

what was now to be known as St. Mary Queen of Creation.

The 1960's also saw the creation of a new mission for St. Mary Parish. A chapter of St. Vincent de Paul was opened to serve the needs of the poor in New Baltimore and seventh-grader Mary Jane Plague began a music ministry. This legacy of community stewardship grew with the addition of Sister Loretta Demick to the St. Mary Parish in 1974. Sister Demick began what was known as Sister Loretta's Closet, which helped feed the poor, elderly and infirmed of the Parish. Also in 1974, the former convent was turned into a home for women who are developmentally disabled. People with special needs are still being served in this building, and it is known as the Horizons Residential Centers. In the last decade, the St. Mary Parish has expanded outreach programs to help the homeless and those with HIV/AIDS.

Over the years, St. Mary Parish has grown from a few families to thousands of parishioners and along the way has dedicated itself to bettering the lives of everyone in its community. The community of New Baltimore and all of Macomb County have benefitted from many good deeds and continuing works of generosity that the St. Mary Parish has undertaken. I trust that my Senate colleagues will join me in wishing St. Mary Parish a happy one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary, and hoping that the next century and a quarter are as fruitful as the last.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE STUDENTS FROM CENTURY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

● Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, today I had the privilege to meet with twelve accomplished students from Century Senior High School in Bismarck, ND, who are in town to compete in the national finals of the "We the People. . ." competition. This competition focuses on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and these students have worked hard to reach the national finals.

These students are Adrienne Buckman, Nicole Elkin, Jessica Fritz, Nathan Grenz, Gwen Hobert, Chris Holzer, Reed Hushka, Whitney KreingKrairt, Rudie Martinson, Paul Nehring, Grant Neuharth, and Russel Pearson. They are ably led by their teacher, Jeff Aas, who also deserves credit for the success of the class.

I am proud of this class and their dedication to this project. The Constitution is not just a historical document; it is the basis for our entire system of government. The brilliance of the Constitution lies in its flexibility which has allowed it to stand the test of time. The Bill of Rights is a fundamental part of our national culture and has been the basis of freedom principles that have been adopted in other countries around the world.

The knowledge that these students have gained by studying the Constitu-

tion will serve them well for years to come. Congratulations to these outstanding students from my home State.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DENNIS H. BLOME

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I would like to take a few moments today to honor Dennis H. Blome for his outstanding work as United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa.

Before he even set foot in the U.S. Marshal's office, Dennis Blome had already distinguished himself with over two decades of dedicated law enforcement service. During these years, he took on just about every position in the field of law enforcement, and he performed them all with diligence, passion and honor.

Dennis started out as a Deputy in the Linn County Sheriff's Office in 1971. He then took on the positions of Jail Officer, dispatcher and patrolman before becoming First Deputy for Sheriff Walter H. Grant. And he later served as Jail Administrator, Sergeant, Lieutenant and head of Detectives for the Sheriff's Office.

In 1984, Dennis was elected as Sheriff, and he took the lead in helping build a new jail and provide critically needed training for jail personnel throughout Iowa. He was also an enthusiastic member of the legislative Committee of the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association and of the National Sheriffs' Association.

Dennis' passion for learning and taking on new challenges led him to continue his education at the FBI National Academy, the National Institute of Corrections and Mount Mercy College where he got his BA degree in Criminal Justice and Psychology. He also took advantage of special training seminars through the National Sheriffs' Conference and the International Chiefs of Police.

Dennis' extensive job experience and solid education served him well when he was appointed as United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa back in 1994. He focused his boundless energy on a number of projects, most notably, that of strengthening security in our courthouses. Today, thanks to Dennis, our courthouses in Cedar Rapids and Sioux City have interior and exterior camera systems as well as recording systems and multiple monitoring systems.

But even more important than what Dennis accomplished is how he accomplished it. Dennis never considered any job to be "beneath" him. He was always willing to pitch in whether it meant being present in court, transporting prisoners or doing anything else necessary to keep the agency in good running order. His humility and commitment to his work made him a popular leader.

