

Guyton, widely regarded as the world's leading physiologist, discussed the future with Hiram and then offered him a scholarship to Harvard Medical School. While Hiram eventually accepted the scholarship, he dropped out of the program three times because of his aversion to the more tedious demands of the field. He graduated from Harvard in 1960 and began residency at Washington University in St. Louis where he was greatly influenced by one of his instructors, Carl Moyer, M.D. Inspired by Dr. Moyer, Hiram began to consider teaching. His love for intellectual stimulation and talent for surgery made academia a natural conclusion for Hiram.

Under Hiram's leadership in the Department of Surgery at the University of Louisville, the number of staff has grown from 5 to 70 and the department now receives \$1.2 million in annual grants from the National Institutes of Health. He's trained almost 230 general surgeons, more than any other surgery chair and America. He is an inspiration to his residents, colleagues, and patients.

Hiram is also a leader in research. He's considered a world authority in surgical wound infections and has done landmark research regarding the use of perioperative antibiotics. Hiram is also an accomplished author with nearly 400 papers and journal articles, 152 textbook chapters, and 11 books to his name.

Hiram is a dedicated and talented surgeon who has brought the University of Louisville's Department of Surgery to national recognition. He receives the highest praise from his residents, colleagues, and patients. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Hiram for his dedication to medical excellence.

TRIBUTE TO JACK KAIN

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Jack Kain, a successful Kentucky businessman and dedicated community member. For the past 50 years, Jack has built an award-winning car dealership empire in central Kentucky that generates more than \$20 million in gross annual sales.

What originally started out as a way to avoid milking cows has become a fifty-year passion for Jack Kain. In 1947, while a pre-law student at the University of Kentucky, Jack first delved into the world of car sales with the hopes of escaping work on the family dairy farm. For the next three years, he sold vehicles at the Harry Aldridge and Shug Glenn dealerships. He joined the Air Force in 1950 and served in Korea as a second lieutenant. Following his tour of duty, Jack returned to Kentucky with his late wife Kathy Webb and their daughter Becky. With some financial support from his father, Jack returned to car sales with the purchase of a DeSoto/Plymouth dealership in Frankfort. In 1960, he started selling Fords. While there have been

some bumps on his road to success, Jack has continued to expand his dealership, which now employs 50 people, including four of his nine children.

Jack's business has received the Ford Motor Co. President's Award, a selective accolade bestowed upon dealerships with superb customer service. Less than one percent of the 5,000 Ford dealers nationwide receive this award. Stephen Lyons, the president of the Ford Division of the Ford Motor Company hails Jack as a "master of customer service" and a "legend." Jack's dedication to customer satisfaction is illustrated in his frequent interaction with those who enter his dealership where he welcomes and thanks every customer. Whether he's helping Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher, Frankfort Mayor Bill May, or a lesser-known inhabitant of Woodford County, Jack treats all his customers with respect.

Jack, who has nine children, twenty-one grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, also stays active in the community. He has been a member of the Greater Lexington and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, president of the Woodford County Chamber and he has served as director of St. Joseph Hospital. For the next couple of years, however, Jack will be spending more time outside the commonwealth with his new position as vice chairman and soon will serve as chairman of the National Automobile Dealers Association. He's the first Kentucky dealer to be elected to these posts and will lobby on behalf of dealers in Washington, DC and in Detroit.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jack Kain on his 50 years of business success and his excellent record of customer service.

WILLIAM T. YOUNG TRIBUTE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life of a prominent Kentuckian, successful businessman, and devoted philanthropist, William T. Young. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my condolences to his two children, William T. Young, Jr. and Lucy Young Hamilton, and to all of those who knew and loved him.

Mr. Young graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1939, receiving a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. After graduation, he went on to serve in the U.S. Army during World War II, returning home to Lexington as a major. In 1946 Mr. Young married Lucy Maddox, and later had two children.

After he married Lucy, Mr. Young decided to make his longtime entrepreneurial dreams a reality by starting Big Top Peanut Butter, which he sold in 1955 to Proctor and Gamble who later renamed it Jif. In 1958 he opened a moving and storage company, W.T. Young Storage Co., and started Lexington Cartage, a shipping operation. Mr. Young was also appointed to the board of Kentucky Fried Chicken at

this time and to the Royal Crown Co. Board, which he became chairman of in 1966.

