

Their detailed knowledge of their professions is outstanding, and contributes significantly to our work on the issues before us.

The association's Congressional Fellowship Program has been a valuable addition to the Senate over the past five decades, and their work is more important now than ever. The American Political Science Association deserves great credit for sponsoring these fellowships.

#### BUILDING ON WELFARE REFORM ACT

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, it has become clear that welfare programs created in the 1960s to be safety nets became spider webs by the 1990s. The old welfare system provided monetary assistance but did not do enough to provide job training, education, and other paths towards self-sufficiency. The welfare reforms of 1996 changed the old system and gave States more freedom to attempt new and innovative approaches to move people from welfare to work.

This legislation expired last year, and Congress must look to enhance the successes of the 1996 law. I am pleased today to join Senator CARPER in co-sponsoring the Building on Welfare Reform Act—a bill that will continue to help people move from welfare to work.

During my time as Governor, Nebraska began programs like Employment First and Families First that provided much-needed assistance to low-income families and helped them find a way to leave the cycle of welfare dependency. The average time a family spent on assistance fell nearly two-thirds and Nebraska taxpayers saved \$14 million.

The best path to self-sufficiency is work. This bill increases the percentage of welfare recipients who must work from 50 to 70 over the next 5 years. The bill also requires a 32-hour workweek from able welfare recipients. States will receive credit for moving people from welfare to work, not just off welfare. This will encourage States to solve problems that present an obstacle to meaningful work and lasting independence from public assistance programs.

Since 1996, welfare reform has been successful, not just because it requires work but also because it provides the resources to families to meet the work requirements. Our welfare reform proposal provides funding for childcare, transitional jobs, and public-private educational partnerships that will allow welfare recipients to gain the skills they need to advance in the workplace and become independent.

Because a strong family is essential to breaking the cycle of poverty, our welfare reform proposal encourages families to stay together and provides assistance to families who do. Another provision provides additional funds to prevent teen pregnancy with a bonus to States that meet this goal.

Given flexibility and resources, States have worked their own magic since the welfare program was revamped, and I will continue to support this approach as we embark on the next generation of welfare reform.

#### TRIBUTE TO INTERNS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, today I extend my appreciation to my summer 2003 class of interns: Anne Wilzbacher, Joanna Busch, Angela Wilson, Cliff Sullivan, Nick Herbold, Alex Nelson, Omar Ul Haq, Theresa Reilly, Derek Wulf, Kalsoom Lakhani, Dave Townsend, Haley Wallace, Josh Craft, Ermira Babamusta, Becca North, Abby Smith, Michael Kuehner, Charles Monterio and Carolyn Timberlake. Each of them has been a tremendous assistance to me and to the people of Iowa over the past several months, and their efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Since I was first elected into the Senate in 1984, my office has offered internships to young Iowans and other interested students. Through their work in the Senate, our interns have not only seen the legislative process, but also personally contributed to our Nation's democracy.

It is with much appreciation that I recognize Anne, Joanna, Angela, Cliff, Nick, Alex, Omar, Theresa, Derek, Kalsoom, Dave, Haley, Josh, Ermira, Becca, Abby, Michael, Charles and Carolyn for their hard work this summer. It has been a delight to watch them take on their assignments with enthusiasm and hard work. I am very proud to have worked with each of them. I hope they take from their summer a sense of pride in what they've been able to accomplish and an increased interest in public service and our democratic system and process.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### HONORING ANGELA CONNOLLY

• Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the government leadership exemplified by Angela Connolly, the Chairwoman of the Polk County Board of Supervisors, in Des Moines, IA, who has been selected the National County Leader of the Year. American City and County, a national magazine about local government, honored Angela at the 2003 Annual Conference of the National Association of Counties that took place earlier this month. I have known Angela many years, and can testify to her commitment to the use of government in making people's lives better.

Angela has exercised her leadership on a number of issues that have greatly impacted Iowa's capital city in a positive way. Her advocacy and tireless work on the Iowa Events Center will bring a premiere entertainment and athletics venue to central Iowa, and she was key in securing Vision Iowa funding for the Capital City Vision Projects, which include a new science center, a higher education learning

center, a riverwalk, and a home for the World Food Prize. Angela also led the board of supervisors through a reorganization that significantly reduced a budget deficit and brought about efficiencies in the delivery of county services.

