

Cancer is a complex, multifaceted, and chronic disease, and people with cancer are best served by a multidisciplinary health care team specialized in oncology care, including nurses who are certified in that specialty. Oncology nurses play a central role in the provision of quality cancer care as they are principally involved in the administration and monitoring of chemotherapy and the associated side-effects patients may experience. As anyone ever treated for cancer will tell you, oncology nurses are intelligent, well-trained, highly skilled, kind-hearted angels who provide quality clinical, psychosocial, and supportive care to patients and their families. In short, they are integral to our nation's cancer care delivery system.

The Oncology Nursing Society, ONS, is the largest organization of oncology health professionals in the world with more than 30,000 registered nurses and other health care professionals. Since 1975, the Oncology Nursing Society has been dedicated to excellence in patient care, teaching, research, administration and education in the field of oncology. The Society's mission is to promote excellence in oncology nursing and quality cancer care. To that end, ONS honors and maintains nursing's historical and essential commitment to advocacy for the public good by providing nurses and healthcare professionals with access to the highest quality educational programs, cancer-care resources, research opportunities, and networks for peer support.

The ONS has a chapter that serves the state of Rhode Island and the southeastern Massachusetts areas. This chapter helps them to continue to provide high quality cancer care to those patients and their families. On behalf of the people of Rhode Island, I want to express my appreciation for all that these amazing nurses do to advance the health and well-being of people with cancer and to further the practice of oncology nursing.

Despite significant breakthroughs in the treatment, early detection, and prevention of cancer, two-thirds of new cancer cases strike people over the age of 65 and the number of new cancer cases diagnosed among the elderly is projected to more than double by 2030 as the Baby Boom generation ages. The impact that cancer has on our nation, especially on the Medicare Program, cannot be underestimated or overlooked. In addition, more than 115,000 nursing positions will go unfilled by the year 2015—a factor which—taken with eroding Medicare payment for outpatient cancer care—further exacerbates the challenge of a growing number of cancer cases.

This week more than 5,000 oncology nurses from around the country have traveled to Washington, DC to attend the Oncology Nursing Society's 27th Annual Congress. This year's theme is aptly titled "The Many Faces of Oncology Nursing." The attendees will increase their knowledge of the newest

cancer treatments, learn the latest developments in cancer nursing research, and enhance their clinical skills and contribute to their professional development. In addition, approximately 550 of these nurses—representing 49 states—will come to Capitol Hill to discuss issues.

I would like to commend the Oncology Nursing Society for all of its efforts over the last 27 years and to thank the Society and its members for their ongoing commitment to improving and assuring access to quality cancer care for all cancer patients and their families.●

————— CYGNUS

● Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Cygnus, Inc. of Ponderay, ID on being recognized as one of Boeing's Top 25 Suppliers for the C-17.

As we all know, the C-17 is one of our key aircraft. Since it was first put into service in 1993, the C-17 has proven its worthiness as an extremely flexible airlift aircraft vital to our national security. Lately, Congress has reaffirmed its commitment to the C-17 by authorizing the purchase of additional aircraft. This is the right thing to do and I applaud my colleagues. In this day and age, we need a rapid-deployment airlift aircraft that can reach remote areas. The C-17 delivers and we must continue to support the program. Not only is it important for our national defense, it is money well spent because of quality subcontractors like Cygnus.

Cygnus has supplied top-notch parts for the C-17 since the first aircraft rolled off the assembly line. Today, Boeing and Cygnus celebrated the delivery of the parts for the 100th C-17 and Boeing will recognize Cygnus as one of the top 25 suppliers for the program.

Cygnus is a real success story of Idaho. It started in 1998 and since then has grown to sixty-five employees, forty-five of which work on its C-17 program. What is truly remarkable is they have taken those 65 employees, who didn't have experience in the aerospace manufacturing field, and turned them into a stellar team supplying our Nation's military. Because they have chosen to locate in Ponderay, ID, they have helped to diversify the local economy from a natural resource dependent economy to one that has a diverse industrial base.

Boeing is not the only one to recognize Cygnus' performance. In 2000, Region 10 of the Small Business Administration recognized Cygnus as the Subcontractor of the Year for their outstanding work on the U.S. Navy's F-18 E/F program.

Since September 11, our country has recognized, more than ever, the sacrifice that our Nation's military gives to protect our freedoms. Today, I also want to recognize the effort that our civilian laborers put into the effort. Much like Rosie the Riveter assisted

our troops in World War II, our civilian manufacturers of today, working with our military, will ensure the freedoms we all enjoy.●

————— REVEREND DR. BYRON HOWELL BROWN, JR.

● Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, the congregation of Christ Church and the Village of Garden City experienced a great loss when the Reverend Dr. Byron Howell Brown, Jr. passed away on Saturday, April 13. Father Brown, as he was affectionately known by all those who knew him, was a life-long resident of Garden City and was instituted as Rector of Christ Church in 1967. Throughout his tenure as Rector, Father Brown was the spiritual leader of several generations of parishioners, but it would be impossible to quantify how many lives he touched. Father Brown truly practiced the lessons that he preached. He was a faithful and committed rector, husband, father, grandfather, coach, counselor, mentor, and friend. He will be deeply missed by all those who were fortunate enough to know him, learn from him, and hear his message of God's abiding love. Through his devotion and kindness to his congregation, his family, and all those he served, he set a standard to which we should all aspire.

