

allowed to have an RVP of 10 psi, making it more evaporative than other fuels. Under the bill, ethanol-blended fuels would have to achieve an RVP of 9 psi. To accommodate the change, refiners who blend ethanol would reduce their use of other highly evaporative components in gasoline, such as butane. It is likely that those refiners (located mainly in the Midwest) would continue their use of ethanol, since that additive receives federal and state subsidies. According to the Energy Information Administration, it would cost about 0.4 cents per gallon of gasoline to eliminate enough butane to lower the RVP of ethanol-blended gasoline to 9 pounds per square inch. CBO therefore expects that the cost of replacing butane and other evaporative blendstocks in the 0.4 million barrels of ethanol-blended gasolines that are sold each day would be about \$65 million annually.

Require More Frequent Environmental and Public Health Testing

The bill would require manufacturers of fuel additives to test their products regularly for any environmental and public health effects of the fuel or additive, as part of the registration process with the EPA. Under current law, such testing occurs at the discretion of the EPA Administrator. Based on information provided by the EPA on the most recent round of testing, CBO expects the cost of regular testing to be between \$10 million and \$20 million every five years, which is the period of time over which the EPA expects the testing to take place.

Appropriation or other Federal financial assistance provided in the bill related to private-sector mandates: S. 950 would authorize the appropriation of \$750 million to the Environmental Protection Agency over the 2002-2004 period for grants to assist domestic manufacturers of MTBE to convert facilities to produce substitute fuel additives instead of MTBE.

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ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING ALLISON CHURCH OF CORBIN, KENTUCKY

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the most recent accomplishment of Allison Church of Corbin, KY.

Allison, a junior at Corbin Independent High School, has been chosen as one of only 350 students nationwide to be a participant in this year's National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence, and Diplomacy, which will take place later in February right here in our Nation's capital. Allison earned this distinction based upon her excellent academic record, extensive involvement in extracurricular activities, and expressed interest in a career related to national security. I commend Allison for her strong commitment to her studies, school, and country's protection.

After the horrific attacks perpetrated on September 11, 2001, I can see no better time than the present for our nation's youth and future leaders to be learning about the importance of such topics as international diplomacy,

defense, and intelligence. I believe Allison will learn valuable political and social tools which she will carry with her for the rest of her life. I thank Allison for proudly representing Corbin Independent High School and the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky. •

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VERMONT SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

• Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I rise today to commend the Vermont Small Business Development Center, commonly known as the Vermont SBDC, for its impressive first ten years of operation.

In 1992, this new partnership of government, education, and business was established in Vermont to help spur the state's economy. The parties involved were the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development, the Vermont State Colleges, and Vermont's twelve Regional Development Corporations.

With a staff of five and a lean budget, the SBDC set out to accomplish its statewide mission: to help Vermont small businesses succeed. In its first year of operation, nearly 3,000 hours of free business counseling were provided to 736 clients. The positive impact of SBDC activities in just its first three years of existence is attested to by the attendance of nearly 1,400 people at its small business seminars held around the state in 1995.

Over the past 10 years, the SBDC has provided more than 44,000 hours of counseling to 11,000 clients. Over half were women, and half were new business startups. In addition, over 15,000 Vermonters have attended SBDC business seminars.

Evaluation is a critical component to the SBDC. The annual impact assessment implemented in 1996 measured the economic impact that SBDC clients were having in Vermont. It found that SBDC clients created jobs at twice the rate of other Vermont businesses. It is not surprising that client satisfaction was rated at 97 percent.

In 1998, the Vermont SBDC was recognized by the U.S. Small Business Administration, SBA, as the Outstanding National SBDC; a wonderful feat for an organization that accomplishes so much with so little. In fact, last year's economic impact assessment revealed that SBDC clients have led to the addition of over \$3.2 million in incremental tax revenues to the Vermont treasury. Considering the current state match contribution of about \$300,000, that equates to more than 9 to 1 return on the state's investment.

