

of areas. For example, she was a charter member of Fairview Presbyterian Church and served in a variety of roles within the church, including as a trustee and a Sunday school teacher. Furthermore, Mrs. Thurmond worked to help improve the educational system of North Augusta. She was very active in school PTAs and served as the chairwoman of the North Augusta Parent Teacher Association Council that helped to establish the Paul Knox Educational Endowment Fund. In addition, she was a member of countless boards and councils and often held important leadership positions such as a seat on the Board of Directors of the North Augusta Chamber of Commerce. Clearly Elisabeth Thurmond lived a life full of civic accomplishment, and she was honored for her service as the 1981 North Augusta Citizen of the Year.

However, the impact of Mrs. Thurmond's good deeds were seen not only by the people of North Augusta but also across State lines. She was very active with the local chapter of the Girl Scouts of America for many years and, after serving as member of the Regional Board of Directors for the Girl Scouts of America, she was named a member of the national board of directors of the organization.

In conclusion, Mrs. Elisabeth Thurmond was a woman of character and integrity. She lived a life of great accomplishment and made wonderful contributions to the city and people of North Augusta. Our State is a better place because of all her hard work, and the impact she made in the lives of others will be felt long after her passing. She was a true American and a fine South Carolinian, and she will certainly be missed by a wide circle of friends.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of this year. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred August 24, 2000 in Somerset, KY. Two women, while working as caretakers at a hospital, beat and abused a mentally retarded patient. The assailants, Valerie Hoskins and Crystal Wright, were indicted on criminal charges in connection with the incident.

I believe that government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation, we can change hearts and minds as well.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATING IDAHO'S NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a very special group of educators in my home State of Idaho.

Last month, sixty-six teachers received a National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, the highest professional credential in the field of teaching. With the addition of these individuals, there are now 272 National Board Certified Teachers in Idaho.

High-quality teachers are the most important assets to any educational system. In order to gain a National Board Certification, these teachers voluntarily, often at great personal expense and sacrifice, submit to a nearly yearlong performance-based assessment. They must demonstrate their mastery in several areas including: Knowledge of subject matter; ability to effectively teach their subjects to students; and ability to manage and measure student learning. In fact, the State of Idaho recognizes teachers who gain a National Board Certification as "master teachers." I commend these educators for the dedication and sacrifice it takes to successfully complete this program. Not only do they benefit in their teaching techniques, but Idaho's school children benefit through their dedication.

Each one of these teachers has touched countless lives of students. They have been diligent in the trust that has been given to them by parents throughout Idaho. It is appropriate that we honor them today and recognize how hard they have worked to achieve this certification. Sometimes these types of recognitions are only hung on walls, and that rarely provides the public acknowledgement of the achievement. For this reason, I wanted to rise today and share with the U.S. Senate how important this achievement is to the education of young Idahoans.

I ask that the names of the sixty-six Idahoans newly named as National Board Certified Teachers be printed in the RECORD following my statement.

The names follow:

Susan Alt, Boise, ID, Independent School District of Boise City, Early Childhood/Generalist.

Carleen Baldwin, Lapwai, ID, Lapwai, Middle Childhood/Generalist.

Arlene Balls, Soda Springs, ID, Soda Springs District 150, Early Adolescence/Science.

Devon Barker, Nezperce, ID, Nezperce Jt School District No. 302, Middle Childhood/Generalist.

Leslie Rae Bedke, Sugar City, ID, Sugar Salem School District 322, Early Adolescence/English Language Arts.

Marta Bidondo, Boise, ID, Meridian School District No. 2, Early Adolescence/Generalist.

Leah Bug-Townsend, Idaho Falls, ID, Idaho Falls School District 91, Early Adolescence/Social Studies-History.

Khrista Buschhorn, Aberdeen, ID, Aberdeen V, Early and Middle Childhood/English as a New Language.

William Dean, Post Falls, ID, Post Falls School District 273, Adolescence and Young Adulthood/English Language Arts.

Lisa Dreadfulwater, Nezperce, ID, Nezperce 302, Early Childhood/Generalist.