Father Brown will be laid to rest tomorrow, with a mass of Christian burial at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. But Father Brown's spirit and kindness will live on through his beloved wife Marylou, his children Jeanne, Thomas, Timothy and Janice, his daughters in law Lisa, and Mary Patricia, and especially through his grandchildren Aidan Byron, Sarah Margaret, Frances Anne, and Matthew George.●

————— 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 last 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 July 8, 1997 in Rock Island, IL. A gay man was attacked by two youths who used anti-gay epithets. The assailants, Nicholas S. McGonigle, 18, and Donald Thompson, 17, were charged with aggravated battery and a hate crime 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 and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.●

CLARIFICATION OF THE RECORD

• Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, on April 9, 2002, on the floor of the U.S. Senate, I announced the cancellation of the Mt. Hood National Forest Eagle Creek timber sales. These sales were sold under the salvage rider, enacted in 1996 by the 104th Congress. During my floor speech, I reiterated my opposition to the salvage rider, but also inadvertently referred to salvage sales instead of confining my remarks to salvage rider sales.

I have been, and will continue to be, a supporter of salvage sales involving the commercial recovery of dead or dying timber, when such sales make sense for the health of the forest. In fact, I worked very hard to make sure that a salvage sale project went forward in the wake of the 1996 Summit and Tower fires, and I continue to support constructive salvage work being done to improve forest health throughout the National Forests.

As I continue to work toward comprehensive forestry legislation which will include both active forest management and old growth protection, I thought it important to correct the RECORD.●

RECOGNITION OF JOYCE MAISH

• Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I take this moment to recognize Joyce Maish, a high school business teacher in Augusta, KS. Joyce was one of twelve teachers across the United States who was named Teacher of the Year by the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship.

Joyce has been a teacher at Augusta High School for twenty-five years. At the high school, Joyce conducts a "Youth Entrepreneurs for Kansas" class, in which she attempts to focus the ideas and dreams of her students on the possibility that they could someday start their own businesses. Moreover, she has done an outstanding job of bringing in local business owners and officials from Augusta and Wichita to speak to her students to teach them about the realities of business enterprise.

Joyce Maish is a role model teacher for Kansas and for the Nation. I am very pleased that the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship has honored Joyce for her years of excellence. I wish Joyce continued success in all of her future endeavors.●

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK TO HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I rise to congratulate the young men and women of Highlands High School in Fort Thomas, KY for being chosen to represent the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the national finals of the We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution program. The competition will take place May 4-6 here in Wash-

ington and will include more than 1,200 students from across the United States.

The three-day national competition is appropriately modeled after hearings in the United States Congress. The hearings consist of oral presentations by high school students before a panel of adult judges on various constitutional topics. Questions ranging from factual concerns of how the framers created the Constitution to more analytical questions such as how a member of Congress should represent his or her constituency will be directed at the students to determine their depth of understanding and ability to apply their constitutional knowledge.

The We the People . . . program, directed by the Center for Civic Education and funded by the U.S. Department of Education, has provided curricular materials at upper elementary, middle, and high school levels for more than 2.5 million students nationwide. By providing students with a working knowledge of our Constitution, Bill of Rights, and principles of democratic government, We the People . . . gives our next generation of leaders an opportunity to study in depth the documents and ideals that have bound this nation together for so many years. I thank the U.S. Department of Education for continuing to provide fiscal support to this great program and the Center of Civic Education for their ongoing commitment to the education of our Nation's future. It is truly inspiring to see that so many young people are interested in furthering the democratic ideals brought forth by our forefathers so many years ago.

The class from Highlands High School, led by teacher Brian Robinson, has proven without a doubt that they are dedicated to representing Kentucky in the most admirable fashion possible in this year's competition. They are currently conducting thorough research and preparing for their upcoming participation in the national finals. I would like to wish all of these students the best of luck at the We the People . . . national finals. It is comforting to know what one of these students may one day be standing in my place, representing the great people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the U.S. Senate.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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.)

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-6483. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Activities and Programs for Countering Proliferation and NBC Terrorism"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6484. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension to Administrative Fines" received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-6485. A communication from the Senior Attorney, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Government Participation in the Automated Clearing House" (RIN1510-AA84) received on April 11, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6486. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Competition, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "16 CFR Parts 801 and 802" (RIN3084-AA23) received on April 11, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6487. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Regulatory Affairs Group, Bureau of Land Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Petroleum Reserve, Alaska, Oil and Gas Unitization Rule" (RIN1004-AD13) received on April 10, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6488. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Report From Federal Contractors" (RIN1293-AA07) received on April 8, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6489. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education, received on April 12, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6490. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments of Appendix A to 31 CFR Chapter V" received on April 3, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6491. A communication from the Paralegal, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rail Fixed Guideway Systems: State Safety Oversight" (RIN2132-AA69) received on April 5, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6492. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Investment Management Office of Disclosure Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Registration Form for Insurance Company Separate Accounts Registered as Unit Investment Trusts that Offer Variable Life Insurance Policies" (RIN3235-AG37) received on April 12, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.