Angela Connolly was elected to the Polk County Board of Supervisors in 1998, and is currently serving her second term and is the 2003 chairperson. Prior to her election, Angela served more than 20 years as a Polk County employee. Angela is active in many civic and community activities, serving on a dozen boards and commissions and nearly 20 additional committees and community organizations. A champion of health and human services, she serves on boards advocating for services for children, persons with disabilities, and mental health treatment. Among the boards she serves are: the Metro Mayors Group, Greater Des Moines Partnership, Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau, Polk County Housing Trust Fund, Metropolitan Advisory Council, Polk County Health Services, Polk County Correctional Services, and the Des Moines Arts Festival.

Angela Connolly is an exemplary leader in county government, who serves her constituents with honor and integrity. I look forward to continuing to work with her to make Iowa a great place to call home.●

#### TRIBUTE TO THE CLARK COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I pay tribute to the Clark County Fire Department and its personnel for their progress in improving fire protection for the citizens of Clark County. Their recent accomplishments have not gone unnoticed.

Through hard work and increased investment in manpower, equipment, training, and facilities, the firefighters of Clark County have made great strides to serve their fellow Kentuckians. They finished construction of the Rogers-Parrish Fire Station No. 3 in Trapp which compliments the fire protection provided by the main station on Barnes Drive and Station No. 2 on Fulton Road. Cooperation by the City of Winchester was instrumental to increasing fire protection by investing in better fire hydrants, better water distribution systems, and more advanced fire training facilities.

While funding is a significant component to improving fire protection, no dollar sign can be placed on the bravery, courage, and commitment inherent in those who put themselves into harm's way to protect those in danger. The firefighters of the Clark County Fire Department are heroes to so many and deserve our gratitude. At a moment's notice, they can be relied upon to respond to any emergency regardless of the circumstances to assure the safety of those in need.

As our Nation takes measures to strengthen our homeland security, it

will be imperative that fire departments throughout Kentucky and across America follow the example of the Clark County Fire Department and work with local municipalities to improve fire protection services. I am proud of their efforts and am grateful for how well they have represented the Commonwealth. I thank the Senate for allowing me to recognize the Clark County Fire Department and its personnel for their service to their community and to our Nation. They are Kentucky at its finest.●

#### TRIBUTE TO THOMAS D. CLARK

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I pay tribute to Thomas D. Clark, Kentucky's most prominent historian. On Monday, July 14, 2003, Mr. Clark celebrated his 100th birthday. Remarkably, Mr. Clark's life has spanned nearly half of Kentucky's history.

Thomas Clark is an esteemed southern historian and writer, agrarian and preservationist. Having grown up on a cotton farm in Mississippi, Mr. Clark came to the State as a graduate student enrolled in the University of Kentucky in 1928. Less than 3 years later he decided to settle in Kentucky and delve into its history.

In 1937, Mr. Clark's "A History in Kentucky" was published, and it is still considered the definitive work on Kentucky history by the State Department for Libraries and Archives. Mr. Clark was declared Kentucky's historian laureate for life in 1990, and to this day, maintains his enthusiasm and passion for Kentucky history. That he lived and experienced much of the history he wrote is testament to this man's inimitable and authoritative qualities.

In addition to being Kentucky's premier historian, Mr. Clark paid the State a great service by saving part of its history. In 1936 he stopped the State librarian, who had run out of storage space, from selling truckloads of records as scrap. He then encouraged the Governor to create a State archive and established a special documents collection at the University of Kentucky's library.

Mr. Clark's ardor for Kentucky and its history and his tenacity for historical preservation makes this man one of Kentucky's greatest heroes. For generations to come, Kentucky will be indebted to this man. I thank the Senate for allowing me to recognize Mr. Clark and voice his praises. He is Kentucky at its finest.●

#### HINSDALE CELEBRATES ITS 250TH BIRTHDAY

● Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, today in honor of Hinsdale, NH. This great American community is celebrating the 250th anniversary of its founding, and I am proud to recognize this historic event.

