

camps, hiking, mountain biking and equestrian trails.

On the 100th anniversary of the founding of Big Basin Redwoods State Park by the California legislature, I wish to recognize it as an enduring and unique place of historical and environmental importance. Today we celebrate the spirit and determination of a group of people that resulted in the preservation of a beautiful primeval forest that we enjoy today.●

TRIBUTE TO SAMUEL "SKIP" KEESAL, JR.

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I pay tribute to a great Californian, Samuel "Skip" Keesal, Jr. Skip will be honored by Leadership Long Beach with its prestigious Excellence in Leadership Award on October 3, 2002.

"Excellence in Leadership" aptly describes Skip Keesal and his long and distinguished career. Since founding the law firm of Keesal, Young and Logan in 1970, he has tried more than 250 cases, has been named a "Best Lawyer in America" for both his civil and maritime work, and was invited to join the distinguished International Academy of Trial Lawyers. The awards and acknowledgments he has won are too numerous to fully review and place him among the most honored lawyers in America. Indeed, Skip's career is worthy of an award for "Excellence in Leadership."

Skip Keesal could easily win a second "Excellence in Leadership" award for his exemplary community work. He serves on the boards of directors for many community organizations that serve children, provide community healthcare and educate young people. His work has helped the City of Long Beach prosper and its residents to live better, healthier lives.

Skip and his wife, Beth, have three adult children. I know all will join Skip in celebrating this award. I congratulate Skip Keesal and encourage him to keep up his very good work.●

INLAND AGENCY'S 33D ANNIVERSARY

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, on October 12, 2002, the Inland Agency will celebrate 33 years of outstanding service to Riverside, San Bernardino, Inyo and Mono Counties. I would like to take a moment to acquaint my colleagues with this organization's exceptional record of service to the community.

Since 1969, Inland Agency has provided a wealth of programs and services for the community's diverse populations. It serves more than 132,000 individuals through its health, youth violence prevention and community strengthening programs.

In the area of health care, the agency has a caregivers' program, a health insurance counseling program geared toward seniors, and a program called the Desert Sierra Breast Cancer Partnership that has provided education and

free breast cancer screenings to thousands of people.

In efforts to reduce youth violence and make sure children are led in the right direction, Inland Agency provides education, violence prevention training for children and their parents, and administers after-school programs so that students have a safe, nurturing place to go after the school bell rings. I am proud to note that the Community Peace Program, through its education to thousands of children this year, has helped reduce crime in the community. In addition, the agency takes a step further with its Project YES program, which strengthens children's academic and leadership abilities so they can be well prepared for a bright future ahead.

Not only does the Inland Agency reach out to individuals, but it also seeks to make a difference in the communities it serves. Through its Community Tool Box program in Adelanto, the agency gives community members the tools they need to strengthen and improve their neighborhoods and make them better places to live.

It is clear that Inland Agency exemplifies the best in American community spirit in all it does. I extend my very best wishes to each staff member and volunteer for improving the quality of life for thousands of people, and I wish them all many more years of continued success.●

IN MEMORIAM: DANIEL LEE

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to share with the Senate the memory of one of my constituents, Daniel Lee, who lost his life on September 11, 2001. Mr. Lee was 34 years old when the plane he was on, American Airlines Flight 11, was hijacked by terrorists. As we all know, that plane crashed into the World Trade Center, killing everyone on board.

Daniel Lee grew up in Palm Desert, CA. He was a carpenter and a drummer in a local southern California band. He met his wife, Kellie, in 1991 at a rock concert in which he was playing the drums. They were married October 7, 1995 and their first child, Amanda Beth, was born December 11, 1998.

Mr. Lee was a dedicated and successful set carpenter in the music industry, known to work 20 hour days when necessary. He worked with many talented musicians including Neil Diamond, Barbra Streisand, N'Sync, Aerosmith and Yanni. He was touring with the Backstreet Boys when, on September 11, 2001, he left to fly home to be with his wife as she was about to give birth to their second child. Allison Danielle Lee was born September 13, 2001.

Kellie Lee recalls Dan's bright, relaxed and charming smile. "He was caring, loving, funny and romantic. He loved being a dad and was so excited about having another child on the way," she says. One of his special joys

was getting friends together for barbecues and pool parties," Kellie remembers.

