

I would like to take this opportunity to salute the Community Problem Solving Team at the Dr. John Howard Jr. School's for their service to the community, their countless acts of compassion, and commitment to their fellow citizens. May their spirit of service and community be a model for all of us to admire and emulate.●

#### IN MEMORY OF STEVE LOVATO

● Mr. DOMENICI. Madam President, I rise today to honor Steve Lovato, an outstanding individual who lost his life in service to others.

Steve Lovato was an EMT known for his strong work ethic and his helpfulness to others. His coworkers praised him for his dedication to the job, and he was well recognized for his service to the community.

Being an EMT, Steve knew that the financial reward would not be great. He would often face many dangers that are inherent with the job. However, Steve liked doing what was right and worked as an EMT because he wanted to help people. That is why it saddens me to know of the tragic loss of this noble individual.

Nearly two months ago, Steve and his partner, Margie Muccie, responded to a 911 call where a man, Paul Freeman, had been injured by a burning home. While trying to give Mr. Freeman medical attention, the mentally unstable individual pulled out a gun and shot and killed Steve. He also killed Roswell Fire Chief, Louis Jones, and his good Samaritan neighbor who had called for help, Randy Houghton. Randy's son was also critically injured by Mr. Freeman.

This terrible event has had a profound effect on the community of Roswell. It has also deepened my resolve to address issues that affect the mentally ill. I have long worked to help people who suffer from diseases of the brain, and I believe that better treatment options for Mr. Freeman could have prevented this terrible tragedy. I will continue to seek out the best possible ways to help those that suffer from mental illness.

Steve made the ultimate sacrifice in service to others; he lost his life in the line of duty. I am proud to have represented a man like Steve, and I send my heartfelt condolences to his wife, Josephine, and his son, Alex. He went above and beyond the call of duty and showed unparalleled compassion for his fellow man. I am proud to honor him here today and to know of his heroic efforts.

I also wish to express my greatest sympathies to the friends and families of Louis Jones and Randy Houghton. These men should also be honored for their efforts in trying to help others.●

#### IN CELEBRATION OF MRS. LOLA V. GIBBS' 100TH BIRTHDAY

● Mr. CARPER. Madam President, I would like to set aside a moment to re-

flect on the life of Mrs. Lola V. Gibbs, a longtime educator, community and civic leader. She has made a lasting impact on the generations of people and the communities she has touched. Today, I rise to celebrate her 100 years of life.

Born the only daughter of Tabitha and George Gibbs on Easter Sunday, 1902, Lola enjoyed a childhood home filled with the laughter of foster children. Her family owned a farm, and together Lola and her father planted vegetables and tended to crops. At the age of seven, Lola began her education in a one-room schoolhouse. She attended high school at State College, graduating in a class of four. It was the degree she earned from the larger West Chester Normal College, in the company of other African Americans, which shaped the woman she would become.

Lola was assigned to Reeves Crossing School, teaching students in her hometown school in Woodside. Inspired by the excitement of her pupils, she became interested in 4-H. Before long, she organized the Woodside Silver Leaf 4 H Club, which was quickly recognized throughout the state for excellence. She would be a 4-H leader for 55 years.

Lola married Edward, whom she met at West Chester Normal, in the spring of 1931. They wed in her rose garden and honeymooned in Washington, DC. In September 1936, Lola and Edward were blessed with their son Edward B. Gibbs, Jr.

Never complacent, Lola Gibbs went back to college. With her son just a year old, she enrolled in classes and earned a second degree before returning to Woodside to run her own classroom again. Lola's students spanned four grades. When attendance dropped, she moved to a two-room schoolhouse in nearby Viola, instructing children, many of whom she had taught before in grades four, five and six. She organized another 4-H club, called the Viola Jolly 26. The club quickly became the largest in Delaware.

Upon her retirement, Lola V. Gibbs was appointed president of the Kent County Teachers Association. In the years that followed, she became active in the Eastern Star, AARP and the Women's Auxiliary of the Smyrna Home for the Critically Ill.

A life member of Star Hill AME Church, Lola focuses much of her energy on the success of the congregation's Historical Society. Both her church and her community were stops on the Underground Railroad. Both benefit from her pride in her heritage.