Julie Elliott, Tampa, ID, Nampa 131, Middle Childhood/Generalist.

Anne Marie Elmore, Bellevue, ID, Blaine County, Early Childhood/Generalist.

Joanna Ferris, Inkom, ID, Marsh Valley School District No. 21, Early Childhood/Generalist.

Paula Fisher, Boise, ID, Meridian Joint School District No. 2 Adolescence and Young Adulthood/English Language Arts.

Elaine Forsnes, Rexburg, ID, Madison 321, Adolescence and Young Adulthood/Mathematics.

Victoria Francis, Boise, ID, Independent School District of Boise, Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood/Career and Technical Education.

Janet Greer, Eagle, ID, Meridian School District, Adolescence and Young Adulthood/English Language Arts.

Victor Haight, Meridian, ID, Meridian School District, Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood/Art.

Connie Hawker, Pocatello, ID, School District 25, Early Childhood/Generalist.

Esther Kaye Henry, Rigby, ID, Joint School District No. 251, Adolescence and Young Adulthood/English Language Arts.

Nick Hoffman, Wallace, ID, Wallace 393, Adolescence and Young Adulthood/Science.

Katholyn Howell, Shelley, ID, Shelley School District 60, Middle Childhood/Generalist.

Susan Hufford, Boise, ID, Meridian School District, Early Adolescence/English Language Arts.

Laurel Jensen, Montpelier, ID, Bear Lake, Middle Childhood/Generalist.

Mari Knutson, Caldwell, ID, Caldwell School District 132, Middle Childhood/Generalist.

Christine Lawrence, Meridian, ID, Joint District 2, Meridian Idaho, Middle Childhood/Generalist.

Marietta Leitch, Nezperce, ID, Nezperce Joint School District No. 302, Early Childhood/Generalist.

Kim Lickley, Jerome, ID, Joint Jerome, Early Childhood/Generalist.

Eric Louis, Coeur D'alene, ID, Coeur D'alene 271, Adolescence and Young Adulthood/English Language Arts.

Denise Diane Martell, Idaho Falls ID, Idaho Falls 91, Early Childhood through Young Adulthood/Exceptional Needs Specialist.

Kristine Martin, Aberdeen, ID, Aberdeen, Middle Childhood/Generalist.

Terri Meyer, Potlatch, ID, Potlatch School District No. 285, Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood/Career and Technical Education.

Michelle Moore, Pocatello, ID, Pocatello School District 25, Early Childhood/Generalist.

Mary Morrissey, Boise, ID, Boise School District, Early Adolescence/English language Arts.

Jacklyn Mosman, Nezperce, ID, Nezperce Joint School District No. 302, Middle Childhood/Generalist.

Carol Ohrman, Lewiston, ID, Independent School District No. 1, Adolescence and Young Adulthood/English Language Arts.

Maren Oppelt, Rupert, ID, Minidoka County, Adolescence and Young Adulthood/English Language Arts.

Catherine Pierce, St. Maries, ID, Joint Distr Ct 41, St. Maries, Early Childhood/Generalist.

Susan Pliler, Boise, ID, Independent School District of Boise City, Adolescence and Young Adulthood/English Language Arts.

B. Potter, Potlatch, ID, Potlatch School District #285, Adolescence and Young Adulthood/English Language Arts.

Lani Rembelski, Montpelier, ID, Bear Lake School 33, Early Childhood/Generalist.

Stan Richter, Jerome, ID, Jerome, Adolescence and Young Adulthood/Science.

Vikki Ricks, Rigby, ID, Jefferson 251, Middle Childhood/Generalist.

Douglas Rotz, Grand View, ID, Bruneau Grant View Joint 365, Middle Childhood/Generalist.

Laurie Sadler Rich, Paris, ID, Bear Lake School District 33, Early Childhood through Young Adulthood/Exceptional Needs Specialist.

Patrick Schmidt, Lewiston, ID, Lewiston Independent 1, Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood/Career and Technical Education.

