

the health care heroes in my home State of Oregon. During a recent visit to the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic in Eugene, OR, I was tremendously impressed by the strong public service ethic of the professionals who deliver high quality health care to their uninsured clients.

In 1999, a concerned group of citizens in Eugene, OR, convened to study the extent of the health insurance problem in Lane County. It found that 28,000 of their friends and neighbors in the county were uninsured. Of these, almost half were working families or low-income people.

As a result of that study, the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic came about. Under the executive director and board chair, Sister Monica Heeran, the mission of the clinic is to meet the health and wellness needs of the working poor by providing free medical care.

The Volunteers in Medicine model relies on practicing and retired medical professionals to serve individuals and families who have limited access to health care, typically the working poor. Over 300 health care professionals have generously given their time for this worthy cause that has helped hundreds of families secure a medical home.

One of the volunteers at the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic is Dr. John Haughom, vice chair of the Board and volunteer physician. He told me about a woman he had seen recently at the clinic, Mrs. Gonzalez, who had presented with a large mass under her right jaw. It had been growing for some time, but she had not sought medical care because she knew she could not afford it. Dr. Haughom diagnosed Mrs. Gonzalez with non-Hodgkins lymphoma and was able to arrange for the best possible treatment for her advanced condition. As she was treated, Dr. Haughom continued to visit her at her workplace. He clearly shared her joy when she told him that a surgeon had been able to remove the entire tumor, and that her recovery is expected to be complete.

I also heard from a patient who had gone to the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic with what he thought was a case of acid reflux—heartburn. In addition to being given medication to control the symptoms, the patient was referred to a cardiologist, who advised the patient to get an angiogram. It turned out that the underlying condition was no less than five clogged arteries, and the patient was scheduled for open-heart surgery the following day, which saved his life.

In both these cases, the high-quality care by dedicated medical professionals clearly saved the lives of these patients.

In my mind, every single person who volunteers his or her time at the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic is a true health care hero. It is truly inspiring to see what can happen when people share a vision and work to make life better for thousands one patient at a

time. Today, I salute the work and workers of the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic, true heroes for Oregon.

CELEBRATING GIRL SCOUTS

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I rise today during the celebration of the 90th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., to express my support for this respected organization.

The mission of the Girl Scouts is to help all girls grow strong. Girl Scouting empowers girls to develop to their full potential and to develop values that provide the foundation for sound decision-making. Scouting teaches girls to relate positively to others and to contribute in constructive ways to society.

Through Girl Scouting, girls acquire self-confidence, learn to take on responsibility, and are encouraged to think creatively and act with integrity. Girl Scouts take part in activities that teach them about science and technology, finance, sports, health and fitness, the arts, global awareness, and community service. These experiences allow Girl Scouts to develop the qualities that are essential in developing strong leaders.

Perhaps the best proof that Girl Scouting has had an important impact on women leaders in our country is the fact that over two-thirds of our doctors, lawyers, educators, and community leaders were once Girl Scouts.

I also would like to thank the many volunteers who make the Girl Scouts such a successful organization. These mentors and role models are essential in providing support to girls and empowering them to realize their potential and to achieve.

I think it is important to take this time today to celebrate and recognize the contribution Girl Scouting has made to our society by providing positive role models for girls and by encouraging them to become good citizens and effective future leaders.

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Girl Scouts of the USA, as they are celebrating their 90th anniversary this week. Today, as the result of founder Juliette Gordon Low's vision, 2.7 million girls in more than 233,000 troops are learning the skills and building the character necessary to make a positive impact in the world. It is the Girl Scouts mission to help all girls grow strong by empowering them to develop their full potential, relate positively to others, and contribute to society. The Girl Scouts recognize the importance of training girls to become effective leaders by instilling in them strong values, increasing their social awareness, giving them responsibilities, and encouraging them to think creatively and act with integrity. The Girl Scouts also provide experience and instruction through a wide range of activities related to science and technology, money management and finance, sports, health and fitness, the

arts, global awareness, and community service.

This significant undertaking would not be possible without the commitment and sacrifice of Girl Scout adult members. I would like to note that 99 percent of the nearly one million adults involved with the Girl Scouts are volunteers. Their willingness to invest in the girls of America is highly commendable and is the kind of service that President Bush has been praising and encouraging. It provides a perfect example of the good that can be accomplished when dedicated people get involved in their communities. More than 50 million Girl Scout alumnae are a testament to their success. Over two-thirds of our doctors, lawyers, educators, community leaders, and women Members of Congress were once girl scouts, as were 64 percent of the women listed in Who's Who of American Women.

