

and strength to John and their family. I know that she and their two children P.J. and Michael are incredibly proud of John and the superior and important work that he has done over the course of his career.

John Brown is a leader of integrity and total dedication. He has served his country well and I wish him all the best.●

**SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY TAKE FIRST PLACE IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL CONCRETE CANOE COMPETITION**

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology on earning first place for their remarkable display of ingenuity and design at the 2002 Rocky Mountain Regional Concrete Canoe Competition in Logan, UT.

Under the supervision of their advisor, Dr. Marion Hansen, the team earned their 14th first place regional win within the last 16 years. This win qualifies the team for the National Concrete Canoe Competition hosted by Drexel University in June. South Dakota School of Mines and Technology's American Society of Civil Engineering program has a strong record of finding ingenious solutions to complex problems, and has placed in the top five in the National Concrete Canoe Competition five times as well as winning the over all national competition in 1995.

Based on appearance, weight, presentation, and sprint and endurance races for men, women, and co-ed squads, the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology team defeated teams from Wyoming, Utah, and Colorado for their first place win. To effectively implement their strategy, students worked as a whole and within centralized teams, such as hull design, mix design, construction, and paddling, to bring the project together as an award-winning canoe. This win reflects the work ethic and dedication that is so visible in the state of South Dakota.

I want to acknowledge Dr. Richard J. Gowen, president of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, as well as Dr. Marion R. Hansen, for their guidance and support to help make this year's team so successful. I also want to congratulate all of this year's team members: Steve Lipetzky, Andy Coats, Ryan Hamilton, Dave Lowe, Eric Gassland, Jen Pohl, Mandy Kost, Katie Zeller, Tarar Boehmer, Wade Lein, and Marshall Cassidy.

Again, congratulations to the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology on winning their 14th regional concrete canoe competition.●

**JIM WILDING**

● Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a friend and an outstanding citizen of the Commonwealth of Virginia, James A. Wilding, on the

occasion of his retirement from the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. In the 25 years I have had the opportunity to serve in this body many Senators have come and gone. The faces of industry and its leaders have changed as well. In changing times Jim Wilding has been constant—always a trusted advisor to me and others for the more than 40 years he has served the Nation's capital airports.

In his role at the Authority, Jim is responsible for the management of two of our most important airports in the country—Washington Dulles International Airport and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. He has managed them through rapid growth, the transition away from Federal operation, and now into the new post 9/11 security paradigm. His vision is the result of strong knowledge, experience, and dedication to his craft.

Mr. Wilding began his career with the Federal Aviation Administration soon after graduating from the Catholic University of America in 1959 with a graduate degree in civil engineering. At the FAA, he participated in the original planning and development of Washington Dulles International Airport. I remember when that airport was being built—many scoffed at the idea. They questioned the need for a facility of that magnitude and objected to the seemingly rural location. Today we applaud the foresight that went into Dulles. Our transportation system relies on the balance between Dulles and Reagan. Jim Wilding has been an integral part of this visionary leadership.

Following the opening of Dulles in 1962, Mr. Wilding held progressively responsible positions in all phases of engineering for the two federally owned airports, eventually becoming the organization's chief engineer. He served as chief engineer until becoming the airports' deputy director in 1975, and then its director 4 years later.

Mr. Wilding served as the director of the FAA's Metropolitan Washington Airports organization from December 1979. In June 1987, the airports were transferred to the newly created Airports Authority, where he assumed his current position as president.

During his tenure as president and CEO of the Airports Authority, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority passenger activity at National and Dulles Airports nearly doubled to 31 million passengers in 2002. With this growth, he has overseen and managed a massive capital development program at both airports totaling well over \$3 billion dollars. Under his leadership, Reagan National Airport was modernized with a new terminal building in 1997 which brought major improvements to airport traffic management and Metro system connections. At Dulles, he directed the expansion and construction of new concourses, the building of the airport's first parking garages, and is now managing a \$3.2 billion capital improvement project. In

addition, the Smithsonian will open its new Air and Space Museum later this year located at Dulles Airport.

Mr. Wilding's career is highlighted with many accolades, which, along with his outstanding performance, have earned him a national and international reputation as an aviation industry expert.