Lola V. Gibbs is an active, independent woman of many talents and gifts. She has four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. In 2000, Mrs. Gibbs renewed her driver's license, driving her Ford station wagon throughout Kent County, DE. Until just a few years ago, she continued to play the organ for her church.

Today, I rise both to celebrate Lola's one hundred years and the life she

breathes into her community. To her grandchildren and great-grandchildren she will leave a legacy of determination, tenacity, and kindness. With pride in her students, her family, her heritage and her community, she is living proof that a life filled with good works is a good life indeed.●

#### TRIBUTE TO LOUIS WYMAN

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to my personal friend, former judge and United States Congressman, Louis Wyman, who passed away Sunday, May 6. Louis, who was 85, was involved in one of the closets races in United States Senate history.

Louis left a lasting legacy. His legacy of country, state and family, will not soon be forgotten by those of us whose lives he touched so deeply. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather to his wife Virginia, his children Jo Ann and Louis II, and two grandchildren.

Louis Wyman was elected to serve in the United States Congress from New Hampshire's 1st Congressional District in 1962. Louis served five terms in the House of Representatives before deciding to run for the Senate in 1974. In the closest race in Senate history, Louis won the seat by only 2 votes. He served briefly in the Senate, after which a special election was held and John Durkin was awarded the seat.

In 1938 Louis graduated from the University of New Hampshire with honors and from Harvard University Law School, in 1941, cum laude. Louis was named attorney general of New Hampshire in 1953, and in 1957 was elected president of the National Association of Attorneys General. He returned to the State over the course of many years to practice law.

Louis' impact on the State of New Hampshire will not be forgotten. He touched many lives over the years through his many judicial and political pursuits. Louis was instrumental in preventing the closure of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Citizens of the Granite State were fortunate to have such invaluable aid.

While serving on the sub-committee of defense, Louis was an effectual supporter in the development of the F-18 fighter jet and the AEGIS Missile. During this time, Louis was a leader in the early funding for the moon landing project.

From the hallways of Capitol Hill to the law offices of New Hampshire, Louis Wyman touched many lives, and left his mark in U.S. Senate history. He will not be forgotten.●

#### RECOGNITION OF MAYOR TOM MENINO'S ACCOMPLISHMENT TO LEAD THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

● Mr. KERRY. Madam President, I am proud to join in celebrating an extraordinary milestone for my friend, Mayor

Tom Menino, an honor shared by all the people of Boston who have benefitted from Tom's remarkable leadership in our city. A reflection of all that he has accomplished and continues to achieve, Mayor Tom Menino ascends to the position of President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. I am proud to join his family, staff and colleagues across the country in congratulating him as he embarks on this new challenge.

Since his election as Mayor in 1993, Tom Menino has been tireless in his efforts to make the nation's greatest city even stronger. As he begins his term as President of the Conference, mayors from across the country will find in Tom a friend and a national trail blazer as the chief spokesperson and leader of their efforts.

Tom Menino's record of achievement already serves as a blueprint for our nation's cities; in 2001 he was recognized by *Governing Magazine* as "Public Official of the Year," dubbing him the "Main Streets Maestro." Mayors from cities from Houston, Detroit to Philadelphia have come to Boston to study Tom's approach to governing, and each has returned to their own city and implemented a piece of Boston's success story. After a recent Boston visit, Mayor O'Malley returned to Baltimore to open an Office of Neighborhoods, borrowing a page from the Menino play book.

But it is in the neighborhoods of Boston where the results of his hands-on management style are most visible. In places like Grove Hall and Jackson Square, new businesses are starting up, community development corporations are working hand-in-hand with the Mayor to jump start new developments and rehabilitate old buildings, and small, locally-owned businesses are flourishing in all corners of the city.

But do not take my word for it, just look at the statistics: Crime rates are dramatically lower than 10 years ago; the public school drop-out rate has been cut in half during Tom's time in office; and almost 70 percent of Boston's high school graduates continue on to college. Mayor Menino's work on behalf of the children of Boston reflects a long term commitment that reaches far into the future: He has almost doubled the number of immunized children; launched a youth literacy campaign that has been replicated in over 100 other U.S. cities; and Tom Menino is the first mayor of a major city to completely wire the school system to the Internet. Mayor Menino has partnered with the Ten Point Coalition and other violence prevention groups to create successful programs like Operation Ceasefire and "2 to 6", that target the city's at risk youth with activities and structure during those crucial after school hours.

