

years later he was detached for sea duty organizing and in command of Destroyer Flotilla Six, and in March 1952 was again ordered to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations where he was Head of the Long Range Plans Branch.

On August 11, 1952, he was ordered to the Office of the Deputy for Defense Affairs, Office of Special Representative in Europe for Mutual Security Administration, Paris, France. On September 28, 1953, after his retirement in July of that year, he was ordered detached from that assignment, but to continue duty in Paris as Staff Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Office of Foreign Economic Defense Affairs, with his duty station in the U.S. Mission to NATO and European Regional Organization, Paris.

From August 1956 until March 1957, Rear Admiral Strauss was Director of Engineering at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA.

On April 6, 1957, Rear Admiral Strauss was named Chief of the new American Foreign Aide Mission to Tunisia. There he directed a \$5.5 million program providing commodities and technical assistance for the rest of the fiscal year ending June 30, a program which in 1958 had risen to more than \$20 million, and by the time of his detachment in August 1960, had put more than \$100 million into the Tunisian economy. In 1960, he served as personal representative of the Secretary of State as a member of a three-man team to evaluate the effectiveness of the Mutual Aid program to Pakistan, this assignment extended from September 1960 to January 1961. In January 1961, Rear Admiral Strauss initiated, as Director, the A.I.D. mission to the Malagasy Republic and served there until February 1963. He retired from A.I.D. in May 1963. In July 1965, Rear Admiral Strauss became a public member of the Foreign Service Inspection Corps. He was a member of the team inspecting Embassy, Tel Aviv and Consulate General Jerusalem, July–September 1965.

In addition to the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V", Rear Admiral Strauss has the American Defense Service Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal; World War II Victory Medal; Navy Occupation Service Medal, Europe Clasp; and National Defense Service Medal. He was made an honorary Commander of the Order of the British Empire and has the Croix de Guerre of France, with palm.

Rear Admiral Strauss was married in 1951 to Miss Beatrice Schermerhorn Phillips, daughter of former Ambassador and Mrs. William Phillips of Beverly, MA. He has three children by a former marriage: Elliott MacGregor Strauss, Armar Archbold Strauss, and Lydia Saunderson Strauss Delaunay. His usual residence is Washington, DC.

Rear Admiral Strauss is a member of the Pilgrims of the United States, the Chevy Chase Club and Army and Navy Club of Washington, DC; the New York

Yacht Club; and the Buck's Club, and the International Sportman's Club, both of London, England. •

TRIBUTE TO HOOSIER ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

• Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate a group of young Indiana students who have shown great educative achievement. I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues the winners of the 2001-2002 Eighth Grade Youth Essay Contest which I sponsored in association with the Indiana Farm Bureau and Bank One of Indiana. These students have displayed strong writing abilities and have proven themselves to be outstanding young Hoosier scholars. I submit their names for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD because they demonstrate the capabilities of today's students and are fine representatives of our Nation.

This year, Hoosier students wrote on the theme, "World-Wide Meals from Hoosier Farms." I submit for the RECORD the winning essays of Crista Dismore of Scott County and Joseph Jochim of Gibson County. As State winners of the Youth Essay Contest, these two outstanding students are being recognized on Friday, March 15, 2002 during a visit to our Nation's Capitol.

The essays follow:

WORLD-WIDE MEALS FROM HOOSIER FARMERS (By Christa Dismore, Scott County)

Indiana farms can contribute significantly to the production of food for people around the world. Agriculture in Indiana is a large industry with 65,000 farms containing 15.5 million acres of farmland. Hoosier farmers will use new technologies to increase their crop yield, produce healthier food, and sell their crops to more specialized markets.

Farming is becoming more like science. In Indiana, corn production is king. Through improvements in technology such as new equipment, safer pest control, and hybrid seed the yield per acre has increased from 40 to 150 bushels per acre. Also, the farmers will be able to raise livestock that is less fattening for our bodies because of a new science, genomics, which allows researchers to make changes in plants and animals. This technology will be important in keeping Indiana a leader in food production since Indiana farmers supply our dinner tables with bacon, eggs, steaks, and milk. Indiana farms will become more specialized in that they will only raise one type of animal instead of a variety of animals. An example is Rose Acre Farms in southern Indiana which raises chickens to produce eggs.

Indian agriculture affects my daily life because my grandfather grows a large garden and my father sells farming equipment. I eat tomatoes, corn, green beans, potatoes, beets and broccoli from the garden. My dad tells me about tillers, loaders, backhoes, and trailers that farmers use. In Austin, Indiana, Morgan Foods is one of the nation's largest condensed soup manufacturers and many of my friends' families work there.