Another facet of the Girl Scouts that makes them so admirable is the diverse membership they embrace. Troops can be found in every kind of community; girls are not limited by racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, or geographic boundaries. The Girl Scouts continue to expand, with troops now meeting in homeless shelters, migrant farm camps, and juvenile detention facilities. And because of a Girl Scouts initiative, called Girl Scouts Beyond Bars, girls can meet in prisons where their mothers are incarcerated. In addition to creating more troops, the organization has also established a research institute and has received funding to address violence prevention.

The Girl Scouts is an organization that we in this country are very proud of. The combination of educational and service-oriented programs and exemplary leadership produces the caliber of responsible citizens America needs, especially in this time of uncertainty. So today I would like to thank the Girl Scouts for their outstanding contribution to our society, and I want to express my firm support and congratulations as they strive to carry out the mission that was begun 90 years ago.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, often when we think of Girl Scouts, we think of those delicious cookies that come to our door every year, delivered by smiling-faced girls. But we may not realize the positive impact Girl Scouts has had on so many women in our society.

Established by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912, Girl Scouts has evolved from a group of 18 girls in Savannah, GA to a national membership of 3.8 million. This week Girl Scouts celebrates its 90th anniversary and I want to recognize these exceptional girls and women who work so hard to become leaders in our society.

Currently, more than 50 million women are Girl Scout alumni, over two-thirds of which are doctors, lawyers, educators, and community leaders. Today, there is even a "Troop Capitol Hill" which is made up entirely of congresswomen who are honorary Girl Scouts.

In a time when more positive role models are needed, Girls Scouts often become good citizens and strong leaders through learning self-confidence, responsibility, and the ability to think creatively and act with integrity. They also participate in activities that teach them about science and technology, money management, sports, health and fitness, the arts, global awareness, community service, and much more.

In my State of Oklahoma, the Girl Scouts—Red Lands Council has launched an initiative to serve girls who have special financial and educational needs. This project has allowed many girls to become Girl Scouts who might not have otherwise had the opportunity.

Please join me in recognizing this outstanding organization for its role in giving today's girls a chance to become tomorrow's leaders.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the Girl Scouts of America on celebrating 90 years of making a difference in the lives of millions of girls and young women. Founded by Juliette Gordon Low on March 12, 1912, the Girl Scouts of America has a long and storied tradition of providing girls with the tools they will need to be successful members of our communities. America is a better country because this organization has led the way in preparing girls for leadership roles.

I have long supported efforts and organizations that help our young people deal with the very unique challenges they face. The Girl Scouts is an organization that is doing just that. In fact, that is exactly the mission of the Girl Scouts. I am proud of the efforts that the Girl Scouts has made in understanding and addressing the needs of girls.

As you know, I believe that we need to do better in teaching math and science to our young people. This is particularly true when it comes to our girls and young women. I am told that women constitute only 22 percent of our scientists and engineers in spite of making up 46 percent of our work force. The Girl Scouts is working successfully to change this through the Girls at the Center program, the National Science Partnership, the Elliott Wildlife Values Project, and one of the newest initiatives, Girls Go Tech. These programs have been very successful in helping girls realize their full potential in the areas of Math and Science and I look forward to the continued success of these programs.

Another feature of the Girl Scouts that I am excited about is its volunteer component. I believe that the Girl Scouts is exactly the type of organization that the President has referred to in his call for more volunteers. I don't think anyone could disagree when I say that this organization is only successful because of the efforts of its volunteers. Over 99 percent of the adults involved in the Girl Scouts volunteer their time.

In closing, I want to thank the women who came by my office yesterday to share with me the exciting things that the Girl Scouts of America is doing in my state of New Mexico. Based on the quality of women who made the long trip to our nation's capitol, I am confident in predicting much continued success for this organization in our state and in this great country.

Mr. MILLER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the contributions an extraordinary organization has had on the lives of young women in America. In 1912, the Girl Scouts of America was founded in my home State of Georgia by a visionary young lady named Juliette Gordon Low. Juliette's hope was to bring girls together in the spirit of service and community. Within a few years of the establishment of the first troop, the Girl Scouts had expanded to many different cities across the country, and had opened their doors to girls of all races and backgrounds. Since that time, the Girl Scouts have been a symbol of leadership in this country, from their involvement in relief efforts during the Great Depression to their activism for civil rights and environmental responsibility in the turbulent 60s and 70s. The Girl Scouts have celebrated traditional values like volunteerism and have taught young women the importance of leadership, financial literacy, good health, and global awareness.

