

2004 national convention in Washington, DC. The Special Community Initiative award is given annually to a city displaying an innovative approach to improvement. This year there were over 200 cities competing for this honor.

The City of Paducah Artist Relocation Program recruits artists—both locally and nationally—to move to Paducah's downtown and historic Lower Tower area. The city has a long history providing many buildings and facilities that, while they are in disrepair, offer significant opportunity for renovation and improvement. Artists who relocate to Paducah are given a network of resources to restore facilities.

The program is part of a long-term project to rejuvenate the City of Paducah's historic districts. Through the combined efforts of leaders in the city government, the Paducah Bank, Visitors' Bureau, PATS, local museums and businesses this program has seen tremendous success.

The city and Commonwealth are already enjoying the benefits as an estimated \$12 to \$15 million has been infused into the local economy, thanks to this program. Any visitor can see the construction and revitalization underway in this Kentucky jewel.

I wish to congratulate the leadership and vision of the City of Paducah on these tremendous honors, especially Program Founder Mark Barone, City of Paducah Planning Director Tom Barnett, City of Paducah Mayor Bill Paxton and McCracken County Judge Executive Danny Orazine. I look forward to the continued success of this great program.●

#### ACADEMIC DECATHLON WIN

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am delighted to rise to acknowledge El Camino Real High School's championship win in this year's national Academic Decathlon. El Camino Real High School is located in Woodland Hills, CA. This is El Camino's third win and marks the most national titles any California student group has ever received. It is a wonderful record of which to be proud, and I extend my heartiest congratulations to everyone who made this accomplishment possible.

The Academic Decathlon is highly competitive, testing the students in 10 different subjects. The El Camino team headed to Boise, Idaho to compete against more than 300 students from 39 other American high schools and one Canadian high school to clinch the national title.

Under the leadership and tutelage of three main coaches, Melinda Owen, Mark Johnson and Rebecca Gessert, the team of eight students collectively spent more than 1,200 hours this year to prepare for the competition, including intense cramming sessions as the big event drew closer. These students sacrificed much of their free time to

represent their school, and it is clear that their work paid off.

I could not be happier for or prouder of the El Camino team, including Cassidy Ellis, Gary Fox, Jonathan Lin, Patrick Liu, Eric Rasyidi, Adam Singer, Chris Taylor, and Adrian Wittenberg. They have made their school, their district, and our entire State proud, and they have every reason to celebrate their accomplishment.

The students could not have won their title without the help of their dedicated coaches. I also salute and congratulate all the teachers, faculty, and students at El Camino who worked with this team and gave them the support they needed to achieve their goals.

Congratulations again to El Camino Real High School on this wonderful win.●

#### HONORING CAMILLE SCHMIDT

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and congratulate an Idaho student who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Camille Schmidt of Pocatello has been named one of the Nation's top youth volunteers by the 2004 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. This honor is conferred on only one high school student and one mid-level student in each State. I applaud Camille's efforts to improve her community.

Camille has spent the past 2 years working to restore windows in her school's library that were removed in the early 1980s. When Camille began attending Pocatello High School, she noticed 8-foot-tall indents in the school walls and realized they were once windows. She found yearbooks that contained pictures of the school before the windows were taken out, and was inspired to restore them. She received approval to begin working on the restoration from the superintendent, and met with an architect to discuss the project. So far, Camille has raised more than \$10,000 of the needed \$15,000 for the project. To raise the necessary funds, she has distributed brochures, spoken at class reunions and student assemblies, contacted the news media, and even obtained a grant. To date, four of the eight windows have been replaced. Next year, the student government and the National Honor Society will take over the project until all of the school's windows are restored.

Camille has demonstrated an extraordinary level of commitment and accomplishment and deserves our admiration and respect. She has played an important role in her community and serves as an example to her peers. I join with her family and friends in honoring her commitment to the state of Idaho.●

#### HONORING JACQUELINE SANDMEYER

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and congratulate an

Idaho student who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Jacqueline Sandmeyer of Boise has been named one of the Nation's top youth volunteers by the 2004 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. This honor is conferred on only one high school student and one mid-level student in each State. I applaud Jacqueline's efforts to improve her community.

Jacqueline, an eighth-grader at St. Joseph's School, has collected more than 1,000 pounds of food and 200 coats, mittens, and hats for the homeless over the past 4 years. When she was nine, Jacqueline noticed a group of children shivering in the cold outside of a rescue mission. Moved by the experience, Jacqueline packed up her winter clothes for donation, along with her saved-up allowance of \$275 to take to the shelter. With the help of her parents, she then placed collection boxes in her school and government buildings. She also solicited donations from her neighbors and appealed to her entire community for help through the news media. Jacqueline summed up my feelings well, when she said, "I know that no matter what age you are, you can make a difference."

Jacqueline has demonstrated an extraordinary level of commitment and accomplishment and deserves our admiration and respect. She has played an important role in her community and serves as an example to her peers. I join with her family and friends in honoring her commitment to the State of Idaho.●

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM R. STEWART

● Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the life of a distinguished civil servant, Bill Stewart, who passed away on Monday, February 16, 2004. His long life was filled with acts of conscientious service on behalf of his friends, his family members and the American work force. The contributions he made through his work for the National Labor Relations Board, combined with the many lives he touched along the way, leave behind a positive legacy that will not soon be forgotten.

Bill was born in Terre Haute, IN, and earned his undergraduate degree in government from Indiana University. As an ROTC student during his time at Indiana University, Bill was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army shortly after his graduation. Proving at a young age that service and leadership were an inherent part of his life and personality, Bill deferred his full scholarship to the Indiana University School of Law to serve in Germany in an armored division where he was later selected to be the courts and boards officer and assistant adjutant of a combat command of more than 5,000 men. Bill excelled in everything he set his mind to, including his work as an attorney for the Atomic Energy Commission and his efforts climbing up the

ladder from legislative assistant to president of the Professional Association for the National Labor Relations Board in only 4 years.

His talent and intellect earned him the respect and attention of many. Bill was the first and only National Relations Board employee to receive the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service, which is the highest honor attainable through civil service. President Clinton recognized Bill's "unparalleled" professional contributions, emphasizing that Bill was "instrumental in winning national labor law cases that have had a major impact on American workers."

In addition to his professional accomplishments, I am told that Bill was also a family man at heart. According to his friends and colleagues, Bill cherished the company of his loved ones and always made his parents and siblings a top priority. Undoubtedly, Bill will be remembered by all who knew him for his love of life and laughter.

Bill is survived by his two brothers, Stanley Stewart and Richard Stewart.

Bill was a man who walked with kings but never lost the common touch. The citizens of the State of Indiana and the United States of America were well served by the life led by Bill Stewart. He touched many lives over the course of his career and will be remembered as a loving friend and an incredible leader and colleague.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of William R. Stewart in the official RECORD of the United States Senate. May God be with all who mourn his passing, as I know He is with Bill.●

#### REMEMBERING FRANK D. STIMLEY

● Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, on April 14, 2004, a distinguished attorney and outstanding individual from my State died suddenly in New Orleans, LA. At the age of 56, Frank D. Stimley leaves behind a legacy of accomplishments and contributions to the State and people of Mississippi.

Frank was a native of Jackson, MI. Early in life, he turned down an opportunity to play major league baseball for the St. Louis Cardinals to attend Columbia University, where he received a bachelors degree in electrical engineering. He later joined his sister and older brother at Harvard Law School, where the Stimleys became the first family to ever have three siblings attend that law school at the same time. In addition to his law degree, Frank concurrently obtained a masters in business administration from Harvard Business School.

After graduation, Frank Stimley became the first African-American lawyer to be hired by a large majority white firm in Mississippi. He also became the first African-American lawyer at Wise Carter Child Stein and Caraway to make partner.

Frank was also a member of the 100 Black Men of Jackson, Deacon at the

Progressive Morningstar Baptist Church, and involved in providing legal assistance to Stewpot Community Services, Catholic Charities, the Parish Street Redevelopment Project, and the Friends and Children of United Way. Additionally, Frank Stimley helped secure financing for many churches, Head Start programs, medical clinics, the Jackson Redevelopment Authority, and various Mississippi development projects.

Frank Stimley was a successful lawyer and community leader whose contributions were considerable. We extend to his wife Cynthia and the entire Stimley family our sincerest condolences.●

#### A DELAWARE, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL LEADER

● Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, it gives me great pride and pleasure today to rise and honor a Delaware jurist who is a recognized leader not only in his native State of Delaware, but throughout this country and around the world. His name is Randy Holland.

Justice Holland has served on the Delaware Supreme Court since 1986, with the distinction of being the youngest person ever to serve on my State's highest court. And for the past four years, he has served as the National President of the American Inns of Court. His second term ends next week, and I rise today to commend his leadership to this prestigious legal society.

Justice Holland's stewardship of the American Inns of Court, with its roots dating back to England in the 1400s, has earned him an extraordinary, rare and high honor.

He is only the third American judge to recently receive this prestigious award. The other two are United States Supreme Court Justices.

Lincoln's Inn of London, England, announced that Justice Holland has been elected an Honorary Master of the Bench. The Honorary "Benchers" are persons of distinction selected from common law countries around the world. The only American judges to receive this high recognition and distinction are Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg and John Paul Stevens of the United States Supreme Court and now Justice Holland.

In commenting upon Justice Holland's election, William Blair, a distinguished Barrister, President of the Commercial Bar Association in England, and brother of Prime Minister Tony Blair, stated "We feel that this is an important mark of friendship between the Inns of Court of England and the American Inns of Court. What is most gratifying for us is that the common aims of the organization are ethics, civility, professionalism and legal excellence—which are surely more necessary now than ever. My fellow Benchers were greatly impressed by Justice Holland's distinguished judicial record."

To put this honor in context, Lincoln's Inn is the oldest of the four Inns of Court in London. Its formal records date back continuously to 1422. For six centuries, the Inns of Court in London have educated English trial lawyers, who are known as Barristers.

St. Thomas More, Lord Chancellor of England, joined Lincoln's Inn in 1496. The chapel bell at Lincoln's Inn came from Spain in 1596 as part of the spoils of Cadiz. When Dr. John Donne was Preacher to Lincoln's Inn in 1624, he wrote his famous poem "for whom the bell tolls."

Along with this international honor, Justice Holland has been recognized by his fellow jurists and attorneys in this country. His numerous awards include: the 1992 Judge of the Year Award from the National Child Support Enforcement Association, the 2002 Alumni Award of Merit from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, the 2003 American Judicature Society's Herbert Harley Award, and the 2004 Widener Law School Adjunct Professor Distinguished Service Award.

Ethics and mentoring are the hallmarks of Justice Holland's service on the bench and his call to his fellow attorneys in the bar. He chaired the national Advisory Committee to the American Judicature Society's Center for Judicial Ethics and currently he chairs the American Bar Association national Joint Committee on Lawyer Regulation. Justice Holland is also a member of the American Law Institute and is an adjunct professor at several law schools.

In addition to these many accomplishments, Justice Holland has published three books on the history of the Delaware Constitution and the Delaware Supreme Court.

Of course, Justice Holland will tell you that he derives his greatest pride from his family—his wife and friend since grade school, Ilona, and his son, Ethan.

Justice Holland deserves a tremendous thank you for his leadership on the bench and bar—from Delaware, attorneys throughout this country, and indeed from jurists and barristers worldwide. Congratulations.●

#### 2003 PRESIDENTIAL RANK AWARDS

● Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, last week, 70 members of the Federal Government's Senior Executive Service and Senior Level and Scientific and Professional employees received the Nation's highest civil service award for their leadership accomplishments and long-term contributions to their country.

I believe it is fitting to honor these men and women during Public Service Recognition Week, which began yesterday, May 3, 2004. As noted by the Office of Personnel Management, "Winners of this prestigious award are strong leaders, professionals, and scientists who achieve results and consistently demonstrate strength, integrity, industry,