Over 4,000 people call themselves citizens of Hinsdale. From the town's in-

corporation in 1753 through today, they have made enormous contributions to not only New Hampshire's economic and cultural heritage but to our country's as well. Colonel Ebenezer Hinsdale, who many consider to be the founder of the town, was described as a "man for all seasons." He was a missionary, a farmer, a soldier and a conservationist long before that term became commonplace. He built Fort Hinsdale and served in the French and Indian Wars. He truly was a man of action. It is therefore appropriate that this community bears his surname because successive generations of residents have continued to build upon the example he set. For example, Charles A. Dana, a Hinsdale native, served as the Assistant Secretary of War during the Civil War and later was the editor of the old New York Sun, one of the most prominent daily newspapers in its day. Another native, Jacob Estey, founded and manufactured the Estey Organ which was a must-have musical instrument in the late 1800's. William Haile became the first Republican Governor of New Hampshire in 1857 when the Republicans were still a fledgling party. Clearly, he must have possessed strong leadership qualities.

In addition, Hinsdale can rightly claim to be the birthplace of the automobile. In 1875, George A. Long, then an apprentice in the Holman & Merriman machine shop, built and successfully demonstrated a steam car right in Hinsdale. The first test of his invention, which was described as a boiler set upon a carriage with regular wooden wheels, was scheduled to take place late one night that year to avoid embarrassment. Of course, news of the test leaked out and a curious crowd gathered to watch George Long's car run a few yards then stop. He made improvements in it and he, and his invention, soon became known for running horses and buggies right off the road. He later built a second steam auto with an advanced two-cylinder engine. This auto included adjustable seats for two, rubber tires, two speeds and front wheel brakes. Truly, George Long was a man ahead of his time.

All of these people and their stories illustrate the rich heritage for which Hinsdale can rightly be proud. It is my honor to salute the citizens of this great community as they celebrate Hinsdale's 250th birthday.●

#### COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

● Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I would like to congratulate the American Political Science Association on five decades of tremendous success in its Congressional Fellowship Program. Since 1953, the A.P.S.A. has trained and supported over 1800 Fellows, bringing top academic scholars, political journalists, experienced public servants, and

others to the Hill. For 9 months, they learn from and contribute to the political process. These Fellows include political scientists, sociologists, journalists, domestic and foreign policy specialists, physicians, Native American Hatfield Fellows, staff from other legislative bodies, and international scholars. All of them have benefited greatly from the opportunity to take part in the legislative process, and Congress as an institution has been improved by their participation.

Throughout my careers in both the House and in the Senate, I have had the pleasure of hosting A.P.S.A. Congressional Fellows in my office. Beginning in 1985, I have hosted eight Fellows, two of whom are with my office now. Joe Bowersox, an associate professor of political science at Willamette University in Salem, OR, works on forestry issues, wildfire prevention, and a host of other environmental issues. Thad Kousser, an assistant professor of political science at the University of California, San Diego has assisted with the budget, health care, and preventing government waste. Like all of the Fellows I host, they are treated as professional staff. They have prepared me for hearings, met with constituents and policy experts, drafted statements, worked out of my State offices in Oregon, and helped me to craft legislation.

I am able to give so much responsibility to A.P.S.A. Fellows because they have gone through such extensive training in their program. In the fall before they begin work, the Fellows attend 3 weeks of intensive instruction in a broad range of domestic and foreign policy issues as well as practical politics. The training is hosted by the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and taught by a collection of Washington's top experts. After this orientation, the Fellows attend a 4-day Advanced Legislative Institute Seminar run by the Congressional Research Service. Even after they have joined an office, the Fellows continue their education by attending the Wilson Seminar Series on Friday afternoons. This comprehensive preparation is a large part of what has made the program so successful.

The program has also benefited from the enduring commitment of the American Political Science Association to keep the connections between academia and Congress strong. It is administered out of the Association's national headquarters and has in recent years been expertly led by Jeff Biggs, a former A.P.S.A. Fellow himself. Other distinguished alumni of the program include Thomas Mann, Norman Ornstein, Rep. BOB FILNER, former Rep. Steve Horn, and Vice President DICK CHENEY. I hope that the next 50 years of the Fellowship will be as successful as its first five decades.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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