Today, Girl Scouts organizations across America play a role in the lives of over 3.7 million young women. On this, the 90th anniversary of the creation of the Girl Scouts in Savannah, GA, I wish to recognize the vision of Juliette Gordon Low and the contributions of the Girl Scouts of America to the development of the intelligent, self-confident young women who play such an important role in America today.

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I would like to take the opportunity to honor the Girl Scouts of the United States of America for all that they have accomplished for America's young women. This week, the Girl Scouts is amazingly celebrating its 90th anniversary, and I believe it appropriate that we congratulate all involved with this storied institution for having the courage and capability to withstand and conquer the hands of time.

March 12, 1912, Juliette "Daisy" Gordon and 18 girls from Savannah, Georgia gathered for what was to become the first official meeting of the Girl Scouts. Like most great innovators, Juliette Gordon began her journey with a very simple and progressive idea. She thoroughly believed that every young woman deserves the opportunity to fully develop physically, mentally, and spiritually. Today, the Girl Scouts of the United States of America has a membership of 3.8 million—2.7 million girl members and over 900,000 adult members. That small southern group of 18 Savannah women has grown over the last 90 years into

the largest organization for girls in the world. Through its membership in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Girl Scouts is part of the worldwide family of 10 million girls and adults in 140 countries. They even received a charter from the United States Congress in 1950 officially establishing the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

By enrolling in the Girl Scouts, a young woman is afforded the unique opportunity to enhance her communication and social skills, to develop a strong sense of self, to participate in innovative programs, and to foster her creative side. At the different levels of Girl Scouting, girls learn relevant and applicable skills relating to science and technology, money management and finance, health and fitness, community service, sports, and global awareness. These young women are learning how to be productive and proactive citizens, who will some day have the chance to change the way the world works. In fact, over two-thirds of women doctors, lawyers, educators, community leaders, and members of Congress in the United States were once proud participants in the Girl Scouts. In 1999 "Troop Capitol Hill" was founded to honor those women members of Congress who were in the Girl Scouts. Furthermore, 64 percent of the women listed in the Who's Who of American Women were at one point Girl Scouts. The Girl Scouts has found a successful way to bring out the best in its young women, and I personally thank the leaders and supporters of this great organization for continually producing strong and bright young women committed to making this country a better place to live.

I would now like to pay a special tribute to the Girls Scouts of Kentucky. In the Commonwealth of Kentucky, over 43,000 girls and 13,000 adult volunteers participate in the Girl Scouts. In fact, all five of my daughters were Girl Scouts and six of my beautiful granddaughters are currently learning what it means to live by The Girl Scout Law. Girl Scouts of Kentucky has made a substantial effort to reach out to young girls who typically might not be able to be involved in the program due to monetary issues. They have even gone as far as to establish troops in homeless shelters and low-income housing projects. The women of Girl Scouts of Kentucky have gone above and beyond their call of duty to ensure that every young woman in the Commonwealth has the opportunity to realize the vision Juliette Gordon set out in 1912. I ask that my fellow colleagues join me in applauding their selfless efforts.

Finally, I would like to share with my colleagues the timeless words of The Girl Scout Law.

I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and

responsible for what I say and do and to respect myself and others,
 respect authority
 use resources wisely
 make the world a better place, and
 be a sister to every Girl Scout.

Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the Girl Scouts, I want to take this opportunity to discuss the exciting work of the Girl Scouts in New York State. I am proud to report that over 190,000 girls participate in New York Girl Scout troops, with the help of over 50,000 adult volunteers.

For 90 years, the Girl Scouts have been hard at work building the self-esteem of girls, raising awareness about the importance of public service, building character, and developing leadership skills. Today, as scouting enters the 21st century, Girl Scouts in New York are involved in a series of new projects and outreach efforts.

Immediately after September 11th, New York troop leaders quickly revised a curriculum on tolerance and diversity to include the attack on New York and our country. The revised curriculum helped to provide local leaders across the State with the tools they needed to help girls deal with our national tragedy.

New York Girl Scouts are reaching out to new members in underserved communities. Troop leaders are working through the schools and through housing programs to recruit girls who may not be familiar with scouting, and to create opportunities for new experiences and challenges.

The Genesee Valley Girl Scouts offer an innovative conflict resolution program that provides anger and conflict management training for middle school girls referred by school guidance counselors. Role-playing is used to teach girls a range of peaceful solutions to different situations. This program has been a huge success: 88 percent of participants maintained or improved school attendance, 72 percent maintained or improved their GPA and 82 percent reduced disciplinary problems.