Mr. Young, a true Kentuckian, became a horseman in his later days turning a small parcel of land into Overbrook Farms. This 2,400-acre breeding operation trained Derby, Preakness, and Belmont Stakes winners, as well as breeding the Nation's leading stallion, Storm Cat. However successful Young became, he never forgot his roots and his home of Lexington, giving back to the community a hundred times over.

Mr. Young's generosity long exceeds the list of his business achievements. He gave much to higher education in Kentucky, particularly to two institutions in Lexington—the University of Kentucky and Transylvania University. His proudest donation was to UK for the building of a state-of-the-art library, which now bears his name. At Transylvania University, Young started the Thomas Jefferson Scholars, one of the Nation's first merit-based scholarships, which the University later renamed after him. Besides donating his money, Mr. Young also donated his time to the institutions. He served on the Council of Higher Education, Board of Curators at Transylvania, University of Kentucky Board of Trustees, and the UK Development Council.

He will forever be remembered through the many contributions he made to his community and through the many stories his friends and family tell of an ambitious gentleman whose humble heart never stopped giving. Charles L. Shearer, the president of Transylvania University, tells a story of Mr. Young declining a nomination for a fundraising award given by the university. Mr. Young explained, "If other people had my resources, they would do the same thing." UK Dean of Libraries Carol Diedrichs discussed how Mr. Young would walk through the library stopping to talk to the students, asking them how they were doing and how their studies were going. Former Kentucky Gov. John Y. Brown described Mr. Young as "closest to the perfect human being I've ever known."

William T. Young's generosity stretched far across the Nation and far into the hearts of all those who met him. I ask each of my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to William T. Young, for all he has done. He will be missed.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

OREGON EDUCATION HERO

• Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to honor one of Oregon's unsung heroes, Dean Azule. For more than three decades, Mr. Azule has dedicated his life to educating and enriching the lives of countless young Oregonians. He is an educator in both mind and spirit and has dedicated his life to ensuring the success of Oregon's youth.

While attending Oregon College of Education, OCE, now known as Western Oregon State University, Mr. Azule worked as a family liaison with an American Indian youth program funded by the Indian Education Act. As a family liaison, he tutored and counseled hundreds of American Indian youth, providing career guidance and helping them to explore their career opportunities. Upon graduation from OCE, Mr. Azule joined the Northwest Regional Educational Lab and worked on their Indian Reading Language Development Program. This program has been invaluable in helping American Indian youth keep their indigenous languages alive.

Mr. Azule next established the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's extremely successful Education Department. With his invaluable assistance, the Department now includes Head Start, Youth Education, Higher Education, and Vocational training programs which have served to help the lives of hundreds of tribal members. The Grand Ronde Education Department has become a model of success across the county—much to the tireless efforts of Mr. Azule.

After almost 10 years with the Grand Ronde Tribes, Mr. Azule joined the Salem-Keizer public school system in 1999. Active in community outreach programs, he has helped disadvantaged children continue their education despite facing social and economical hardships at Washington Elementary, Keizer Elementary, and Miller Elementary School. Most recently, he has taken a behavioral health position at the new West Salem High school.

Mr. Azule is a true champion for Oregon's children, and I know he will continue to play a vital role in educating and making a difference in the lives of children in our State. His tireless spirit serves as an inspiration to us all. Today, I am proud to honor Dean Azule as an education hero for our great State of Oregon. ●

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

STAFF SERGEANT KENNETH HENDRICKSON

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I am saddened to report the passing of SSG Kenneth Hendrickson of Bismarck, ND. Kenneth was killed on January 24, 2004, while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Kenneth, who was called up for active duty last spring, was scheduled to leave Iraq in March. He was one of two North Dakota Army National Guardsmen killed by a roadside bomb while traveling near Fallujah. Kenneth was a member of the Bismarck-based 957th Multi-Role Bridge Company and a 15-year veteran of the National Guard.

Kenneth, a computer technician for Bismarck public schools, was married just 4 days before being deployed. Born in Fargo, Kenneth lived with his family in Bismarck. His father Lyle Hendrickson lives in Rapid City, SD and is a Pennington County commis-

sioner. Kenneth is described by family members as a free spirit who loved children and knew how to have fun. Even while in Iraq, his number one concern was his family back home.