I wish to extend my sincerest congratulations to Mr. James A. Wilding on the occasion of his retirement. I am honored to recognize his many accomplishments to our region, applaud his service to our entire Nation's aviation transportation system, and to call him a friend.●

**HONORING HENRY S. SCHLEIFF, CHAIRMAN AND CEO OF COURT TV NETWORK**

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, on April 1, 2003, Henry Schleiff, chairman and CEO of Court TV, was awarded the Cable Television Public Affairs Association, CTPAA, President's Award. CTPAA is a national organization that focuses on public affairs issues within the cable industry. I can think of no better person to be honored with this award considering the efforts Mr. Schleiff has put forth to serve his industry and the public community.

His career has featured an impressive array of both private and public service. Since his career began with HBO, Mr. Schleiff has moved up the ranks of the entertainment industry—from senior vice president of business affairs and administration for HBO and head of HBO Enterprises in the 1980s, to executive producer for Viacom International Inc. and CEO of Viacom's Broadcast and Entertainment Groups in the early 1990s, to executive vice-president for Studios USA in the late 1990s. Mr. Schleiff has been the CEO of Court TV since December 1999 and has been the catalyst for its revival. Under his leadership, Court TV has become one of the most successful basic cable networks in the industry, growing from 30 million subscribers to nearly 80 million in just 4 years.

Equally impressive are Mr. Schleiff's efforts for the public community. He is vice chairman of the board of directors for the International Radio & Television Society Foundation, Inc. IRTS, and he serves on the board of directors of the International Council, The Creative Coalition, and Theatreworks. Court TV's Choices and Consequences education program, already in more than 100,000 schools, encourages children to make responsible decisions and positive contributions to society. The "Everyday Heroes" program honors brave and courageous individuals who made personal sacrifices or significant contributions.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a copy of Mr. Schleiff's award acceptance speech be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

It is really a great honor to appear this evening with a group of colleagues and friends, who I so admire and respect, because they clearly share our network's vision . . . and, our sense of duty to make a difference in the communities we serve. I accept this year's President's Award with great pride, as a validation of the important work done by our network, Court TV—work that is very much unfinished and ongoing—and, I accept this award with great appreciation on behalf of the extraordinarily dedicated and talented team led by Dick Beahrs and Scoot MacPherson in this area, at Court TV.

It is, equally, a real privilege to appear with a gathering of probably the most passionate, dedicated and caring people anywhere in the media. I am proud to be a part of an industry like cable that is recognized for its unequalled support for diverse programs and initiatives providing valuable public service outreach. Moreover, the suggestions and new ideas you have shared over the past three days will, no doubt, contribute significantly to our ability to maintain cable's position as both the moral and financial leader, in the field of telecommunications.

All of us in this room, tonight, know that we don't have to do public service. We don't have to go into neighborhoods and encourage better education, promote health care, or teach tolerance and understanding. Why do we—why do you—participate and pursue these causes: quite simply, because you choose to. I have some idea of the sacrifice and effort those here, tonight, make every day, and it is not unreflective of Winston Churchill's observation that "we make a living by what we get, but we make a life . . . by what we give." Those who received this award, in senior management, like myself, do so merely on behalf of those, in the field, like you, who make the real contributions. It is we, who should give this award to you, because it is we who should appreciate and, indeed, should be inspired by what you do.

We must all recognize that public service is important from a number of perspectives: its impact is felt in both karma and dollars. Indeed, the legacy of the vast array of programs represented here, tonight, will live on long after most, if not all, of the shows and series that can be seen on any given network. I particularly value what people do in this area because, quite frankly, I am a product of the Kennedy 60's—I bought the ideal of contribution and, in fact, it has served me well; it has served Court TV well, and hopefully it serves you, because through your efforts, public service puts this industry in the best possible light, especially in these dark and troubled times.

In a world where we correctly criticize much of what we see on television . . . and in a business where we are struggling with customer service and competition, the one real, indisputable Beacon (no pun intended) of success in every corner . . . and, by any measure, is the diverse and important work that people in Public Affairs do every day. Cable, like any service industry, often gets a black eye. But, because of your words and, more importantly, your deeds, you are the people who ameliorate those complaints and put this industry in the enviable position of being community activists for positive social change.