Allan Schneider, Emmett, ID, Emmett School District 221, Adolescence and Young Adulthood/English Language Arts.

Thomas Seifert, Boise, ID, Meridian District, Adolescence and Young Adulthood/Social Studies-History.

Mary Sorger, ID, Boise, Middle Childhood/Generalist.

Julie Stafford, Moscow, ID, Moscow School District 281, Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood/Career and Technical Education.

Lois Standley, Bellevue, ID, Blain County School District No. 61, Early Childhood/Generalist.

Angela Stevens, Inkom, ID, Marsh Valley, Early Childhood/Generalist.

Lorraine Stewart, Shelley, ID, Joint School District No. 60, Adolescence and Young Adulthood/Social Studies-History.

Tammi Taylor Utter, Idaho Falls, ID, Idaho Falls School District 91, Middle Childhood/Generalist.

Portia Toobian-Bailey, Kamiah, ID, Kamiah Joint School District 304, Middle Childhood/Generalist.

Cheryl Tousley, Kooskia, ID, School District 241, Adolescence and Young Adulthood/English Language Arts.

Katherine Uhrig, Twin Falls, ID, Twin Falls, Middle Childhood/Generalist.

April Weber, Troy, ID, Whitepine School District 286, Early Adolescence/Social Studies-History.

Lynn Wessels, Nezperce, ID, Nezperce Joint School District No. 302, Early Childhood/Generalist.

Marlys Westra, Nampa, ID, Vallivue, Early Childhood/Generalist.

Dena Jill Whitesell, Twin Falls, ID, Twin Falls 411, Early Adolescence/English Language Arts.

Donna Wommack, Genesee, ID, Genesee Joint School District No. 282, Early Childhood/Generalist.

Norie Wyatt, Post Falls, ID, Post Falls, Early Childhood/Generalist.

Mary Yamamoto, Caldwell, ID, Caldwell, Middle Childhood/Generalist.

Pamala Young, Decio, ID, Cassia Joint 151, Adolescence and Young Adulthood/Social Studies History. •

THANKING MR. BERNARD MARCUS

• Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, I would like to offer my thanks and appreciation to Mr. Bernard Marcus for his generous donation of \$200 million for the construction of a five-million-gallon aquarium in the city of Atlanta, GA. This gift, made by the Marcus Foundation, is one of the largest single grants ever made by a private foundation and will provide the people of Georgia and those who visit our great

State the opportunity to experience the wonders of aquatic and riparian wildlife. In addition to this most recent gesture of generosity, Mr. Marcus has contributed to causes ranging from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, vascular diseases, developmentally disabled children, and Jewish charities. Those who have benefitted from his benevolence know him to be a man dedicated to his community and friends. I thank him for his friendship and generosity and look forward to this exciting new addition to the City of Atlanta and the State of Georgia. At this time, I would like to ask that the text of two Atlanta Journal-Constitution articles be printed in the RECORD.

The articles follow:

[From the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Nov. 20, 2001]

AQUARIUM "WILL BE A GREAT MARVEL" HOME DEPOT CHIEF PLEDGES \$200 MILLION

(By Shelia M. Poole)

Home Depot Chairman Bernard Marcus promised that the huge Georgia Aquarium announced Monday would have "no boundaries" in offering top-notch entertainment and research opportunities for residents and visitors.

"It will be a great marvel," said Marcus, whose private Marcus Foundation will spend up to \$200 million to build and endow the aquarium, which will be owned by the state.

The nonprofit aquarium—at 5 million gallons and 250,000 square feet—would be among the largest and most elaborate in the nation. It will contain freshwater and saltwater fish and mammals.

Marcus, the 72-year-old cofounder of Home Depot, said the aquarium is a way for him and his wife, Billi, to give back to the community in a way that is "meaningful and will last past our lifetimes."

The aquarium, to open in 2005, will be built on 15.5 acres adjacent to Atlantic Station, a planned \$2 billion minicity under construction west of the Downtown Connector. When completed, the development will include apartments, condominiums, offices, shops and a 20-screen movie theater.