Dennis Blome embodies all of the highest ideals of public service. He's served our state with honor and loyalty for thirty years, and it is my pleasure

to offer my deepest gratitude for his considerable contributions.●

#### HONORING BILL BRADLEY

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, today we celebrate the long career of dedicated public service rendered by Mr. Bill Bradley of Ware, MA. His deep love of policy and politics has inspired me and many others, and I am fortunate to have Bill's friendship and counsel in my life.

This weekend, Bill's friends and colleagues will gather to look back on 25 years of service to two United States Senators, a Congressman, the US Department of Agriculture and the people of Massachusetts. Bill retires from a distinguished career of government service, most recently having held the post of Regional Director for the Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Program and today I join his extended political family in this celebration.

The same interest and passion that Bill brought to his USDA service can be found in earlier chapters of his life. As a freshman in high school, he pursued an early interest in politics by working as a congressional page in Washington D.C. in 1962, and his sponsor was a son of Dorchester who went on to become the great Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, John W. McCormack. Bill was a page through the next two years, and capped his early Washington experience by witnessing Lyndon Johnson's inauguration in 1965. After graduating from the University of California and serving a brief stint with the U.S. Forest Service in Alaska, Bill got his first job on Capitol Hill as a Legislative Aide for Congressman Dale Milford of Texas during the Carter Administration. Soon he moved closer to his Massachusetts up north to run a mobile office for my predecessor in this chamber, the late Paul Tsongas. From 1979 to 1983, Bill traveled in this capacity through the same towns he would later serve through the USDA. Once established in Western Massachusetts with Senator Tsongas, Bill dug deeper into the issues closest to the heart of those communities, and soon his knowledge and understanding of the region and its needs was exemplary. Even greater was his passion to serve them.

Bill coordinated these cities and towns in my first Senate campaign in 1984 and later became the Director of Constituent Services for my whole state-wide operation. Throughout the nine years he spent on my staff, he held positions that ranged from Director of Western Massachusetts to Director of Local Relations. In each position, Bill demonstrated the same tenacity and dedication to improving people's lives he carries to this day.

It came as no surprise to those who worked with and knew Bill that President Clinton would recognize and embrace these same qualities as he assumed office in 1993. The President appointed Bill to the position of Regional

Director for the Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Program, and the success of his tenure is well known to everyone in the three-state region he served. He oversaw more than 65 employees in six offices throughout three states. The program's successes throughout this time are numerous; he worked with other agencies and officials to obtain new fire trucks for the Palmer Fire Department, and worked with Congressman NEAL and the Ware Selectmen to help move the police station to its current location. During his eight years of directing this agency, Bill coordinated the distribution of over \$870 million dollars in rural housing programs that helped rural towns foster and maintain economic development. Concurrent with this service, Bill was a Member of the Electoral College for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and I congratulated him along with his friends and colleagues as he cast his vote for the re-election of Bill Clinton and Al Gore.

Throughout all of these national and State-wide efforts, Bill Bradley has maintained an iron-clad commitment to community and his neighbors. He has served as Director of the Ware Co-operative Bank, and mobilized State and Federal money through the Ware Community Development Authority. His love of politics is surpassed only by music and his devotion to his wife, Linda, and I congratulate both of them as they begin this new chapter in their lives. I have been very fortunate to have some of the best people I have ever known be involved in my campaigns and on my staff. Bill Bradley is a credit to his community and the State of Massachusetts. He has performed 25 years of public service with a professionalism and dedication that is increasingly rare, and it is with great pride, respect and affection that I celebrate his contributions to the lives of people throughout Massachusetts and the United States of America.●

RECOGNITION OF THE LIGHTHOUSE OF OAKLAND COUNTY, INC. AND THE DEDICATION OF THE ROBERT H. & MARY G. FLINT CAMPUS OF CARING

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, today I want to congratulate and honor the Lighthouse of Oakland County, Inc., an independent agency, that has served as a beacon of hope and opportunity for countless individuals. Residents in my home state of Michigan will be gathering this Thursday April 26, 2001 to celebrate the grand opening of the Robert H. & Mary G. Flint Campus of Caring.

The Lighthouse is a remarkable institution that began as an ecumenical ministry to assist seniors and low-income families, but has grown to become a dynamic independent agency dedicated to providing vital services that enable people to make the transition from joblessness and despair to independence and empowerment.