I am proud to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Tom Menino as we move ahead and continue our work together on improving public schools, increasing the availability of affordable housing

and making our streets as safe as they can be. He is a dedicated and talented public servant, one whom I am fortunate to call a colleague and friend, and I join the whole Massachusetts delegation and mayors across the State in congratulating him on his Presidency of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.●

#### HONORING DR. FOREST F. SHELY

● Mr. BUNNING. Madam President, I have the distinct honor of rising today to recognize one of Kentucky's finest citizens, Dr. Forest F. Shely.

At the recently held 53rd Annual Awards Dinner of the Campbellsville/Taylor County Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Shely was named "Citizen of the Year." Dr. Shely was duly recognized for his unwavering commitment to family, church, career, and community. He has been a devoted and loving husband for 55 years. He raised five wonderful children of his own and is currently the proud grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of four. Dr. Shely has also been a key figure in his church for many years, serving as a Deacon, Sunday School teacher, and Gideon. Throughout his career in medicine, Dr. Shely has touched thousands of lives delivering babies, healing the sick, and comforting the dying. Finally, Dr. Shely serves on the university board of trustees, the Citizens Bank board, the library board, the Rotary Club and is the past president of the hospital medical staff.

To say that Dr. Forest F. Shely has lived life to the fullest would be a gross understatement. I am extremely honored to serve such an amazing husband, father, doctor, and community leader. I ask that my fellow colleagues join me in praising Dr. Shely for his dedication to Kentucky.●

#### IN MEMORY OF MSGR. GEORGE HIGGINS, AMERICA'S "LABOR PRIEST"

● Mr. KENNEDY. Madam President, when I learned of the death of Msgr. George G. Higgins, I was saddened to lose a friend and one of the most passionate workers' advocates of our time.

For half a century, Msgr. Higgins was the workers' priest. He was a leading advocate of workers rights, but his interests went beyond labor to issues of justice and peace, human and civil rights, discrimination. Through his writings and teachings, he helped show the connections between these vital issues and his deep faith.

He left his mark on the lives of America's workers through his roles as writer, lecturer, lobbyist, negotiator, and leader. It is said that Msgr. Higgins never turned down an invitation to a labor meeting if he was able to be there. He was no stranger to picket lines, stopping by to lend an inspirational word to workers and to show his support.

Msgr. Higgins played a central role in the negotiations between grape grow-

ers and the newly unionized farm workers in the early 1970s. United Farm Workers leader Cesar Chavez said in 1980 that no one in the country did more for farm workers than Msgr. Higgins.

He played a key role as a liaison between the independent Polish labor union Solidarity and American unions at a time when Solidarity was struggling for its very survival in the early 1980s.

In 2000, President Clinton awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, for his commitment to workers' rights, civil rights and religious tolerance. Last year, he was conferred the University of Notre Dame's prestigious Laetare Medal.

Msgr. Higgins believed that unions are central to democracy and the improvement of the plight of workers. He insisted that Catholic institutions welcome unionization and negotiate in good faith with their employees.

AFL-CIO President John F. Sweeney said of Msgr. Higgins that, "He has been an irresistible force in bringing labor and church together. . . . We respect him for his strength, we revere him for his conscience, we stand in awe of his intellect and we thank him for his love."

My thoughts and wishes are with his sisters, Bridget Doonan and Ann Maronic, as well as his nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces. We will miss America's Labor Priest. As we continue to fight for America's workers, for justice and for peace, his memory will be with us—and with all workers around the globe.●

#### IN RECOGNITION OF LAKE FOREST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PREPARING FOR NATIONAL COMPETITION ON CONSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE

● Mr. CARPER. Madam President, this May, more than 1,200 students from across the United States will visit Washington, DC to compete in the national finals of the We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution program. It is the most extensive educational program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

I am proud to announce that a class from Lake Forest High School from Felton will represent the State of Delaware in this national event. These students, with the leadership of their teacher Amy Reed-Moore, have worked diligently to reach the national finals. Through their experience they have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy.

This three-day national competition is modeled after hearings in the United States Congress. The hearings consist of oral presentations by high school students before a panel of adult judges