The site for the aquarium is just north of Atlantic Station, east of Mecal Street and south of Deering Road, near the former National Lead Industries site.

The developer of Atlantic Station, Jim Jacoby, who owns Marineland in Florida, is assisting in acquiring the property.

On Monday, representatives of state and local government, business, academia and the tourism and convention industry attended the announcement in the Georgia Capitol's Senate chamber.

Atlanta Mayor-elect Shirley Franklin called it "a wonderful gift for the city."

She said the aquarium would not only provide entertainment and education opportunities for residents, but also create a draw for tourists and conventioners. City boosters have long decried the lack of attractions in downtown Atlanta.

Marcus' announcement effectively supersedes other efforts to build aquariums in Atlanta. At least two proposals had been floated to build aquariums at Stone Mountain Park and near Turner Field.

"We're not in business to compete," but to work toward getting quality recreation facilities in the area, said Thomas Dortch, chairman of the Atlanta-Fulton County Recreation Authority, which had tried for years to find financing and a downtown site for an aquarium. "With the commitment from Mr. Marcus and the governor, we're ex-

cited about the fact there will be a world-class aquarium."

The aquarium is still very much a work in progress, say those associated with it. There are no renderings, site plans or economic impact figures, although attendance is projected to be between 1.5 million and 2.5 million annually.

Don Harrison, a Home Depot spokesman, said Marcus planned to visit aquariums across the United States and elsewhere, including China. The design will be finalized over the next 18 months.

"Now is when all the work begins," said Harrison. The aquarium will be global in scope, drawing researchers and visitors from around the world, he said. "The world is, frankly, our target."

Former Atlantan Jeffrey Swanagan, executive director and chief executive officer of the Florida Aquarium in Tampa, has been tapped to run the project. Swanagan spent 10 years as deputy director of Zoo Atlanta and was a protege of director Terry Maple.

Marcus first approached Gov. Roy Barnes about the project a year ago. The governor suggested Atlantic Station as a possible site. "Location was key," Marcus said. "In our minds it will become a destination to visitors."

Already the city has museums, art galleries and theater. What it doesn't have, Marcus said, is an aquarium.

Dan Graveline—executive director of the Georgia World Congress Center—said, "It will be a wonderful asset for the city. One of [the city's] biggest shortcomings is that convention[goers] lack things to do in downtown Atlanta."

The aquarium represents the largest donation to date from the Marcus Foundation and is a departure from previous endeavors, noted Harrison, the spokesman for Home Depot.

With the private funding, the Georgia aquarium will open with no debt. Other aquariums, typically funded by municipal bonds and saddled with enormous debt, have struggled to prosper. Many have had difficulty funding new exhibits critical to attracting repeat customers.

A notable exception is the Monterey Bay Aquarium in California. The aquarium, which opened in October 1984, was privately financed with a \$55 million gift from David and Lucile Packard of the Hewlett-Packard fortune.

There were "no bonds and no debt," said Ken Peterson, a spokesman for the Monterey Bay Aquarium, which attracts 1.8 million visitors annually and was expanded in 1996. "When you're paying a mortgage plus your operating expenses, it doesn't leave a lot of extra revenue for developing special exhibitions or new exhibit galleries."

Bob Masterson, president of Orlando-based Ripley Entertainment Inc., which operates aquariums in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Gatlinburg, Tenn., said the size of the Atlanta Facility will make it expensive to operate.

"We spend about \$30,000 a day to run the 1.3 million-gallon aquarium in Myrtle Beach and a little more than that in Gatlinburg," he said. "With a 5 million-gallon tank, I'd guess it would cost at least \$50,000 a day to operate. And if it fails, there is nothing else you can do with that building."

[From the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Nov. 20, 2001]

AN AQUARIUM FOR ATLANTA: GIANT FACILITY WILL INCREASE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT OCEANS

(By Charles Seabrook)

Call it the Atlanta Ocean.

A world-class aquarium in Atlanta will mean not only a place where people can marvel over ocean wonders, but also a place