

schools will take advantage of this funding opportunity, and give their students the chance to experience the benefits of an education tied to community service.

My own State of Oregon is a national leader in service-learning, and I hope that this bill will help schools in my state continue their commitment to reclaiming the public purpose of education. I also hope that the School Service Act will encourage the further spread of service-learning across America, because I believe that it will improve education and, perhaps as important, instill students with an ethic of public service that will stay with them throughout their lives.●

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

● Mrs. CARNAHAN. Mr. President, early Sunday morning there were horrible tornadoes that killed a young child, injured many others and caused extensive damage throughout Marble Hill and other communities in southern Missouri. I believed it was important to visit the affected communities on Monday to comfort them and lend support. I regret that due to scheduling difficulties, I could not return to Washington in time for the vote on the motion to proceed to the Andean Trade Act.●

#### COLONEL DERRELL B. JEFFORDS, USAF

● Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a great American patriot, Colonel Derrell B. Jeffords, USAF. As a young man, Colonel Jeffords knew that he wanted to serve his country in the military, dreaming of becoming an Air Force pilot. He began to realize his goals in June of 1944, when he graduated from the United States Army Air Force Cadet Flying School. Over the next 22 years of dedicated service, he distinguished himself not only as a skilled pilot, but also as an outstanding leader. After tours at 12 different bases in 20 years he answered his nation's call once more. In October of 1965, Colonel Jeffords reported to Vietnam for what would turn out to be his final deployment. On Christmas Eve 1965, just as President Johnson announced a week long bombing halt in North Vietnam, Colonel Jeffords' family received the painful telegram declaring him Missing in Action. His family learned that while on an armed reconnaissance mission, just south of Ban Bac, Laos, Colonel Jeffords' C-47 "Spooky" had been shot down.

Deryl Jeffords was only 13 years old when her father was shot down. She was forced to remember him through the letters that he wrote from Vietnam. Those letters never reflected any sign of fear, resentment or anger at being in Vietnam. To Colonel Jeffords, it was not a duty to serve in Vietnam, it was an honor. I was recently contacted by Ms. Jeffords, who told me about her father's life. Moved by the

heroic story of Colonel Jeffords, I felt it necessary to rise on the floor of the United States Senate, to give her father the respect, honor, dedication and recognition that he so richly deserves from our country. Colonel Jeffords is an American hero, who fought for all citizens, so that we could keep the freedom that we enjoy today.

Colonel Jeffords will always be in the heart and soul of his family that he left behind. None of us should ever forget Colonel Derrell B. Jeffords, for he represents the very heart of what our country stands for. God Bless him.●

#### 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 January 27, 1993 in Queens, NY. A gay man was beaten by two teenagers yelling anti-gay slurs. Junior Guerrero, 18, and Michael Ithier, 19, were arrested 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.●

#### TRIBUTE TO THE NASHUA HIGH SCHOOL AP GOVERNMENT CLASS

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Tarin LaFrance and her Nashua Senior High School AP government class. The class was chosen to represent the State of New Hampshire in the "We the People . . ." national competition. Nashua will compete against other States in analyzing and interpreting the Constitution of the United States as it applies in everyday life.

As a former schoolteacher, I commend Tarin LaFrance and the entire class for their hard work in this competition. The students' dedication is evident as shown through their strong commitment to excellence in education. I applaud their efforts and innovative interpretations of the Constitution. In working to gain a better understanding of our democratic Republic, the class studied the historical background of the Constitution, the three branches of government, judicial review, the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution as it applies in today's society. So much of our Nation's history revolves around the Constitution, and more importantly, this document serves as the foundation of all our Gov-

ernment's decisions. Nashua's commitment to education is a positive example for the Granite State.

I commend all members of the class and wish them continued success as they travel to Washington, DC, to showcase their presentation. Good luck to Julie dePointbriand, Beth Drolet, Jennifer Dube, Brendan Farrell, Kyle Gilbertson, Laurie Gorham, Ariella Green, Kelly Hogan, Jerry Hopkins, Sarah Janowitz, Zach Janowski, Michael Kiser, Candice LeCourt, Fariha Mahmud, Holly Masek, Jennifer McDonald, Lisa Minich, Linnea Sanderson, Lauren Schneider, Stephen Schuler, Katie Staab, and Heather Zimmerman. Go Panthers! It is an honor to represent you in the Senate.●

#### TRIBUTE TO LAURIE L. CHANDLER

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Laurie L. Chandler, senior vice president of Fleet's Private Clients Group. Laurie has been named New Hampshire's Women in Business Advocate of the Year by the Small Business Administration of the United States.

Laurie's 20 years of experience in the financial services industry have been indispensable to the women in New Hampshire's small business community. Along with serving her current position at Fleet, Laurie developed and administered the Women Building Wealth Program of Fleet. The program, which consists of monthly informal seminars for business women, has been crucial to those within New Hampshire. Laurie's time mentoring women has been above and beyond any call of duty. She has been credited with consistently going the extra mile for businesswomen to succeed and always extending herself within the business community.

I commend Laurie for her continued dedication to the women in New Hampshire's business community. Her actions set a positive example for the Granite State. Her commitment and business savvy are well respected and admired amongst her peers and are exemplified by her position within the Fleet organization. I look forward to seeing more of Laurie Chandler within our business community and wish her continued success. It is an honor to represent you in the Senate.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JERRY MILLER

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Jerry Miller of Hampton. Jerry has been chosen as the New Hampshire Business Journalist of the Year by the Small Business Administration of the United States. Jerry serves as a correspondent for the Union Leader and New Hampshire Sunday News for the Portsmouth and Seacoast regions of the State.

