

and activities in Detroit Chinatown for the language and economically disadvantaged. In addition, the ACA sponsors many programs for the entire community, including the Feed the Homeless program, flood and emergency disaster relief, and a bone marrow drive.

The ACA provides young Chinese Americans with the opportunity to meet people of their own heritage, but also teaches them the benefits of a well-balanced routine. Each year the organization sponsors camping trips, dancing parties, and basketball games. At the same time, the organization has sponsored annual High School Achievement Awards since 1984. These awards recognize seniors who have achieved academic excellence as well as involvement and leadership in extracurricular activities. Scholarships funded by the ACA and private donors are also provided annually to Chinese Americans seeking higher education.

Promoting Chinese heritage has always been a fundamental goal of the ACA, as members strive not to let their proud ancestry be overlooked or forgotten. Events include celebrating Asian American Heritage Month, promoting the Chinese New Year Commemorative stamps, and sponsoring or cosponsoring a plethora of cultural events. Recently, the ACA held a reception for Chinese American author Helen Zia, and on September 9, 2000, the organization hosted the Michigan premiere of the documentary film, "We Served With Pride," which chronicles the effort of Chinese American soldiers during World War II.

I applaud the ACA on the wonderful work it has done in the Metropolitan Detroit region. Since its founding in 1972, the organization has encouraged Michigan's Chinese Americans to celebrate both their Chinese heritage and the lives they have found in the United States. It has fought vehemently for the rights of Chinese Americans yet remains an inclusive group, offering assistance not only to Chinese Americans, but to all Americans. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate the Association of Chinese Americans on 28 glorious years, and wish the organization continued success in the future.●

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TRIBUTE TO ADMIRAL LEON A. EDNEY, U.S. NAVY, RETIRED

● Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an exceptional leader in recognition of a remarkable career of service to his country—Admiral Leon A. Edney, United States Navy, Retired.

Admiral "Bud" Edney has amassed a truly distinguished record, including 35 years of commissioned service in the U.S. Navy uniform, that merits special recognition on the occasion of his retirement as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Retired Officers Association (TROA).

Born in Dedham, Massachusetts, he entered the Navy as an ensign in 1957,

following his graduation from the United States Naval Academy, and culminated his distinguished naval service with tours of duty as Vice Chief of Naval Operations and as NATO's Supreme Allied Commander and Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Atlantic Command. He retired from active duty in August 1992.

Admiral Edney has shown valor and leadership throughout his 35 years of dedicated military service to his country, and has been a positive role model for countless sailors in the process.

His dedication to service and excellence has not diminished since leaving active duty, serving as a trustee of the Naval Academy Foundation and the Association of Naval Aviation. For two years, he also held the distinguished Professor of Leadership chair at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Admiral Edney was elected to the board of directors of The Retired Officers Association in 1994. For the last two years, he served as TROA's chairman of the board, the position from which he is now retiring.

Through his stewardship, The Retired Officers Association continues to play a vital role as a staunch advocate of legislative initiatives to maintain readiness and improve the quality of life for all members of the uniformed service community—active, reserve, and retired, plus their families and survivors.

His tenure as chairman of TROA began simultaneously with my chairmanship of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and I am pleased to state that these two years have witnessed very substantial quality-of-life enhancements for active, reserve, and retired service members and their families.

Admiral Edney has been a strong supporter of the Senate Armed Services Committee's efforts toward improving long-term retention and readiness through a competitive compensation package for active and reserve forces, restoration of lifetime health care for retired personnel and their families, and enhancing protections for the survivors of deceased service members. Under his leadership, TROA has been an invaluable source of information that has proven of considerable utility in the committee's deliberations on a long list of compensation and benefits issues during this extraordinarily productive period.

Admiral Bud Edney has been, in every sense of the word, a leader in the military, TROA, and the entire retired community. Our very best wishes go with him for long life, well-earned happiness, and continued success in service to his nation and the uniformed service members whom he has so admirably led and served.

As a former Sailor and Marine, I offer Admiral Edney a grateful and heartfelt salute, and wish him "fair winds and following seas."●

FRANK "BUD" DANIELS

● Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, the agricultural community across Montana was saddened this month by the passing of Frank Daniels. He was known to all of us as "Bud".

He was born and raised on the northern high plains in eastern Montana. He gave up to cancer and was 72. His daughter wrote that he left us as quietly and gently as he walked across that newly cut stubble field to be with His Lord.

A life long devotion to improving the lives of rural Americans and keeping farmers on the land he loved, which he valued so highly, led him to countless areas of involvement and gained him the admiration of his peers. No man or woman ever gave so much to the Montana Farmers Union than did Bud Daniels.

He participated in the three-year Kellogg Extension Program at Montana State University which enabled him to visit far corners of the world and taking him to China in 1976. He believed in the fraternity of agriculture.

His interest in farming issues and programs was generated and groomed through the Montana Farmers Union. He was president of Montana Farmers Union and vice president of National Farmers Union. He also served on the Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Companies.

During his years of farming and serving, he founded the Rural Policy Institute, established a cooperative curriculum at Montana State University, and developed strong ties with farm groups in foreign countries. He had a passion for travel as it was his education and his way to reach out to the rest of the world that was crying for the technology and ways to feed a hungry world.