Hoosier farmers will do their part in providing the world with food. Indiana has three of the most well-known research universities, a prominent agricultural school, and many science-based companies that will help Indiana to become a leader in meeting the world-wide demands on the food supply.

WORLD-WIDE MEALS FROM HOOSIER FARMS

(By Joseph Jochim, Gibson County)

As I sit next to my Dad in his combine, I watch as it husks, shells, and cleans the bright yellow kernels of corn. I'm amazed at the large amount of corn, soybeans, and wheat he can grow and harvest to help feed our world. He pays close attention to the markets world-wide as well as international trade agreements between countries that affect our prices.

Indiana, as well as the rest of the U.S. grain belt states, supply two-fifths of the world's supply of corn. Corn is Indiana's leading crop. Much of this corn is fed to Indiana's livestock like hogs, cattle, and poultry. This meat is exported to countries like Japan, Canada, China, and Mexico. Since October 1, 2001, we had corn sales to South Korea, Russia, Israel, Uganda/Angola, and Montenegro. Locally, Azteca Milling processes white corn purchased from area farmers into white flour. This is sold world-wide for products like tortillas and tamale shells.

Soybeans are another of Indiana's valuable farm products. So far this year, sales of our soybeans have increased to Indonesia, Canada, China and Mexico. We also export soybeans to Japan, Algeria, South Korea, Peru, and China.

With increasing technology, mechanization, productivity, and soil conservation, Indiana's farmers are increasing their yields. Improvements and discoveries in genetics and plant breeding are helping us to produce more nutritious foods that require less pesticides and herbicides. For example, in Indiana we commonly use soybeans resistant to the herbicide Roundup. Therefore, less herbicide, field cultivating, and fuel is used.

In addition, Indiana helps supply whole meal food assistance to the needy in areas like Southeast Asia.

I'm proud that Indiana and my dad help produce whole meals like grains, vegetables, fruit, dairy products, and meats to feed the world's growing population.

2001-2002 DISTRICT ESSAY WINNERS

District 1: Eric Jensen (Starke County) and Anne LaFree (St. Joseph County).

District 2: Zach Heimach (DeKalb County) and Melinda Hohler (DeKalb County).

District 3: Kevin Lange (Benton County) and Brittany Scherer (Benton County).

District 4: Aaron Poole (Jay County) and Heather Meitzler (Huntington County).

District 5: Jason Allen (Vermillion County) and Marina Nicholson (Morgan County).

District 6: Aaron Nees (Marion County) and Hillary Foltz (Delaware County).

District 7: Matt Steves (Greene County) and Christina Riggle (Davies County).

District 8: Greg Rennekamp (Rush County) and Lauren Haas (Franklin County).

District 9: Joseph Jochim (Gibson County) and Lynn Fletcher (Warrick County).

District 10: Jonathan Raichel (Scott County) and Christa Dismore (Scott County).

2001-2002 COUNTY ESSAY WINNERS

Bartholomew: Sarah Michael and Sam McAleese, St. Bartholomew Catholic School.

Benton: Kevin Lange and Brittany Scherer, Benton Central Jr. HS.

Cass: Heath Karnafel and Kayla Somers, Columbia Middle School.

Clay: MacKenzie Watson, Clay City Jr. HS. Daviess: Christina Riggle, Washington Jr. HS.

Delaware: Zachary Rabenstein and Hillary Foltz, Heritage Hall Christian School.

DeKalb: William Zachary Heimach and Melinda Hohler, DeKalb Middle School.

Franklin: Andrew Sparks, Laurel School, and Lauren Haas, St. Michael School.

Gibson: Joseph Jochim, Owensville Community School.

Greene: Matt Steves, Linton-Stockton Jr. HS, and Laura Bartlow, Calvary Christian School.

Hamilton: Brett Finkelmeier and Claire Harwood, Carmel Jr. HS.

Hancock: Curtis Merlau, Greenfield Middle School.

Hendricks: Chris Beard and Jana Emmelman, Kingsway Christian School.

Henry: Brian Butler and Amy Wenning, Tri Jr. HS.

Howard: Eric Talbert and Rachele Carter, Western Jr. HS.

Huntington: Heather Meitzler, Huntington Catholic School.

Jackson: Ryan Hirtzel and Laura Kilpatrick, Seymour Middle School.

Jasper: Jason Simmons and Amy Streitmatter, Rensselaer Middle School.

Jay: Aaron Poole and Shannon Rines, East Jay Middle School.

Knox: Martha Vance, North Knox Jr. HS.

Lake: Matt Trocha, DeMotte Christian School, and Stephanie Strnatka, St. Michael School.

