

For years Edison, like many urban schools, was left to crumble. Finally, school and county officials decided it was time to put this piece of Florida history in the path of the wrecking ball. To many Edison alumni, organized as the "Over the Hill Gang, this was unconscionable.

In an age when too many children are being taught in makeshift classrooms, trailers and former utility closets, we were sacrificing what could truly have been called a temple of learning. We were carelessly trampling our history and taking down with it the too-long-lost tradition of teaching our children in school buildings that reflect that grandeur of what goes on inside their walls.

A group of Edison alumni including Arva Moore Parks, one of Florida's great voices for preserving our history, fought to save the school.

In 1992, Dade County agreed to keep the original school standing and refurbish it to meet the needs of today's students.

While the alumni group had the best intentions, the parents of today's Edison students were wary, and not without cause.

The neighborhood had been promised a new middle school in 1988. It was supposed to be completed by 1992. Instead, children were still trying to learn in a decaying, leaking building.

The move to preserve the old school looked, to many neighborhood parents, like another broken promise.

In the end, the families of that area got the best of both worlds. The building, restored by architect Richard Heisenbottle of Coral Gables, is a magnificent melding of old and new. The architectural elements of the past are bolstered by a new wing, new lighting, plumbing and air-conditioning. Old classrooms were gutted and refurbished. The original wood floor of the gymnasium remains in place along with a 1,700-seat auditorium with Deco light fixtures and a carved, wraparound balcony. In 1997 the architect, the alumni group, the Dade County School Board and the Dade Heritage Trust received one of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's prestigious honor awards for the project.

The building itself is a tribute to all involved, but strangely enough, it may not be the most important structure that grew out of this effort. The men and women who fought to save the school also built a sturdy bridge connecting Miami's immigrants to its old guard, its present to its past.

One United Band: The Edison Linkage Foundation was formed to reassure the community's parents that today's students mattered as much to the alumni as the school building.

The foundation raises money for an aggressive mentoring program that offers a stipend to successful students at Edison High School to tutor younger, at-risk children and to serve as role models for navigating the challenging and often frightening world of adolescence.

For some immigrant children, that world is even more frightening than for most young people.

Language barriers are just a small part of the problem many of these children face. Some came from Haiti directly to middle school without having had any formal education before. They are illiterate in their own language as well as a new one.

Many live in poverty, with families who cannot spend as much time with them as they'd like to and cannot help them with their homework.

Tutors can help fill in the blanks, bridge the gaps that keep them from reading, understanding, learning and staying in school. They can offer a living, breathing vision of something to strive for.

The program has been a resounding success. In the 1999-2000 school year, 26 middle-school students showed measurable academic gains after being tutored.

Of the student's tutored, 15 percent were non-readers. Those students are now reading at a level three and above.

Meanwhile, the graduating seniors who served as tutors are all headed for college this fall.

The money to pay for the tutors' time is raised from Edison alumni scattered around the country and through fund-raisers including shows and sales of Haitian art.

The art shows are both a fund-raising tool for the mentoring program and college scholarships, and a source of pride for children from Haitian families.

The third of these will take place May 21, 2001, in the Florida House in Washington, D.C.

All of this has been thanks to the hard work of a number of dedicated volunteers and professionals. These include: Martha Anne Collins, Linkage Foundation administrator; Ron Major, Edison Middle School principal; John Walker, coordinator of the tutoring program and an assistant principal at Miami Edison High School; Alma King-Jones, Middle School coordinator and administrative assistant to the principal; Betsy Kaplan of the Dade County School Board; historian Arva Moore Parks and my wife, Adele Khoury Graham, who co-chaired the Linkage Foundation; Charles Keye, Linkage Foundation treasurer; Fred and Mary Exum and the "Over the Hill Gang", who have helped coordinate the brick donation program for the Dade County Public School system.

All these people, and many more, are responsible for the vision, and then the reality, that became the Edison Middle School and the Linkage Foundation.

These men and women reached across generations and through racial and cultural divides to unite Miami today with the Miami of yesterday.

In doing so, they have helped create a source of hope and opportunity for the Miami of tomorrow.●

45TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAN DO, INC

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to recognize a driving economic force in Hazleton, PA. CAN DO, Inc., Community Area New Development Organization, has served the Greater Hazleton area with economic development initiatives since its founding in 1956.

With the decline of the coal mining industry in the 1950s, Hazleton suffered terrible unemployment and low community morale, and several members of the community took it upon themselves to reverse the high-unemployment trend in the region. With that, Dr. Edgar L. Dessen and a group of community leaders formed CAN DO. CAN DO's initial purpose was to raise money to turn around the difficult time that the community was experiencing.

With its tremendous fundraising efforts, CAN DO raised almost \$750,000, which was enough to purchase land for the development of an industrial park. In less than a year, Valmont Industrial Park was completed, providing an outstanding facility for businesses to call home. General Foam Company was the first firm to occupy the space and created 100 new jobs. This was just the beginning of the great work that CAN DO would do.

