

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,

and a relentless commitment to excellence in public service." To me, these awards serve as a reminder that the federal civil service is made up of individuals who have chosen to work for the federal government and their betterment of their fellow citizens.

This year marks the first time that Senior Level and Scientific and Professional executives joined those in the Senior Executive Service in receiving awards. The winners, who were honored at a dinner sponsored by the Senior Executives Association Professional Development League last week, have saved the Federal Government over \$187 billion according to SEA President Carol A. Bonosaro. At last week's dinner, Ms. Bonosaro detailed notable achievements of the award recipients: including leading a deployment to Kosovo to gather evidence of war crimes in support of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia; managing 15 nutrition assistance programs—with \$40 billion in appropriations—which reach 50 million Americans annually; serving as a Space Shuttle astronaut pilot and commander; directing the prosecution of international cartels with fines totaling more than \$42 billion and the convictions of corporate executives from the U.S. and twelve foreign countries; and serving as the scientific leader of a \$2 billion telescope mission, to be launched in 2010, with the objective of seeing the first light in the universe released after the Big Bang.

There are two categories of rank awards; distinguished and meritorious awards. For both awards, winners are chosen through a rigorous selection process which includes nomination by their agency heads, evaluation by boards of private citizens, and approval by the President. Distinguished rank award recipients receive a lump-sum payment of 35 percent of their base pay. Meritorious rank award recipients receive 20 percent of base pay.

At a time when many young people are questioning the value of public service, I urge them to explore the exciting and challenging employment opportunities with the federal government, as well as the benefits of serving their nation. As the Presidential Rank Awards demonstrated, the government values those who seek public service.

Mr. President, I ask that the names and agencies of the 2003 Presidential Rank Award winners be printed in the RECORD.

The information follows.

2003 PRESIDENTIAL RANK AWARDS FOR
DISTINGUISHED SENIOR PROFESSIONALS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Susan Solomon

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary of Defense

John A. Casciotti

Department of the Air Force

Robert Q. Fugate

Department of the Army

Walter Bryzik

Department of the Navy

Frances S. Liger

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE
ADMINISTRATION

John Mather

2003 PRESIDENTIAL RANK AWARDS FOR
DISTINGUISHED EXECUTIVES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Antoinette A. Betschart

George A. Braley

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Scott B. Gudes

Timothy Hauser

Rolland A. Schmitt

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Jeanne B. Fites

Michael L. Ioffredo

Pravin C. Jain

Jeffrey A. Jones

Cheryl Joan Roby

Diana G. Tabler

Department of the Air Force

Vincent J. Russo

J. Daniel Stewart

Department of the Army

James L. Flinn, III

Joel B. Hudson

Anthony A. LaPlaca

Michael A. Parker

Department of the Navy

William M. Balderson

Bobby R. Junker

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Thomas P. Skelly

Steven Y. Winnick

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

James F. Decker

Patricia M. Dehmer

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

William Beldon

Joseph R. Carter

Dennis J. Duquette

Evelyn White

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Donald K. Shruhan

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT

Floyd O. May

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Willie R. Taylor

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

James M. Griffin

Bruce C. Swartz

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Shelby S. Hallmark

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Jonathan B. Schwartz

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

John M. Dalrymple

Donald V. Hammond

Sarah H. Ingram

Kenneth R. Papaj

Robert E. Wenzel

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

James F. Farsetta

Thomas Lastowka

Laura J. Miller

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

William G. Laxton

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE
ADMINISTRATION

Frederick D. Gregory

Tom Luedtke

Vicki A. Novak

John J. Talone

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Samuel J. Collins

Hubert J. Miller

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Richard P. Emery

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Doris L. Hausser

Nancy H. Kichak

Ronald P. Sanders

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

William E. Gray

Linda S. McMahon

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

POM-397. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington relative to the State's military bases; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8039

Whereas, the Department of Defense's military installations in Washington State play a vital role in the defense of the United States of America and its citizens and residents, both providing a power projection platform ideally situated geographically and by providing leadership within the military through innovation in transformational efforts; and

Whereas, the military installations in Washington State are striving to perform their current missions as efficiently and effectively as possible and to improve their ability to contribute to the defense of the nation for the long term; and

Whereas, the majority of major conflicts of the 20th century have been in or around the Pacific Ocean, including World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Operation Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom, and the emerging threats of the 21st century are in that same area; and

Whereas, each of the military installations in Washington performs vital strategic functions, including the only homeport for Trident Ballistic Missile Submarines on the Pacific Coast, the only torpedo manufacturing facility in the nation, the only deep draft military shipyard on the Pacific Coast, a major base for C-17 aircraft, the sole Air Force Survival School in the nation, the only major Army installation west of the Rocky mountains capable of large scale troop deployment, and the base with the highest number of VFR flying days of any Naval Air Station in the United States; and

Whereas, Washington State has an excellent working relationship at both the state and local level with each of the military installations, demonstrated in part by the numerous partnerships among the military and local governments and private and nonprofit sectors in providing services to both military and civilian personnel, by involvement of military installations in state and local land use, transportation and other planning, and by the ongoing community support to the military personnel and their families; and

Whereas, the military's presence, in all forms, contributes greatly to the economy, security, and social fabric of Washington State as one of the largest employers in the state, a significant purchaser of goods, services, and construction from the private sector, and a source of leadership in state, local, and community organizations; and

Whereas, Washington State consistently provides a high quality of life to military personnel stationed in our state, evidenced by the large number of terminal postings to bases in Washington State, additionally, our state benefits from the large number of skilled and talented military personnel and their families who remain in or return to Washington after leaving active duty; and

Whereas, the Washington State Legislature recognizes the importance of the Department of Defense's military installations