From Buffalo to Chappaqua, from Elmira to Long Island, Girl Scout troops across New York are committed to public service projects that help instill in our youth the importance of helping others. And girls across the State are learning the value of hard work and commitment through their efforts to meet the requirements of merit badges.

Every year in New York, a small number of girls are honored with the Gold Award, the highest achievement award given by the Girl Scouts. In order to be eligible for a Gold Award, a Girl Scout must first meet the requirements of a series of awards that require leadership and work on behalf of their community. Gold Award recipients must also design and follow through with an extensive community service project. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the New York Gold Award honorees for their great public service accomplishments and commitment to scouting.

As a member of the Honorary Congressional Girl Scout Troop and a former Girl Scout, I encourage my colleagues to support Girl Scouts in the 21st century. I look forward to working with New York Girl Scouts to help create opportunities for girls and to encourage youth involvement in public service.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. CHARLES H. WRIGHT: DOCTOR, HISTORIAN, AND CIVIC LEADER

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me today in extending my condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Charles H. Wright, who passed away on March 7, 2002. During his 83 years, Dr. Wright left an indelible mark on this country through his work as a doctor, a civil rights leader, a community activist and a leader in the national movement to create museums celebrating the history, culture and accomplishments of African Americans.

Legend has it that it was Charles Wright's mother who inspired him to attend medical school, by declaring at age eight that he would become a doctor. Growing up in segregated Alabama, to parents who's own education stopped at elementary school, Wright had to overcome many obstacles to make his mother's dream a reality. But, as those who knew Dr. Wright can attest, he was not one to shy away from a challenge. He did attend medical school, and in 1946 he moved to Detroit, where he served his community as an obstetrician/gynecologist. He delivered more than 7,000 babies, including those of some of my staff. Today, you can still meet adults in Detroit who will refer to themselves as "Dr. Wright's babies."

Dr. Wright was always concerned about the plight of black people, both here and in Africa. He answered the call of Dr. Martin Luther King, traveling to the South to protest and to help those protesters who required medical assistance. He worked to end discrimination in hospitals, where empty beds were being denied to blacks because the hospital refused to put black patients and white patients in the same room together. He traveled to newly post-colonial Africa to work in villages lacking adequate health care resources. He helped raise money so that African children could come to American universities. He was constantly driven to serve others, and to serve those whom he felt he could best help.

Dr. Wright is perhaps best known as the man responsible for Detroit's Museum of African American History, the largest such museum in the world. Inspired by his travels to Africa, and concerned that the children he was helping to bring into the world had no place to learn about themselves and their his-

tory, he decided to create a museum dedicated to educating people about the contributions of African Americans to society. In 1965, he opened the International Afro-American Museum in the basement of his home and office. Investing significant amounts of his own money and time into the museum, it eventually outgrew his home and was moved into a new, larger building in the heart of Detroit's University Cultural Center and was renamed the Museum of African American History.

That museum moved again in 1997 to an even larger building, and has received international recognition as one of the finest museums of its kind. In 1998, it was renamed the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in recognition of the vision and dedication of Dr. Wright. Each year millions of Americans of all races visit this museum and learn about the history of African Americans, ensuring that Dr. Wright's legacy will live on and be passed down to future generations.

Dr. Wright's life should serve as an example to all Americans. Throughout all his endeavors, he stressed the values of education, understanding and overcoming obstacles. But perhaps most importantly, he lived his life in service to others. While he will be sorely missed by those whose lives he touched, he will long be remembered for all that he gave. •

TRIBUTE TO KYLIE WHITE

• Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I would like to take this moment to recognize Kylie White, a fifth grade student at Lowther South Intermediate School in Emporia KS. Kylie was recently selected as the Kansas recipient of the Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award from the National Association of Gifted Children.

The NAGC—Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Awards program—recognizes excellence in young children between third and sixth grade who have distinguished themselves in academics, leadership, or the arts. This program is funded by the Nicholas Green Foundation, established by Maggie and Reg Green, and the Nicholas Green Scholarship Fund, both created to honor the memory of the Green's seven-year-old son Nicholas, who was killed in a drive-by-shooting while vacationing in Italy in 1994. The program highlights high-ability students across the country, demonstrating that gifted and talented children come from all cultures, racial and ethnic backgrounds, and socioeconomic groups.

The NAGC—Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award honors America's outstanding students, who serve as role models for all of our Nation's children as they strive for excellence. I am proud that Kylie has been selected to receive this honor on behalf of the State of Kansas. I wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors.