

Captain Henderson has had over 3,800 flying hours and over 600 carrier landings, and has earned the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, three Meritorious Service Medals, the Air Medal, three Navy Commendation Medals, and numerous unit and campaign awards.

Captain Henderson has participated in Operation Desert Shield, Operation Southern Watch, Operation Allied Force, and most recently in Operation Enduring Freedom where he commanded the aircraft carrier named after my brother, the USS *John F. Kennedy*, CV-67.

Captain Henderson brought the ship and crew back home safely in August 2002 and was greeted by 10,000 supporters for a well-deserved homecoming in Mayport, FL.

Captain Henderson will soon turn over his command of the carrier to assume his new responsibilities. I am sure my brother would be proud of his leadership, and I wish him well in the years ahead as he continues his brilliant career in the Navy.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. KELSEY TAMAYO

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment today to congratulate Ms. Kelsey Tamayo of Radcliff, KY, for her selection to the From the Top radio showcase.

Ms. Tamayo was chosen to represent the Hardin County Schools and the Commonwealth of Kentucky in this national recognition program. Though she is only 15 years old, Ms. Tamayo is an accomplished percussionist. For this showcase, she traveled to Emory University in Atlanta to tape her performance and interview along with other accomplished musicians from around the country.

In November, Ms. Tamayo was named one of six winners of the Young Classical Artists Competition sponsored by the School of Music at the University of Louisville.

While Ms. Tamayo plays more than 20 instruments, she choose to play the Vibraphone in both the University of Louisville competition and on the From the Top broadcast.

Public Radio International's From the Top is a weekly radio series that showcases the nation's most exceptional pre-college age classical musicians. This show has been broadcast since January of 2000 and currently reaches 130 public radio stations and over 240 stations nationwide. The show's slogan is celebrating ordinary kids who do extraordinary things. I would like to congratulate the show and public radio for highlighting the musical successes of our youth.

Congratulations again, Ms. Tamayo, on being selected to perform on From the Top. You are truly an inspiration for all of us throughout the Common-

wealth of Kentucky. We all look forward to your continued success and achievement.●

WE THE PEOPLE PROGRAM

• Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to recognize an important civic education program that is available to many youngsters within this country: We the People. This program, administered by the Center for Civic Education and funded by the U.S. Department of Education by act of Congress, is an extensive educational program that was developed specifically with the purpose to educate youngsters about the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. And, this year, from May 1 through 3 more than 1,200 students from across the United States will visit Washington, DC, to take part in the national finals of We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution.

I recognize the six schools that participated in the We the People Colorado State competition and the more than 15 lawyers, judges, professors, and community leaders who judged these competitions. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to such an important topic. And, I am proud to announce that the class from East High School from Denver will represent the great State of Colorado in this prestigious national event. By displaying their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution, these outstanding youngsters won the statewide competition and earned a chance to come to our Nation's capital and compete at the national level.

I truly believe that a thorough understanding and knowledge of our Nation's founding documents will help folks understand and appreciate the sacrifices that our forefathers made, and this will inspire them to stand up for what is right and just.

I wish the students from East High School the best of luck at this year's We the People national finals and I applaud their achievement.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO ELSIE ATHERTON

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I pay tribute and congratulate Elsie Atherton on her reception of the 2004 Champion for the Aging award given to her by ElderServe of Louisville, KY.

Ms. Atherton has dedicated herself to helping improve the lives of senior citizens in Kentucky. Her devotion to this cause was put to great work during her time at Metro United Way and United Way of Kentucky. She has done a wonderful public service through her efforts to combat elder abuse and financial exploitation of seniors. She has also been active in delivering meals to homeland senior citizens.

The citizens of Kentucky are fortunate to have the leadership of Elsie Atherton. Her example of dedication, hard work and compassion should be an inspiration to all throughout the Commonwealth.

She has my most sincere appreciation for this work and I look forward to her continued service to Kentucky.●

WILEY DOBBS RECOGNIZED FOR INVOLVEMENT IN THE IDAHO CONGRESSIONAL AWARD PROGRAM

• Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, education is the fundamental base that enables our youth to transition to adulthood. The basic principles students learn provide them with the necessary skills to become productive and responsible citizens. In Idaho we view education as an investment not to be taken lightly. It is essential our students are well prepared so that the journey through the halls of our schools will end at the doorway to success.

The preparation for this passage is intense. Not only must our students understand the basics of science, civics, and communication, but they are expected to defend themselves in the face of peer pressure and poor choices. In order to achieve this, we look to those who serve on the front lines of our education system. It is our teachers who will help students aspire to greatness. In Idaho, our teachers do more than expected by expressing to our students the importance of giving back to our communities. They show our students an avenue through which to improve themselves and the cities and towns from which they come. Teachers who encourage community service ought to be thanked.

I thank all the administrators, staff, and teachers in Idaho schools for helping our students visualize their self-worth, thus enabling them to achieve greatness. In addition, today I would like to single out one educator in particular for his dedication and commitment to our local community.

Wiley Dobbs has served in nearly every level of the education system over his tenure in southern Idaho. From time spent as a student at Morningside Elementary school, to his current position as superintendent of the Twin Falls School District, Wiley Dobbs has had a positive impact on the lives of others every step of the way. The standard of excellence set by Wiley is one for which all Idaho educators should strive.

Wiley began his higher educational endeavor at the College of Southern Idaho where he received an associates degree. He later went on to receive two bachelors degrees in social science and health and physical education from Boise State University. Wiley began his career as a teacher in Montpelier, ID who he taught five subjects and coached three sports. He then moved to Twin Falls and taught at both O'Leary Jr. High School and Twin Falls High School. During his time in the high school he taught courses in Government and English, coached wrestling, and worked toward receiving his master's degree in education from Albertson College of Idaho.

After receiving his master's degree, Wiley made the transition from educator to administrator. Despite the shifting role, Wiley positive impact on students only improved. As principal of the Magic Valley Alternative High School, he increased enrollment from 40 to over 125 students in only 2 years. Wiley also served as Principal of O'Leary Junior High School in Twin Falls. His outstanding work with both the students and faculty in the southern Idaho school district was recognized not only by the local community, but by the state, as well. In 1999, the Idaho Associates of Secondary School Administrators, MetLife, and the National Association of Secondary Principals named him Idaho's Secondary Principal of the Year. In 2001, Wiley was named the State Middle Level Educator of the Year.

Wiley's work is also recognized on the national level. His involvement on the Idaho Congressional Award Board has raised the number of Idaho recipients to one of the highest in the nation. Students receive the honor by registering on the national level, and then completing hundreds of hours of community service in four separate categories: volunteer public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition exploration. Those students receiving the Gold Medal will have completed at least 700 hours of community service over a 2-3 year period. Wiley has advised and helped approximately a third of Idaho's Gold Medal recipients since the beginning of his involvement in 1993 when he was named to the post by Congressman MIKE CRAPO.

Wiley Dobbs has been the driving force behind the Idaho Congressional Award Program. He has inspired, motivated, and encouraged hundreds of Idaho's youth to receive the national honor. His efforts have solidified Idaho's presence in the national program, and it is his investment in Idaho's students that will benefit all our local communities. I hope all of us, especially those involved in our education system, will look to the example set by Wiley Dobbs. His leadership and dedication to our children are an inspiration to us all.●

TRIBUTE TO CHAD BENHAM

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Chad Benham of Brandenburg, KY. Recently Mr. Benham has been named as the national winner of the Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems-Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award for the Future Farmers of America.

The Proficiency Awards recognize achievement by students who have excelled in developing specialized skills that will apply toward a career goal in agriculture. The awards also consider community service and leadership activities of a student.

The citizens of Brandenburg, KY are fortunate to have Mr. Benham living

and learning in their community. His example of hard work and determination should be followed by all in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Benham for his success. But also, I want to congratulate all his peers, teachers, administrators, and his parents for their support and sacrifices they have made to help Mr. Benham reach his goal and fulfill his dreams.●

REVEREND AND MRS. CHARLES CHATMAN

● Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Reverend and Mrs. Charles Chatman, who are the founders of the Charles Chatman Evangelistic Association. Reverend Chatman accepted the call into ministry at the age of 16 in 1958. He and Jean were married in 1960 and have ministered together for the last 44 years. Reverend Chatman served as the senior pastor in churches throughout Missouri until he and Jean entered into full time evangelistic work in 1975.

Since that time, the Chatmans have traveled to many countries leading mission teams and crusades. They have ministered in Haiti, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Trinidad and India.

In over 29 years of work in Haiti, the Chatmans' ministry has built 30 churches, one medical clinic and a children's orphanage. Immanuel Orphanage, in the village of Bombardopolis, is home to 250 children. The Chatmans have led over 3,000 people from across the United States on mission trips overseas. The Chatmans are committed to bringing hope to all those they encounter. Reverend Chatman and his wife Jean are dedicated to the glorious service of their Lord and Savior.

Charles and Jean Chatman are proud parents of Darla, husband Brian, Cindy, husband Dan, and Bryan. They have five wonderful grandchildren: James, Ashley, Brandy, Jessica, and Wilna.

I commend Reverend Chatman and his wife Jean for their outstanding years of service. Their message of hope is an inspiration and blessing to all of us. I am honored to share their successes with my colleagues, and I wish them the best for the future.●

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2290. A bill to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, and for other purposes.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

POM-378. A resolution from the Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association relative to funding for lock and dam infrastructure on the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-379. A resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Ferry County of

the State of Washington relative to federal lands in Ferry County, Washington; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-380. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Warrensville Heights of the State of Ohio relative to the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2003 and The Retirement Income Security Act of 1974; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-381. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Mayfield Heights of the State of Ohio relative to the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-382. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Brook Park of the State of Ohio relative to the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-383. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Mayfield Village of the State of Ohio relative to the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-384. A resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park of the County of Cook of the State of Illinois relative to the Patriot Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-385. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to the Healthy Marriage Initiative; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 215

Whereas, marriage, one of our most fundamental institutions, strengthens our society when two people enter a mutual, lifelong agreement to support each other in sickness, difficult financial times, and old age; and

Whereas, marriage enriches the couple, their children, and the community around them by providing opportunities to extend love, support, understanding, and mutual cooperation; and

Whereas, couples and children blessed with healthy marriages tend to engage in less risky behavior, enjoy better physical and mental health, be more financially secure, and attain higher levels of education and employment; and

Whereas, President George W. Bush has announced a Healthy Marriage Initiative to highlight programs teaching marriage skills and education, promote marriage mentoring and enrichment programs, reduce disincentives to marriage, and promote the value of marriage to our culture; and

Whereas, because the President launched the Health Marriage Initiative, the Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate appropriated \$750,000 to fund a marriage initiative in Michigan; and

Whereas, marriage is both a personal, private relationship and a public commitment licensed by the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, many of the expenditures by the state are closely tied to people harmed by failed or never formed marriages, and any long-term strategy for reducing dependency on state social services and ensuring economic growth must include a strategy for encouraging healthy marriages; and

Whereas, February 7-14, 2004, is being celebrated throughout the nation as Marriage Week USA; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby call on the President of the United States, elected officials at every level, and citizens of all walks of life to determine during Marriage Week USA, and particularly on Valentine's Day, to consider ways they can strengthen their own marriages and support the marriages of others throughout the state of