's vision of justice. She has turned to the most sacred and powerful groups within society and the family in order to ensure that each individual is able to live without the fear of impending violence.

Susan's dedication to her profession, ending domestic violence and to her surrounding community is remarkable. It is both an honor and a great pleasure to represent her in the United States Senate.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER GALLO UPON HIS RETIREMENT

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Walter John Gallo, Vice President for the Endowment at Saint Anselm's College, upon his retirement.

Gallo, who graduated from Saint Anselm's College in 1958, has faithfully served the college and the surrounding community for the past thirty years. In addition to holding the position of Vice President of the Endowment, he has also been Alumni Director and Vice President for Development. I applaud his hard work and dedication in these positions, raising more than 2.5 million dollars over the last fundraising goal and establishing a nationwide alumni network for the college.

In addition to giving to Saint Anselm's College, Gallo is an active member of both the local and state communities, as well as several national organizations. He has been active with the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, the

National Society of Fund Raising Executives, Catholic Medical Center, New Hampshire Center for the Performing Arts, the National Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, New Horizons for New Hampshire, the Manchester Diocese School Development Committee and the Bedford Library Foundation.

Walter Gallo is truly an extraordinary individual. He has worked tirelessly and selflessly for Saint Anselm's College, the surrounding communities, the state and several national organizations while still finding time for his family and his personal hobbies which include Italian culture, reading, carpentry and sports.

I commend Walter and wish him the best upon his retirement. It has been a pleasure to work with him in years past, and it is truly an honor to represent him in the United States Senate.

TRIBUTE TO SECURE CARE PRODUCTS

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Secure Care Products for receiving the United States Small Business Administration's "Small Business Exporter of the Year" award for 2000.

A designer and manufacturer of electronic monitoring systems for nursing homes and hospitals, Secure Care Products began exporting to Canada in 1994 and currently exports to over six foreign countries, including Ireland and England.

As a small business, they have demonstrated that they can succeed in the global arena, and I commend them for their hard work and dedication to their field. Their innovative solutions are providing necessary items to companies across the world, and I applaud their efforts.

A former small business owner myself, I am continually impressed by small businesses in New Hampshire that have the initiative and vision to take their product to the global market. It is an honor and a pleasure to represent all of the employees of Secure Care Products 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.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans and Mr. Williams, his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and treaties which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING BENCHMARKS IN BOSNIA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 123

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by the Levin Amendment to the 1998 Supplemental Appropriations and Rescissions Act (section 7 of Public Law 105-174) and section 1203 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105-261), I transmit herewith a report on progress made toward achieving benchmarks for a sustainable peace process.

In April 2000, I sent the third semi-annual report to the Congress under Public Law 105-174, detailing progress towards achieving the ten benchmarks adopted by the Peace Implementation Council and the North Atlantic Council for evaluating implementation of the Dayton Accords. This report provides an updated assessment of progress on the benchmarks, covering the period January 1 through June 30, 2000.

In addition to the semiannual reporting requirements of Public Law 105-174, this report fulfills the requirements of section 1203 in connection with my Administration's request for funds for FY 2001.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 27, 2000.