Dan Lee is survived by his wife, Kellie Lee, his daughters, Amanda and Allison, mother and stepfather Elaine and John Sussino, brothers Jack Fleishman and Stuart Lee and sister, Randi Kaye.

None of us is untouched by the terror of September 11, and many Californians were part of each tragic moment of that tragic day. Some were trapped in the World Trade Center towers. Some were at work in the Pentagon. And the fates of some were sealed as they boarded planes bound for San Francisco or Los Angeles.

I offer today this tribute to one of 51 Californians who perished on that awful morning. I want to assure the family of Daniel Lee, and the families of all the victims, that their fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.●

SOUTH DAKOTA DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

● Mr. JOHNSON. Madam President, it is with great honor that I rise today to congratulate the South Dakota Developmental Center, SDDC, for its 100 years of service.

The SDDC was established in 1899 by the South Dakota State Legislature as the Northern Hospital for the Insane. The Center accepted its first admissions in 1902 to meet the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities for the State of South Dakota. One Hundred years later, the Center continues to serve South Dakota and the needs of its citizens.

Over the last century, the South Dakota Developmental Center in Redfield, SD has provided quality services to individuals with developmental disabilities who do not have the option of receiving care from a community-based center. To meet the needs of its patients, services are provided by specialists from many areas of health care, including Audiology, Optometry, Chemical Dependency Counseling, Dentistry, Nutrition, Teaching, Physical Therapy, Pharmacy, Nursing, Psychiatry, Speech Pathology, Vocational Instruction, Mental Health Therapy, and Occupational Therapy. These staff members enable the SDDC to meet the needs of its diverse population, and help them reach their ultimate goal, a higher level of independence.

This year also marks 100 years of partnership between the local community and the SDDC. Currently, the SDDC employs more than 400 staff, making them a major employer in the Redfield area. The impact of SDDC on the local economy cannot be overstated. The SDDC not only provides quality jobs to more than 400 individuals, but indirectly helps sustain numerous community businesses, organizations, and public services.

I am pleased to announce that the South Dakota Development Center is planning a centennial celebration on September 20, 2002. The centennial celebration includes a rededication of several buildings on campus, an award ceremony, a luncheon, special afternoon activities, and an evening social at the local VFW for returning former employees, dignitaries, special guests and friends.

I am proud to have this opportunity to honor the South Dakota Development Center for its 100 years of outstanding service. It is an honor for me to share with my colleagues the exemplary leadership and strong commitment to individuals with developmental disabilities that the South Dakota Development Center has provided. I strongly commend their years of hard work and dedication, and I am very pleased that their substantial efforts are being publicly honored and celebrated.●

TRIBUTE TO NORMAN TATE: DELAWARE'S FIREMAN OF THE YEAR

● Mr. BIDEN. Madam President, over the past year, our Nation has endured heartbreak and celebrated heroes, especially the members of the fire service who, in a very profound sense, became the face of America on that fateful day last September.

In my State of Delaware, we celebrate a very special hero of our fire service, Norman Tate, who has been chosen as the 2002 Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association Fireman of the Year.

The truth is, Norm Tate has earned this award—and could have received it deservedly—in any number of years. He has been a firefighter with the Seaford Volunteer Fire Department since 1959, and now holds Life Member status. He has served in, literally, every administrative office of his department, and on the ambulance squad; he has twice been named Seaford's Fireman of the Year—the only member ever, in a century-long history, to receive the award more than once, and again, he could have received it, and deserved it, just about any year.

Norm has also been the Fireman of the Year for Sussex County and for the Delmarva Volunteer Fireman's Association, and was instrumental in setting up the Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association, DVFA, State Conference. He did the hard organizational and persuasive work of committee chairman, and has been honored with the title of President Emeritus of DVFA.

Beyond the fire service, Norm Tate has been a leader in the Seaford Lions Club, and received the Lion of the Year Award. He also received the "Voice of the Blue Jays" award for outstanding service to the Seaford School District, and the Distinguished Service Award from the City of Seaford.

In short, Norman Tate defines citizen-leadership. He is the extraordinary

ordinary American who becomes a hero, not by ambition but in response to the needs of his community and his country. He has a deep sense of responsibility, as well as pride, arising from his citizenship; he looks for opportunities to help; he undertakes service as a privilege.