The impressive achievements of SBDC must be viewed in light of the active role of the various partners that support it. Since its inception, SBDC has been housed at Vermont Technical College, which also provides facilities for workshops and seminars. The SBA provided the initial seed funding and

by validating SBDC's effectiveness continues to provide federal funding. The Vermont Agency for Commerce and Community Development provides matching state funds and is an integral partner in the SBDC network. The Agency considers SBDC a primary component of their economic development strategy. The Vermont Regional Development Corporations (RDC) are the local partners which ensure that services are provided uniformly throughout the state. SBDC counselors are housed at the twelve RDC centers around the state.

Leveraging resources and working with other organizations has been the hallmark of the SBDC over the years. Private sector and other external network partners have been absolutely essential for service delivery. The SBDC works with countless external organizations on a daily basis to form a broad delivery and support network. For example, approximately 60 percent of referrals for SBDC counseling and business planning assistance come from the banking community and other lenders.

In the face of potential reduction of funding, clients and friends of the SBDC are coming together to emphasize the benefit and economic contributions of the SBDC. Together, they are sending the message that now is not the time to cut SBDC resources. Rather, a challenging economy is the time to invest in partnerships like the SBDC. At return rates of 9 to 1 it is difficult to justify not providing the funding necessary to maintain the resources needed to meet market need.

Once again, I am proud of the initiative and hard work SBDC has contributed to making our state a national leader among small business development organizations. Small business is truly the backbone of Vermont's business community. And Vermont is an example of how small states can leverage their limited resources for the maximum benefit of their citizens. Over the years, SBDC has found ways to partner with the federal government, the private sector, and higher education to double its available funding, provide free quality services to businesses, help develop businesses and economic independence, and at the same time provide a return on investment that more than pays for the program. I congratulate them on their tenth anniversary. •

TRIBUTE TO PETER HAMBLETT

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Peter Hamblett of Dover, NH, on being named as the 2002 Volunteer of the Year by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce.

Peter was the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year award in 2001 and is an exemplary member of the community in Dover. His community involvement includes: member, Dover Rotary Club, activist in Main Street program in Dover, member, Board of Directors for

the United Way of the Greater Seacoast, member of the New Hampshire Bankers Association and member of South Church in Portsmouth. Peter has also served on the Boards of Strawberry Banke and the Manchester Boys and Girls Club.

I commend Peter for his tremendous energy and contributions to the community at large in Dover. In addition to his volunteer service to community groups, he also serves on the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs and Waterfront Committees.

The City of Dover and the State have benefitted greatly by Peter's efforts and selfless dedication. The citizens of the greater Dover area are most fortunate to have a talented leader and volunteer such as Peter. I congratulate Peter on this well deserved recognition and wish him the very best. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent him in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO JACK RICE

• Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I rise today to honor an outstanding public servant, John "Jack" Rice for his thirty-six years of exemplary Federal service. As a Marine Machinist General Foreman at the Coast Guard Yard in Baltimore, Jack consistently provided high quality work to the Coast Guard and deserves recognition for his service.

Throughout his long career with the Federal Government, Jack Rice distinguished himself as a highly skilled tradesman who was committed to the Coast Guard and his trade. His vast knowledge and extensive experience as a Marine Machinist made him a valuable source of information for the Coast Guard Yard as it sought to achieve high quality production of Coast Guard ships. Among the many important projects that he made significant contributions to was the design, construction, and procurement of the Yard's 4000HP water brake, a computer-controlled dynamometer. His insight also proved essential to the architects and facility managers that built and outfitted the building that currently houses this equipment.

Jack Rice's innovative approach to his position will be missed. When the Yard's new Machine Shop was in need of additional equipment and tools, Jack diligently reviewed excess equipment lists from other agencies. Through his efforts, the Yard was able to maintain state-of-the-art techniques while simultaneously achieving significant savings for the Coast Guard and the Federal Government.