We in Montana will miss him as he was the inspiration of leadership. Did we always agree? No. That was not important but the dialog and communications that enabled us to help those in need that farm and ranch was important. He would say that we are the providers and there is no higher calling on God's Earth.

Bud is survived by 4 daughters, Amy, Becky, Rachel, and Karen. Also by their mother, Laura Daniels of Billings, Montana.●

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COUSINO HIGH SCHOOL NAMED BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL FOR 1999-2000

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, in 1982, the United States Department of Education initiated its Blue Ribbon Schools Program. In each year since, the Department has recognized schools throughout the country which excel in all areas of academic leadership, teaching and teacher development, and school curriculum. In other words, Blue Ribbon Schools are the finest public and private secondary schools our Nation has to offer. They are the

schools that set the standard for which others strive. I am very proud to report that nine of the 198 Blue Ribbon Schools named by Secretary Richard W. Riley for 1999–2000 are located in the State of Michigan, and I rise today to recognize Cousino High School in Warren, Michigan, one of these nine schools.

Cousino High School is a contemporary American high school set amongst the "Big Three" members of the auto industry—General Motors, Ford Motor Company and DaimlerChrysler. Much of the instructional program at Cousino relies upon the same forces that drive these international automotive giants, a fact which can be attributed to the large participation of the Warren community in the affairs of Cousino High School. Teachers, administrators, and parents, along with nearly 300 leaders from local business and industry, are directly involved in shaping the educational program. This involvement has been instrumental in creating the high student achievement level that has become a trademark of Cousino High School.

A large part of this program is devoted to ensuring that students who graduate Cousino High School leave technologically competent. All Cousino classes use technology as a tool to facilitate learning. Multiple computer labs spread throughout the building and additional computers in the media center and classrooms allow students to easily access the Internet. In addition, Cousino's proximity to the General Motors Technical Center, the world's largest auto research institute, and the satellite automotive and technical businesses nearby, have provided students with an opportunity to see first-hand the many doors that their education will open for them. This focus on technology has complemented the core subjects of literature, humanities, philosophy and the arts to provide students with a well-balanced educational foundation.

Of course, no school could be successful without students and parents who are willing to devote time and energy to see that their school is indeed successful. This dedication has occurred time and again at Cousino High School. Parents have consistently served on the Principal's Advisory Committee and School Improvement Plan committees, have volunteered in Booster Clubs and for other school activities, and helped to promote school spirit by promoting school events. This parental enthusiasm has rubbed off onto students of Cousino High. Over 80 percent of students participate in extracurricular activities, and students have led the way in aiding the community as a whole, working tirelessly for numerous charities.

I applaud the students, parents, faculty and administration of Cousino High School, for I believe this is an award which speaks more to the effort of a united community than it does to

the work of a few individuals. With that having been said, I would like to recognize Mr. Joseph Sayers, Principal of Cousino High School, whose dedication to making his school one of the finest in our Nation has been instrumental in creating this community. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate Cousino High School on being named a Blue Ribbon School for 1999–2000, and wish the school continued success in the future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of 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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 302. An act for the relief of Kerantha Poole-Christian

S. 1794. An act to designate the Federal courthouse at 145 East Simpson Avenue in Jackson, Wyoming, as the "Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse."

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3088. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide additional protections to victims of rape.

H.R. 3235. An act to improve academic and social outcomes for youth and reduce both juvenile crime and the risk that youth will become victims of crime by providing productive conducted by law enforcement personnel during non-school hours.

H.R. 4147. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the age of persons considered to be minors for the purposes of the prohibition on transporting obscene materials to minors.

H.R. 4315. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3695 Green Road in Beachwood, Ohio, as the "Larry Small Post Office Building."

H.R. 4640. An act to make grants to States for carrying out DNA analyses for use in the Combined DNA Index System of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to provide for the collection and analysis of DNA samples from certain violent and sexual offenders for use in such system, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4827. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent the entry by false pretenses to any real property, vessel, or aircraft of the United States or secure area of any airport, to prevent the misuse of genuine and counterfeit police badges by those seek-

ing to commit a crime, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5267. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 100 Federal Plaza in Central Islip, New York, as the "Theodore Roosevelt United States Courthouse."

H.R. 5284. An act to designate the United States customhouse located at 101 East Main Street in Norfolk, Virginia, as the "Owen B. Pickett United States Customhouse."

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 396. Concurrent resolution celebrating the birth of James Madison and his contributions to the Nation.

H. Con. Res. 400. Concurrent resolution congratulating the Republic of Hungary on the millennium of its foundation as a state.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 704. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to combat the overutilization of prison health care services and control rising prisoner health care costs.

H.R. 3363. An act for the relief of Akal Security, Incorporated.

H.R. 4115. An act to authorize appropriations for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4931. An act to provide for the training or orientation of individuals, during a Presidential transition, who the President intends to appoint to certain key positions, to provide for a study and report on improving the financial disclosure process for certain Presidential nominees, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5193. An act to amend the National Housing Act to temporarily extend the applicability of the down payment simplification provisions for the FHA single family housing mortgage insurance program.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

At 3:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hayes, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4578) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

At 4:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hayes, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House had passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 110. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4733. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.