Many years and several facilities later, CAN DO has revitalized Greater Hazleton in many ways. The dedication of the leadership in CAN DO is phenomenal, and it is without a doubt that they have changed the lives of many Northeastern Pennsylvania residents. When economic times were tough in the 1950s, CAN DO displayed the courage and initiative to revitalize their community.

As they celebrate their 45th anniversary I would like to congratulate them with the following resolution:

Whereas CAN DO is an economic development agency serving Greater Hazleton in Northeastern Pennsylvania, and,

Whereas CAN DO was founded in 1956 as a grass-roots movement to attract new industries to Greater Hazleton as the anthracite coal industry failed, and,

Whereas CAN DO has created four industrial parts—Valmont Industrial Park, Humboldt Industrial Park, McAdoo Industrial and the CAN DO Corporate Center, and,

Whereas CAN DO has been responsible for more than 280 development projects, and,

Whereas CAN DO has been responsible for the creation of more than 11,000 current jobs in Greater Hazleton, and

Whereas CAN DO has been responsible for the creation of a tax base worth millions of dollars, and,

Whereas CAN DO has been recognized nationally for the quality of their work in the field of economic development, and

Whereas CAN DO has worked cooperatively with other governing and volunteer bodies to improve the general quality of life for every man, woman, and child in and around Greater Hazleton, and,

Whereas CAN DO is this year celebrating its 45th anniversary,

Therefore, be it declared that CAN DO is to be congratulated for reaching such an important milestone in its long, distinguished history, and

Be it declared that CAN DO is to be commended for performing such meritorious service in the area of economic development.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. JAY C. DAVIS

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I wish to take this opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Jay C. Davis, the first Director of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, more commonly known as "DTRA." Jay completes his tenure as the Director on June 21, 2001 and will be returning to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

In October 1998, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency was established by the Department of Defense to respond to the growing threat posed by the proliferation of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, so called "weapons of mass destruction" or WMD. DTRA was charged to integrate and focus the capabilities of the Department on the present and future WMD threat.

The new Agency needed a Director and the Department picked Jay to establish the Agency, provide its vision, and assure its rapid success. Jay's accomplishments make him an excellent choice for this job. While Jay, a nuclear physicist, had spent the majority of his career at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, he's been active in treaty verification and nonproliferation technologies, as well as the design of research and development collaborations.

He served as scientific advisor to the United Nations Secretariat, several US agencies, and to the scientific agencies of the governments of Australia and New Zealand. He participated in two UN inspections in Iraq. Jay is a Fellow of the American Physical Society and was one of its Centennial Lecturers in its 100th Anniversary Year. The author of more than seventy published works in his discipline, he also holds three patents on analytical techniques and applications.

During his three years at DTRA, Jay created an agency that is widely respected. Today, DTRA performs many important missions. It is partnered with the Commanders-in-Chief of the combatant commands, the Services, and the Department of Energy on the maintenance of the physical and doctrinal components of our nuclear deterrent. It provides warfighters with tools to prevail against WMD. DTRA also executes all arms control treaty inspections, cooperative agreements, and technology control activities in the Department of Defense. In addition, Jay has been instrumental in leading and defining the Department's role in supporting local and state agencies in WMD terrorism response operations. Under his leadership, DTRA has contributed significantly to the evolving concept of homeland defense.

Jay has twice been awarded the Distinguished Public Service Medal by the Secretary of Defense, DoD's highest ci-

vilian award, for his contributions to national security.

He and his wife May soon will return to the Livermore valley, where he will become the first National Security Fellow at the Lab's Center for Global Security Research. In this new position, Jay will do what he does best, bringing together scientists and technologists with policy analysts to study ways in which technology can enhance national security. I congratulate Jay on all his accomplishments at DTRA and wish him the best in his future endeavors at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:51 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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 622. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the adoption credit, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1646. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2002 and 2003, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

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

H.R. 428. An act concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

H.R. 802. An act to authorize the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor, and for other purposes.

S. 700. An act to establish a Federal inter-agency task force for the purpose of coordinating actions to prevent the outbreak of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (commonly known as "mad cow disease") and foot-and-mouth disease in the United States.

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

At 4:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 135. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress wel-

coming President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan to the United States.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d and clause 10 of rule I, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group, in addition to Mr. HOUGHTON of New York, Chairman, appointed on March 20, 2001: Mr. GILMAN of New York, Mr. DREIER of California, Mr. SHAW of Florida, Mr. STEARNS of Florida, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. MANZULLO of Illinois, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, and Mr. SOUDER of Indiana.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1646. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2002 and 2003, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 135. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress welcoming President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan to the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, May 17, 2001, he had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 700. An act to establish a Federal inter-agency task force for the purpose of coordinating actions to prevent the outbreak of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (commonly known as "mad cow disease") and foot-and-mouth disease in the United States.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1902. A communication from the Managing Director, Financial Management and Assurance, General Accounting Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the financial statements of the Capitol Preservation Fund for Fiscal Years 1999 and 2000; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-1903. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Environment, Safety and Health, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedural Rules for DOE Nuclear Activities; General Statement of Enforcement Policy" received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1904. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Comprehensive Tribal Child Support Enforcement Programs" (RIN0970-AB73) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1905. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to