Norm Tate is being honored as Delaware's Volunteer Fireman of the Year, as his beloved Seaford Volunteer Fire Department celebrates 100 years of service to the community. There could not be—at Seaford or in any fire company a more appropriate honoree in such a meaningful anniversary year.

Norm Tate is, quite simply, the best, and as the fellow citizens he has served so well, we in Delaware are proud to honor him; as his friend, I am privileged to know him, and blessed by the influence of his generous and gracious spirit.●

MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

● Mr. CLELAND. Madam President, 27 years ago the National Medical Association and other prominent organizations endorsed the development of the Medical School at Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA. This came in light of studies that revealed, first, a severe shortage of African-American and other minority physicians in the United States, particularly in Georgia, and, second, that African-Americans suffered disproportionately from major diseases. Since its inception, Morehouse School of Medicine has worked to help solve our Nation's healthcare crisis by graduating top-quality physicians who dedicate themselves to serving the more than 32 million people in this country who live in medically neglected communities. Seventy percent of Morehouse School of Medicine graduates practice in underserved communities.

The entering M.D. class has grown from 24 students in 1978 to its current 44. Each year, more than 20,000 Georgians who are disadvantaged are served by approximately 30 community health promotion projects sponsored by Morehouse School of Medicine. These projects include prevention initiatives associated with substance abuse, teen pregnancy, geriatric services, cancer, lead poisoning, and violence prevention. In addition, Morehouse School of Medicine faculty provides about 75,000 patient encounters per year in community clinics throughout metropolitan Atlanta. The student body of Morehouse School of Medicine continues to excel. For the past few years, 100 percent of the school's family medicine residents have passed their board exams in their first sitting.

These accomplishments grow out of strong leadership, beginning with the vision of Dr. Hugh M. Gloster of Morehouse College and Morehouse School of Medicine's founding dean and first president, Dr. Louis W. Sullivan, and continuing with Dr. James R. Gavin,

the current president. Since its inception in 1975, Morehouse School of Medicine has established a four-year medical education program, a master of public health program, a Ph.D. program in the biomedical sciences, seven residency programs, and several centers of excellence. These centers include the Neuroscience Institute, the Cardiovascular Research Institute, and the NASA/Space Medicine and Life Science Research Center, the first of its kind at a minority medical institution.

Today we celebrate the new home of one of those centers of excellence, the National Center for Primary Care. This state-of-the-art facility will house an exceptional team of administrators, educators, and researchers devoted to eliminating health disparities in this country.

Georgia should, indeed, be grateful for this new jewel in our crown. Under the guidance of former Surgeon General David Satcher, Director of the National Center for Primary Care, this healthcare think tank is poised to educate and illuminate for decades to come.●

ON THE DEDICATION OF THE YSMAEL R. VILLEGAS MIDDLE SCHOOL, RIVERSIDE, CALI- FORNIA

● Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, on September 6, the new Ysmael R. Villegas Middle School will be dedicated in Riverside, CA. This day will hold a particularly special meaning for the people of Riverside, as this new school is named for one of the community's most distinguished military heroes, Staff Sgt. Ysmael R. Villegas, an Hispanic-American killed in the line of duty during World War II. He died only one day before his 21st birthday and received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his bravery.

Sergeant Villegas, a resident of Casa Blanca in the Riverside community, received the prestigious Congressional Medal of Honor for his valiant bravery while defending our country in the Philippines. His citation, in part, reads:

He moved boldly from man to man, in the face of bursting grenades and demolition charges, through heavy machinegun and rifle fire, to bolster the spirit of his comrades. As he neared his goal, he was hit and killed by enemy fire. Through his heroism and indomitable fighting spirit, Staff Sergeant Villegas, at the cost of his life, inspired his men to a determined attack in which they swept the enemy from the field.

It is clear from these words that Sergeant Villegas was truly a great American war hero. The people of Riverside have every reason to memorialize him and I am pleased that the Alvord Unified School District will give him this lasting legacy.

As the Alvord Unified School District and the City of Riverside celebrate the dedication of the Ysmael R. Villegas Middle School, I extend my best wishes