Madison: Aron Brown and Alison Denny, Southside Middle School.

Marion: Aaron Nees and Tracy Horan, St. Jude School.

Monroe: Brandon Petesch, Batchelor Middle School.

Morgan: Matt Gegg and Marina Nicholson, Mooresville Christian Academy.

Posey: Kelley Clem, North Posey Jr. HS.

Rush: Greg Rennekamp, Benjamin Rush Middle School.

St. Joseph: Michael Chartier, St. Matthew Cathedral School, and Anne LaFree, Jackson Middle School.

Scott: Jonathan Raichel and Christa Dismore, Austin Middle School.

Spencer: Matt Kaufman and Breanna Faulkenberg, Heritage Hills Middle School.

Starke: Eric Jensen and Andrea Bastin, Oregon-Davis Jr. HS.

Vanderburgh: Chris Mutschler, St. James School.

Vermillion: Jason Allen and Elisha Marie Chancey, North Vermillion Jr. HS.

Wabash: Cody White and Erica Grossman, Northfield Jr. HS.

Warrick: Nathan Rice and Lynn Fletcher, Boonville Jr. HS.

Washington: Casey Nesmith and Casey Parker, West Washington Jr. HS.

Wayne: Timothy Mosley and Kaitlin Vaughn, Centerville Jr. HS.

Wells: Nathan Meyer and Janelle Meyer, Bethlehem Lutheran School.●

PASSING OF JOHN M. EISENBERG

● Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, John Eisenberg, director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, AHRQ, succumbed to a brain tumor this past Sunday. Although John had battled his illness for months, his death was a disturbing shock to many. He had done so much to improve healthcare in this Nation, and I know there was much more he wanted to do. Still, John leaves a legacy—both professional and personal—so large that it cannot and will not be forgotten.

John Eisenberg was an outstanding public servant. He did not play partisan politics. Nor could he be corrupted by power. Simply put, he was passionate about people. It was his mission to improve the quality of health care in America. He dedicated his life to that mission as the director of the Agency for Healthcare Research

and Quality, as a founder of the Congressional Physician Payment Review Commission, and as a member and leader of countless other societies, associations, and institutes. For John, public service was more than his job; it was his life's calling, which he answered with distinction and excellence.

I consider myself privileged to have worked with John Eisenberg for many years and on many issues. He taught me so much not just about improving the quality of healthcare, but about being a leader by transforming the way people think about issues and institutions. I know he had an impact on leaders in all branches of government, and men and women at all levels of government respected him. And as for the medical community: John was one of them. I have heard this often and, even with the event of his passing, I still hear it today.

As a physician, John Eisenberg saved the lives of many. As a leader, he enhanced the lives of millions. As a friend, he touched the lives of us all. The largeness of his life and legacy will endure in our memories and warm our hearts for many years to come. John Eisenberg will be known as more than one of the good ones, but one of the best there ever was and ever will be.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:23 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2146. An act to amend title 18 of the United States Code to provide life imprisonment for repeat offenders who commit sex offenses against children.

MESSAGES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2146. An act to amend title 18 of the United States Code to provide life imprisonment for repeat offenders who commit sex offenses against children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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-5733. A communication from the Assistant Director, Office of General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Prisons, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inmate Personal Property" ((RIN1120-AA46) (64 FR 36750)) received on March 14, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5734. A communication from the Director of the Office of General Counsel and Legal Policy, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemption Amendments Under 18 U.S.C. 208(b)(2)" (RIN3209-AA09) re-

ceived on March 14, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5735. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report on the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles to India; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5736. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule of Fees for Consular Services, Department of State and Overseas Embassies and Consulate" (22 CFR Parts 22, 41, 42, and 51) received on March 14, 2002; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5737. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Ruling 2002-3" received on March 12, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5738. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Check the Box Regulations, section 301.77701-3" ((RIN1545-AY16) (TD 8970)) received on March 12, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5739. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Waiver of Certain Accuracy-Related Penalties Upon Disclosure of Tax Shelter" (Ann. 2002-2, 2002-2 IRB) received on March 12, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5740. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirement Relating to Certain Exchanges Involving a Foreign Corporation" ((TD 8938) (LR-230-76)) received on March 13, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5741. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Average of Farm Income" ((RIN1545-AW05) (TD 8972)) received on March 13, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5742. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dollar-Value LIFO Regulations; Inventory Price Index Computation Method" (RIN1545-AX20) received on March 13, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

The following nominations were discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions pursuant to the order of March 15, 2002:

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Maribeth McGinley, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2006.

Amy Apfel Kass, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004.

Andrew Ladis, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2006.

Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2006.