Kenneth and his fellow National Guard members are playing a vital role in Iraq. These brave men and women have taken time away from their family, friends, and jobs to serve their country thousands of miles from home. Kenneth and many other National Guard members have given the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom. Our country owes them a tremendous debt of gratitude for their service.

The lives of countless people were enormously enhanced by Kenneth's goodwill and service. He inspired all those who knew him. Our Nation is a far better place because of his life. The best way to honor him is to emulate his commitment to our country.

I express my sympathies to the family of Kenneth Hendrickson. I know he will always be missed, but his service to our Nation will never be forgotten. ●

TRIBUTE TO HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND—ST. LOUIS

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I wish to pay special tribute to the U.S. Army's Human Resources Command—St. Louis, formerly known as the Army Personnel Command, AR-PERSCOMD. On October 2, 2003, ARPERSCOM was deactivated and merged with the U.S. Army's Total Army Personnel Command to form the Army's Human Resources Command, headquartered in Alexandria, VA. Although its name has changed, the organization's proud legacy of selfless service to Army Reserve Soldiers, veterans, and their family members continues.

The mission of Human Resources Command—St. Louis, HRC—St. Louis, is to ensure the full spectrum of human resources programs, services and systems are executed to support the readiness and well-being of Army personnel worldwide. HRC—St. Louis and its predecessor organizations have a long and distinguished history of service to the Nation. Located in the Charles F. Prevedel Building at the Federal Records Complex in suburban St. Louis, the command was officially activated on October 1, 1998, with the mission of providing the highest quality life cycle management and services resulting in a trained and ready force in support of the National Military Strategy. Formed provisionally on October 16, 1997, AP-PERSCOM replaced the former U.S. Army Reserve, USAR, Personnel Center on ARPERCEN.

HRC—St. Louis traces its lineage back to 1919, when the Demobilized Records Division was established in Washington, D.C., as an activity under the Adjutant General's Office. Its mission was to store and maintain the records of soldiers demobilized after World War I. After a number of moves, the division came to St. Louis in 1945. First located at the Federal facility at

4300 Goodfellow Blvd., the division moved to its present location on 9700 Page Avenue—1 Reserve Way—in 1956. Through the years, the organization underwent a number of name and mission changes, including the establishment of the Reserve Components Personnel and Administration Center or RCPAC in 1971, and ARPERCEN's establishment as a field operating agency under the Chief, Army Reserve in 1984. In 1994, a U.S. Army council of colonels convened and determined that USAR personnel management, service and policy functions should be streamlined and consolidated under one command: AR-PERSCON.

Serving as the single focal point for the supporting Army Reserve Personnel life cycle management in peacetime, mobilization, and demobilization environments, HRC—St. Louis provides efficient and seamless human resource support to Army Reserve Soldiers who are Troop Program Unit, TPU, members, drilling Reserve unit members; Individual Mobilization Augmentees, IMA; Individual Ready Reservists, IRR; and Active Guard Reserve, AGR soldiers, reservists on extended full-time active duty. The command supports almost 329,000 Ready Reserve Soldiers, approximately 212,000 in the Selected Reserve—TPU, IMA, and AGR, and over 115,000 IRR Soldiers.

HRC—St. Louis is a highly innovative organization; maximizing the talents of its combined military and civilian work force over 1,100 members. It serves as a leader within the Department of Defense in maximizing use of advanced technology providing personalized, e-care—electronic—to customers. Its award-winning HRC—St. Louis, formerly 2xCitizen, website, with its numerous applications, informs Reserve soldiers and the public on Army personnel matters. In 2002, alone, there were over 28 million visits—logins—to the website. Soldiers can access and update their records online at any time via the Internet through their own individual self-service web portal—a significant innovation and major evolution in soldier personnel service support. No longer do Reserve soldiers have to wait extended periods for hardcopy documents or microfiche copies to arrive through the mail to review their records or prepare for promotion boards. In providing responsive, real time e-care for soldiers, HRC—St. Louis contributes significantly toward the Army's readiness to engage in support of the implementation of the National Military Strategy on behalf of the Nation's security objectives.

The command's merger with the Total Army's PERSCOM, and incorporation as part of the new U.S. Army's Human Resources Command, is part of an overall Army transformation effort to streamline and enhance integration of all personnel functions—making them more efficient and responsive in meeting a wide range of missions—while enhancing personnel service for the soldier.