The mission of the Lighthouse is administered by three subsidiaries: Lighthouse Emergency Services, Lighthouse PATH and Lighthouse Community Development. Independent of one another, these subsidiaries would be an important agent for social welfare and justice. Together, these three branches are a comprehensive service provider that is able to assist individuals and communities as they strive for betterment.

Lighthouse Emergency Services provides a full range of services including food, housing, medical treatment and clothing assistance to those who require immediate assistance. The PATH program combines a full-time residency program with intensive case management that provides residents with the assistance needed to form clear and concrete goals for self-improvement. As residents complete their education or enter job training programs, the Lighthouse PATH provides an array of services such as child care, legal assistance and domestic abuse counseling. The Lighthouse Community Development program has worked, primarily in Pontiac's Unity Park neighborhood, to ensure that safe and affordable housing is available for low and moderate income families. Home ownership can ensure the economic well-being and stability of families and neighborhoods, and this program makes home ownership a reality by providing home ownership classes, rehabilitating abandoned houses and building new homes.

The Lighthouse's success at administering these myriad programs has not gone unnoticed. In 1990, the volunteers of the Lighthouse were recognized by then President Bush as the 376th Point of Light for their dedication and service to their community. Lighthouse PATH was a recipient of the Richard F. Huegli Award for Program Excellence. In addition, Crain's Business Detroit made the Lighthouse first Runner-up for best managed non-profit of 1994. In 1997, the Lighthouse deservedly won this award.

None of the Lighthouse's many awards or important programs would be possible without the dedication and sacrifice of the many staff and volunteers who have freely given of their time, talents and resources to make this program the vital community asset it is today. I have mentioned only a small portion of the dynamic history of the Lighthouse of Oakland County, Inc. and the many ways in which this organization has assisted its community. I know my colleagues will join me in honoring the Lighthouse of Oakland County, Inc. for its service to the people of Oakland County and the State of Michigan.●

TRIBUTE TO PHYLLISS HENRY

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, Phylliss Henry has been a pioneer in my home State of Iowa, shattering glass ceilings, blazing a bold new trail for women in

law enforcement, and reaching out to help others follow after her. Her tireless work to stamp out crime and to bring women to the table in law enforcement have made a lasting impact on our state.

Back in 1972, Phylliss became the first woman ever to receive a law enforcement degree from Des Moines Area Community College. She was then hired as the first female patrol officer in the Des Moines Department, and she remained the only female patrol officer until 1977. She later became a Sergeant with the Special Crime Unit and with the Communication Section where she helped with minority recruitment and acted as a role model for other women in law enforcement.

Phylliss then made the courageous decision to continue and expand her education, and she focused her energy on obtaining a Bachelor of General Studies degree in 1984, an MA in Communications Studies in 1986, and a PhD in Communication Research in 1988, all from the University of Iowa.

In December of 1990, she became the Support Services Manager of the Iowa State University Department of Public Safety. As in all her previous positions, she took the job to a new level, creating new crime prevention, security and assault awareness programs.

In 1994, Phylliss' outstanding record led to her appointment as a United States Marshal, the first woman ever to hold this position in the state of Iowa, and for seven years, she served with distinction. She was instrumental in leading building renovations projects in Des Moines and Davenport and in helping to finish up the Court Annex Building. She also led the initiatives to bring Iowa Communication Network access to the district.

And she was a one-woman army when it came to getting funding for critical projects in the district and to stretching every dollar to its limits. In a few years, she was able to automate the entire district with limited funding. And during a time when the district was being hit hard by increases in prisoner populations and decreases in bed space, she obtained a State of Iowa contract and greatly reduced the crisis need for federal prison beds.

In addition, throughout her career, Phylliss has never been content to use her energy only in the workplace. She has contributed to organizations ranging from the Young Women's Resource Center, the International and Iowa Associations of Women Police, Children and Families of Iowa and many more. She even managed to find the time to co-found the Iowa Association of Women Police.

She has been honored by groups ranging from the Greater Des Moines YWCA to the Des Moines Metro Women's Network to the International Association of Women police and more. And it is my pleasure to add myself to that list and offer my deepest gratitude for her long and distinguished record of service to our State.●