Jerry has worked tirelessly to report on New Hampshire's small businesses for the past 12 years, covering issues

including Pease Air Force Base and the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. His career has been long and distinguished in both print and broadcast journalism, reporting on hundreds of issues each year. His dedication to the readers of New Hampshire is evident in the stories he writes; I commend him on success. As Jerry so humbly stated, "I have never tired of covering business in the Granite State, where the entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well. It's a spirit I've seen every day in the men and women who take the risks associated with businesses and job creation, so that they and others may enjoy their perceptions of the American dream." This further exemplifies why he was such a deserving candidate for this award.

I applaud Jerry on receiving this award and wish him continued success in keeping New Hampshire well informed. His commitment to small business is a positive example for the State and I look forward to reading Jerry's next article. It is an honor to represent you in the Senate.●

#### TRIBUTE TO PETER F. BURGER

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Peter F. Burger of Concord. Peter was recently named New Hampshire's Special District Advocate of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration. Currently practicing with the law firm of Orr & Reno, Peter's exemplary contribution to the small business community over the year made him the likely recipient of this award.

I applaud Peter's commitment to the International Trade Resource Center of Portsmouth. He has made time over the past decade to volunteer his services and expertise to the center, teaching classes and taking clients on a pro bono basis. Peter's time spent volunteering has been crucial to the center's clients. Without his contributions, the ITRC would not have been able to offer competitive and complete services to New Hampshire's small businesses.

New Hampshire's small business community is privileged to have such a dedicated member of their community. Peter has generously volunteered his time advising on numerous issues including trademark protection and licensing, contract issues related to e-commerce, financing, and mergers and acquisitions. Without the competitive edge ITRC and Peter offer to our State's small businesses, they would be at a disadvantage to their competition. I commend Peter on his dedication to the Granite State. It is an honor to represent you in the Senate.●

#### TRIBUTE TO GT EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to GT Equipment Technologies, Inc of Nashua, which has been chosen as New Hampshire's Small Business Exporter

of the Year by the Small Business Administration of the United States.

GTi began in 1994 as a two person home-based operation and has grown into an 80 employee firm with this year's projected annual sales of \$30 million. As one of New Hampshire's great export success stories, GTi has gained national recognition and numerous business awards. In 1997 GTi was designated one of Entrepreneur Magazine's top 100 fastest growing companies, as well as the president and CEO Kedar P. Gupta being named Entrepreneur of the Year. Along with numerous entrepreneurial awards for both Kedar and the executive vice-president Jonathan A. Talbott, GTi received NASA's Commitment to Excellence award of 1998 and Deloitte & Touche's 2000 list of the top 50 fastest growing technology companies. I applaud the dedication and hard work that Jonathan and Kedar have shown in the rise of their company. They have set a positive example of the risk and reward associated with starting and owning a small business for the Granite State.

As a former small business owner, I can appreciate the efforts required to have a successful business, and I wish GTi continued success in the coming years. As Jonathan so humbly stated, "As a company we strive to meet and exceed the expectations of our customers, and that's the key to our success. This award is really our employees, for their hard work, dedication, and long hours." It is an honor to represent you in the Senate.●

#### TRIBUTE TO LAURA L. MONICA

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Laura L. Monica, New Hampshire's Small Business Person of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration. Laura is currently president and owner of the Bow based company, High Point Communications Group.

I applaud Laura's determination and hard work in making High Point one of New Hampshire's successful small businesses. As a former small business owner, I understand the amount of energy that starting and running your own business requires. Laura started as a one woman team and has taken her company to a nine-person staff, with revenues exceeding \$2.2 million. Laura followed her dream of changing and evolving the typical "public relations" model into a new strategic communications model designed specifically for businesses.

By reaching out and taking risks, Laura was able to make her dream of innovative and creative strategic communications a reality. I commend her business savvy and exceptional work ethic in the field of public relations. She has brought High Point to a higher level of work productivity and created a company which is able to compete with corporations. I will continue to work hard to protect New Hampshire's small businesses as I am assured that

Laura Monica will continue to work hard in putting High Point on the map. With High Point being named as one of the "Top Ten Best Companies To Work for in New Hampshire" by NH Business Magazine, we can be sure to see even more great things from Laura Monica and her team at High Point Communications. I wish her continued success in years to come, it is an honor to represent you in the Senate.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ROBERT G. CARON

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Robert G. Caron of Rye. Robert was named New Hampshire's SCORE Counselor of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration. His outstanding service to the Portsmouth Service Corps of Retired Executives made him the perfect candidate for this year's award.

I applaud his continued service and commitment to New Hampshire's small business community. His dedication to helping his fellow Granite Staters is exemplary. In his fourth year as a SCORE member, Robert is considered to be one of the most active counselors in the organization. Using his experience as the former senior vice president and CEO of an international chemical manufacturing company, he is able to effectively use his expertise in general management, marketing, profit and working capital improvement, strategic thinking and financial reporting.

The business savvy that Robert brings to New Hampshire's small business community is to be commended. His continued service to the Granite State is a positive example for others. Robert so humbly stated, "I'm grateful that SCORE has given me the opportunity to use my skills to help others in our community." New Hampshire is also grateful. It is an honor to represent you in the Senate.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the Secretary of the Senate, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 2248. An act to extend the authority of the Export-Import Bank until May 31, 2002.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, was signed subsequently by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. NELSON of Nebraska).

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