Not only is what you do substantively important, but it is also well communicated to our audiences—both viewers of our programming and, more generally, subscribers who

live in our communities of service. Oddly enough, the only ones who sometimes have trouble hearing your message and understanding its importance, are, frankly, those often responsible for the purse strings. The irony is that we must all do a better job in communicating the legitimate success and importance of our work not externally, outside our company, but rather, to those in the executive suites. . . . Not only because all of us here, tonight, are on the side of right (and, as we say at Court TV, justice), but also because, in the end, this is also very much in the best economic interests of our companies. We can do well . . . by doing good; we can do "well", financially . . . by doing "good", morally. In that regard, public affairs efforts are among the most distinctive and beneficial qualities of cable systems and their programming. Why: because you live where the rubber meets the road. You live where the cable operator or cable network meets the customer or viewer, as the case may be . . . you are part and parcel of the communities in which you serve . . . and, given your work, this industry simply could not ask for better representatives.

We take great pride in our commitment to public service at Court TV, and, especially, the recognition it is receiving tonight, because we have always understood the power of the medium of television—and, the potential for good that a network like ours can play. For example, I recently learned that five-year olds, typically, have watched more than 5,000 hours of TV before they even enter kindergarten—in most families, today, that's more time than they have spent in conversation with their parents—and, in all cases, that is, statistically, more hours . . . than it takes to earn a college degree. With our experience in creating quality educational initiatives—and, with the support and partnership of our cable affiliates, we are increasingly focused on harnessing the power of television—both, on and off air—for its use as an effective and engaging public service tool.

In that regard, allow me to point out some of the recent specific initiatives that Court TV's Public Affairs and Corporate Communications people have introduced or otherwise pursued and which provide me with the privilege of standing here, tonight, on their behalf.

Principally, you know us for our Golden Beacon Award-winning Choices and Consequences education programs, which, in its five year existence, has reached more than 100,000 schools with programs designed to keep our nation's youth . . . out of our nation's courts, by teaching young people that a poor choice made in a moment . . . can have devastating consequences . . . for a lifetime. Through Choices and Consequences, we aim to empower our children to make responsible decisions and to contribute, positively, to society. We have added educational programs like the Forensics in the Classroom Curriculum, and the Mobile Investigation Unit tour, which has made stops in 20 cities last year and plans 23 this spring and summer. Tomorrow afternoon, we celebrate the latest group of "Everyday Heroes," honoring those who demonstrate bravery and courage, often through individual acts of personal sacrifice. As you may be aware, an element of education and pro-social causes runs, like a thread, through much of our programming. Certainly, many of our investigative documentaries and specials raise critical issues regarding tolerance, or the fairness of our criminal justice system. This

year, for example, we will again focus on Robert F. Kennedy's legacy and the Human Rights Award. And, finally, our original movies attempt to raise important and relevant questions which lead to informed debate about a variety of judicial and social issues.

The poet Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, to leave the world a little better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is the meaning of success." It is in that light, that we at Court TV share with you in your passion, your vision and our mutual goal of bringing about positive change through education and understanding.

I accept this year's CTPAA President's Award, as a validation of the public affairs work done by Court TV; I accept the President's Award, on behalf of all of you, whose tireless dedication has so contributed to tonight's . . . success; and, finally, I accept this award as a reflection of your values and ideals which are so important to the future of this industry and . . . this nation.●

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#### PROFESSOR JOE WILKINS' RETIREMENT

● Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Professor Joe Wilkins' contributions to the State of Illinois and our country.

Professor Wilkins will retire from the University of Illinois in May 2003. He will officially become a "University of Illinois Professor Emeritus of Management" which is an accomplishment in and of itself, but is only one facet of his career.

Professor Wilkins has been a very effective teacher. He received an "Outstanding Teacher" award selected by a vote of the University student body. His graduate course in International Business was chosen by students in the College of Business and Management as their most valuable class. Additionally, during 2002 Professor Wilkins received the highest evaluation of all the faculty by students in the college.

Prior to his teaching career, Professor Wilkins served with distinction as a captain in the United States Air Force. While serving he was repeatedly decorated for heroism in combat. His many decorations include the Silver Star and two Purple Hearts, which were awarded for his twice being wounded in combat. Despite being injured in combat, he continues to run at least one 26.2-mile marathon a year and enjoys scuba diving and sky-diving.

In addition to his teaching and service to many organizations, Professor Wilkins has responded for over 30 years to the needs of his home community—Springfield, IL. Some of the many services he has provided to Springfield include being a regular blood donor and