Jack Rice also played a key role in advocating that the Coast Guard Yard receives the necessary resources from the Federal Government to accomplish its important missions. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to work with Jack on these efforts. The Coast Guard and our country owe him a debt of gratitude for helping to ensure that the

Coast Guard is adequately prepared to defend our coastlines, particularly during these difficult times.

In addition to his service to the Coast Guard, Jack has contributed endless hours to promoting the development of skilled tradesmen. In particular, as Chairman of the Baltimore City Public Schools Manufacturing Advisory Committee, he advised the school system about the latest trade technology and provided valuable suggestions to the Board as it developed a curriculum that would effectively prepare students for a career involving a trade. He also played a key role in the organization of the job and information fairs that have been extremely successful at informing students and their parents about the need for skilled labor and the benefits of selecting a career in the trades.

For 36 years, Jack Rice exemplified the Coast Guard Yard's motto, "Service to the Fleet". Without a doubt, he played a large part in helping the Yard earn its reputation as a top quality workforce which produces top quality products.

It is my firm conviction that public service is one of the most honorable callings, one that demands the very best, most dedicated efforts of those who have the opportunity to serve their fellow citizens and country. Throughout his career, Jack Rice has exemplified a steadfast commitment to meeting this demand. I extend my personal congratulations and thanks for his many years of hard work and dedication and wish him well in the years ahead.●

MAGGIE L. WALKER GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL OF RICHMOND, VA

• Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, on May 4 through 6, 2002 more than 1200 students from across the United States will visit Washington, D.C. to compete in the national finals of the "We the People . . ." The Citizen and the Constitution program, administered by the Center for Civic Education. "We the People" 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 the class from Maggie L. Walker Governor's School from Richmond will represent the Commonwealth of Virginia in this national event. These young Virginians have worked diligently to reach the national finals and through their experience have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy.

The 3-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 on constitutional topics. The students' testimony is followed by a period of questioning by the judges who probe

their depth of understanding and ability to apply their constitutional knowledge.

The class from Maggie L. Walker Governor's School is currently conducting research and preparing for their upcoming participation in the national competition in Washington, D.C. I wish these young "constitutional experts" the best of luck at the "We the People . . ." national finals. They represent the future leaders of our Nation.●

WHITNEY R. HARRIS INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL LEGAL STUDIES

• Mrs. CARNAHAN. Mr. President later today, Washington University, in St. Louis, MO, will be dedicating the Whitney R. Harris Institute for Global Legal studies. This Institute is a fitting tribute to a man who has devoted his life to the concept of international law.

As a young naval officer, Mr. Harris was selected to join the team of 24 U.S. prosecutors during the trial of Nazi war criminals at Nuremberg because of his expertise in German intelligence matters. The trial was without precedent in legal history. For his services at Nuremberg, Harris was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Highest decoration received by any trial counsel.

As Mr. Harris said, "Because of Nuremberg—and the effort which it represents of man's attempt to elevate justice and law over inhumanity and war—there is hope for a better tomorrow." The importance of Mr. Harris' work cannot be overstated.

In the 50 years since Nuremberg, Mr. Harris has championed human rights through international law. In 1954, Mr. Harris wrote "Tyranny Trial," in which he distills the massive documentary evidence presented at the historic trial to provide a meticulous look at Hitler's rise to power and the Nazi planning and execution of war crimes. His book explores the relationship between law and war and discusses the precedent Nuremberg set for international human rights law.

The mission statement of the Institute for Global Legal Studies says: "We live in a truly global age. People, goods, services, information, and capital flow freely across international boundaries. From the Internet, e-mail, fax machines to travel, migration, commerce, and foreign relations, the story of the new millennium will be our ever shrinking planet. The world's problems—and the problems entrusted to lawyers—will increasingly require international cooperation and international solutions." The Whitney R. Harris Institute for Global Legal Studies will train men and women to follow in Mr. Harris' footsteps, guiding us through this new global age.●

TRIBUTE TO KERRY FORBES

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute