

education awareness workshops. This enabled the sorority members to better understand the drastic impact HIV/AIDS is having on African American women of all ages. In addition, for the past 3 years, chapters have participated in the sorority's International Day of Service for HIV/AIDS, a public awareness program in which a day is committed to providing HIV/AIDS education and prevention services to communities around the world.

On Saturday, March 13, 2004, the more than 900 chapters of the sorority located in 44 States, the District of Columbia, and in 6 countries abroad will conduct forums and seminars, provide counseling and testing, raise funds for research and services, and petition lawmakers to enact legislation that effectively addresses HIV/AIDS issues. In my State of New Jersey alone, the Central Jersey Alumnae chapter will sponsor a community forum entitled "Why Not Me? The Affect of HIV/AIDS on Our Families." The event will include key sessions for citizens of diverse age groups, helping participants to clarify perceptions/myths about HIV/AIDS and encouraging them to speak openly about the impact of the disease on their communities. There also will be an open general session in which TEEN PEP of Somerset County will perform some powerful and thought-provoking pieces.

The Montclair Alumnae chapter will provide direct services to the Academy Street Firehouse After-School Project. As part of the AIDS Resource Foundation for Children in Newark, the Academy Street Firehouse addresses educational, vocational, social and medical needs of children and teens who are dealing with the loss of a parent due to AIDS. Approximately 50 children between the ages of 7 and 17 will receive services.

The North Jersey Alumnae chapter will hold three seminars on topics related to the HIV/AIDS: (1) The Secret Lives of AIDS; (2) The role of the church in the fight against HIV/AIDS; and (3) How individuals can protect themselves. There will be free testing and counseling. Speakers will include community activists and church leaders. There also will be a dramatization by the "POWER" group, a youth organization that teaches about HIV/AIDS and its affects.

The Rancocas Valley Alumnae chapter will partner with the Township of Willingboro to present workshops for men, women and children on (1) HIV/AIDS prevention; (2) Functioning as a person living with HIV/AIDS; (3) Caring for people with AIDS; and (4) Volunteerism with HIV/AIDS organizations. The day will be filled with a variety of activities such as panel discussions, videos, dramatic presentations, praise dancers, and step teams.

The Trenton Alumnae chapter along with the Rho Epsilon and Tau Kappa collegiate chapters will host Trenton's 2nd Annual Aids Walk. The Walk will begin at a local school and end at City

Hall where the chapters will host a rally and speakers who will discuss the impact of HIV/AIDS. Donations will be collected to benefit the Rainbow House, a nonprofit organization that provides housing for children and adults living with HIV/AIDS in the city of Trenton.

The membership of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. provides an extensive array of public service programs and projects through the sorority's Five-Point Program Thrust: Economic, Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement. The "International Day of Service" is an activity of the sorority's mental and physical health focus "Summit V: Let It Continue—Heal and Healing: Promoting Health and Wellness on HIV/AIDS." Summit V is a means through which Deltas throughout the world assist in informing and educating the public and families about women's health issues, develop community partnerships to help inform the public and provide access to services; provide leadership for supporting policy development and promoting and enforcing legal requirements that protect the health and safety of women; and support research and political efforts to gain new insights and innovate solutions to health problems impacting women.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded on the campus of Howard University in 1913 by 22 visionary college women. Notable members include our colleague in the other Chamber, Congresswoman STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES of Ohio, civil rights pioneer and Congressional Gold Medal recipient Dr. Dorothy I. Height, and former Labor Secretary Alexis Herman.

I invite my colleagues to join me in saluting the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for their global efforts in the battle against HIV/AIDS, and I urge fellow Americans to participate in the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., "International Day of Service" projects in their communities on March 13, 2004.●

IN REMEMBRANCE OF PAMELA LAMAR JORDAN

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to pay tribute to Pamela Lamar Jordan, a tireless advocate for families and the plight of children. She was committed to serving the needs of her community and to improving the quality of life for young people in Saginaw. Pamela received numerous community service awards throughout her life. She will be missed by those whose lives she has touched.

Pamela Lamar Jordan was born in Saginaw, Michigan on June 24, 1961. She is a graduate of Arthur Hill High School and was in pursuit of her BSW at Saginaw Valley State University. She was a member of the Word of Faith International Ministries, where she

worked with the Youth Department. She was also a 1999 graduate of the Spoken Word School of Ministry.

In 1995, Pamela founded the New Alternatives Youth Service Center in Saginaw, Michigan. The Center's purpose is to educate young people and to provide an alternative to drugs, gangs, and violence. Pamela was also a mentor with the Family Youth Initiative, which is affiliated with the Bay Area Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency.

Pamela was also the founder of the Saginaw Sister-2-Sister Spirit of Excellence Pageant. Sister-2-Sister promotes abstinence and works to decrease the rate of pregnancy among teenage girls in the Saginaw community. Pamela believed this program helps local teenagers better understand themselves, and provides them with the appropriate information necessary to make healthy life choices.

Pamela Lamar Jordan passed away at the age of 42 on March 7, 2004. She was a woman of great faith who was devoted to her family and to her community. Pamela is mourned by her family, the members of her church, and many people across my home state of Michigan. Pamela is survived by her husband Cornelius Jordan and her four daughters: Melony, Janey, Terri and Brianna.

This is, indeed, a great loss to all who knew her or for those who have benefitted from her work. I know my colleagues will join me in paying tribute to the life and work of Pamela Lamar Jordan. I hope her family takes comfort in knowing that her legacy will stand as an inspiration for generations to come.●

STAFF SERGEANT RONALD W. HOSKINS

● Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I commend Staff Sergeant Ronald W. Hoskins of Fort Leonard Wood, MO, for over 20 years of service in the U.S. Army. He began his service in March of 1983, when he attended Military Police training and subsequently moved to Dugway Proving grounds, Utah to act as a military police desk sergeant.

In 1984 he was reassigned to Germany where he graduated from Military Police Investigations School at the Combined Arms Training Center. In 1987 he was promoted to Sergeant.

In late 1987 Sergeant Hoskins moved back to the United States where he served in both Texas and Alabama, until he was assigned to the 142nd Military Police Company in Yongsthan, Korea, in 1990.

In 1991 Sergeant Hoskins began working as an investigator and evidence custodian at Fort Bliss, Texas. He served in this position until 1995 when he returned to Yongsthan.

In 1996 He was assigned to the 978th Military Police Company, and during this tour was promoted to staff sergeant while he served as a military police patrol supervisor.

Staff Sergeant Hoskins was next assigned to Stuttgart, Germany. He developed an emergency vehicles operator's course that was adapted throughout the United States Army in Europe.

Over his long career Staff Sergeant Ronald Hoskins has received many awards and decorations, including the meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Non-commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon with numeral two device, Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral four device and Drivers Badge.

I congratulate Staff Sergeant Hoskins on his lengthy and dedicated career in the United States Army. I also want to recognize the efforts of his wife Susan without whom none of these accomplishments would be possible. Moreover, I extend to Staff Sergeant Haskins my profound appreciation for his service to the nation. I am honored to share his success with my colleagues and I wish him and his family all the best for the future.●

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA

● Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding group of public servants—the Girl Scouts of the USA—who today celebrate the 92nd birthday of their organization.

Founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low in Savannah, GA, Girl Scouts is the world's pre-eminent organization dedicated solely to girls—all girls—where they can build character and skills for success in the real world. Partnered with committed adult volunteers, Girl Scouts cultivate their full individual potential through learning and experience. The qualities they develop in Girl Scouting—leadership, values, social conscience, and conviction about their own self-worth—serve and benefit them all their lives.

Nationwide today there are more than 3.7 million Girl Scouts—2.8 million girl members and 942,000 adult members. Through its membership in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Girl Scouts of the USA is part of a worldwide family of 8.5 million girls and adults in 140 countries.

Today's Girl Scouts receive interactive training and experience in such areas as: leadership; math; science and technology; diversity; financial literacy; health, fitness and sports; environmental education; the arts; global awareness; and safety. Our children's safety is a matter of great concern to me. You may remember a wave of child abductions not too long ago, including the kidnapping of Elizabeth Smart in my own home State of Utah, which highlighted the need to enhance our ability to protect our Nation's children. Last year, I introduced the PRO-

TECT Act of 2003, an Act to prevent child abduction and the sexual exploitation of children, which was signed into law by President Bush in April. This legislation included the AMBER Alert system program, which has proven to be a valuable tool in the rescue of abducted children. AMBER Alert systems are critical to successful search and recovery efforts because they enable law enforcement authorities to galvanize entire communities to assist in the safe recovery of child victims.

Elizabeth's disappearance raised awareness of this type of crime nationwide. Our entire Nation rejoiced with the Smart family after Elizabeth was found alive and reunited with her loved ones. Her discovery, facilitated by everyday citizens who had followed this case, demonstrates the importance of getting information about these disappearances out to the public quickly, and what accomplishments can be achieved when communities partner together.

Today, Girl Scouts of Utah will be celebrating the miracle of Elizabeth Smart's return to her family, and the Girl Scouts of the USA's 92nd birthday, by organizing a statewide safety awareness campaign—Partners In Safety. Ed and Lois Smart, Elizabeth's parents, are the honorary chairs of this campaign. Although today kicks off an ongoing focus on safety rather than just a one-day event, Utah communities are invited to open house events on that date. Currently there are more than 25 open house locations in the state of Utah; and a variety of organizations state-wide have enlisted to participate as community sponsors in company with law enforcement and local governments. There will be a variety of safety-related activities at each site, and each participating agency will have a pledge poster so everyone in the community can sign and pledge safety on behalf of those they love.

We all care about the safety of our youth. The goal of Partners In Safety is to bring us all together to deliver the message of safety. I encourage everyone dedicated to safety to pledge to make a difference in your community by reaching the youth you know—talk to your children, grandchildren, students, teammates, troops, packs and church groups.

Begun by Ogden volunteers, Girl Scouts of Utah has been in existence since 1920 and has been committed to principles of pluralism, respect, and community service since inception. Utah Girl Scouts have delivered handmade quilts to hospitals around Utah, decorated Christmas trees for the Festival of Trees, organized and attended hundreds of community service projects, increased their knowledge of finance during the Girl Scout cookie sale, learned about themselves and others, gained more respect for diversity, and participated in initiatives in science, sports, leadership, environmental education, and outdoor exploration. Recently, Girl Scouts of Utah

was named a proud recipient of the 2004 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major Award from the Utah Human Rights Commission in recognition of their steadfast devotion to diversity. Utah Girl Scouts have gotten a jump start on their way to becoming happy, committed, and resourceful citizens.

Throughout its long history, Girl Scouts experienced many milestones made possible by the strength and dedication of countless farsighted individuals—mostly volunteers—who tirelessly served girls and promoted Girl Scouting. We simply have no greater resource than our children; they represent our Nation's future. I commend the Girl Scouts of the USA for their tireless efforts on behalf of our children and families.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations, treaties, and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 11:15 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its reading clerks, announced that the speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3915. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through April 2, 2004, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2207. A bill to improve women's access to health care services, and the access of all individuals to emergency and trauma care services, by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the delivery of such services.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated: