

himself, but also for the 1.7 million disabled persons living in my home State of Michigan. Seventy-five years ago, almost to the day, Mr. Filippis's legs were mangled in a train accident, forcing amputation.

Frustrated by the discrimination plaguing him in the years that followed, he sought change. And change he found.

Mr. Filippis accepted a position as the apprentice of Carl Wright, who worked for a company that made his prosthetic legs; 10 years later they founded their own company, Wright & Filippis.

Since its founding, Wright & Filippis has grown into one of the only companies in the United States that offers complete equipment services for the disabled, from state-of-the-art prosthetic limbs to public education about rehabilitation.

More remarkably, however, is what Mr. Filippis has done for the spirit of the disabled community in Michigan. In June 1999, he founded the Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame.

Annually, the Hall of Fame recognizes the top Male and Female Athletes of the Year, as well as identifying a Lifetime Achievement Award winner and other Hall of Fame inductees.

The Hall of Fame, however, does more than recognize the immense athletic achievement of Michiganians with disabilities. It also tells their stories so that other people with disabilities can draw strength and inspiration from them.

It tells stories of people like Cheryl Angelelli who, despite being confined to a wheelchair due to spinal cord damage, has proven herself a formidable opponent in a swimming pool.

Among other achievements, she claimed a national title with one gold and four silver medals at the 1999 U.S. National Disability Championships. Ranking 10th in the world and second in the U.S. in the 100-meter breast stroke and the 200-meter individual medley, she earned a spot on the paralympic swimming team for the 2000 Games in Sydney, Australia.

It tells stories of people who also give back to their community. Ms. Angelelli is a member of several advisory councils for people with disabilities and her expertise is sought by the management of concert halls and stadiums on how to make their venues more accessible to their disabled patrons.

In the manner that Churchill called for, Mr. Filippis took his painful experience of discrimination and used it as fuel to try to prevent those with disabilities today from feeling the same sense of alienation he had. Through his organization, others with disabilities can be honored for their achievement and be a source of motivation to others.

We appreciate his hard work and thank him.●

CARILION MEDICAL CENTER NURSES

● Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, today I want to congratulate the wonderful nurses at Carilion Medical Center in Roanoke for recently achieving Magnet Recognition from the American Nurses Credentialing Center, ANCC, a division of the American Nurses Association.

The mission of the ANCC is to promote excellence in nursing and health care globally through credentialing programs and related services. Their designation of Magnet Recognition is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon hospital nurses. Currently, Carilion Medical Center is one of just 102 health care organizations in the U.S. to have received this recognition from the ANCC.

Last November, I had the opportunity to tour the Carilion Medical Center. During my visit, I got to see firsthand the outstanding dedication and commitment that the nurses provide their patients. I am pleased today to recognize the exceptional nurses at Carilion Health Center on their tremendous achievement and wish them continued success.●

HONORING D.L. EVANS BANK ON 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I today honor D.L. Evans Bank on reaching a tremendous milestone—100 years in business. D.L. Evans bank is a financial institution in the largest sense of that word. It is a significant, established organization with branches solely in my home State of Idaho, and widely recognized for quality, personalized banking services to the community. Today I honor the Evans family and their employees for their long, proud history of financial service to Idahoans and many others.

In 1904, D.L. Evans and a group of pioneer businessmen met and organized Cassia County's first bank. Despite the floods, fires, droughts, and even grasshoppers that have wreaked havoc on its customers, the bank has survived many tough economic times. As other banks around the country were closing their doors, D.L. Evans Bank was expanding—moving from its one-story frame building to a two-story stone headquarters in the early 1900s. From that original Albion branch, the bank has opened locations in Boise, Burley, Meridian, Ketchum, Jerome, Rupert, and Twin Falls. It is now the second largest community bank head quartered in southern Idaho with \$388 million in assets and \$345 million in deposits.

The Evans family's participation in the Idaho State Government has been no less impressive. The bank's founder, D.L. Evans, served in the Idaho Senate from 1903-1904 and 1923-1924. The current President, John V. Evans Sr., has served in numerous government capacities including as Governor of Idaho, Mayor of Malad City, State Senator and Majority and Minority Leader of

the Idaho Senate, and Lieutenant Governor. The Evans family and D.L. Evans Bank have made important contributions to both the private and public sector in Idaho.

Congratulations to the employees, friends, and family of D.L. Evans on the centennial anniversary. D.L. Evans is a bank with a proud history, impressive current achievements, and a promising future. I wish the bank and its employees the best as they continue to serve the communities and families of Idaho.●

PAGE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL 2003 BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY AND CHEERLEADING TEAMS

● Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am very pleased today to recognize the great achievements and dedication of the Page County High School Boys' Cross Country and Cheerleading teams. Both teams finished their outstanding 2003 seasons by winning State championship titles.

Throughout the season, the cross country and cheerleading teams showed the determination of a championship team. They worked continuously to develop needed skills, persevere as athletes and follow the leadership of their coaches.

This is the third State title in 4 years for the Panthers Boys' Cross Country Team. In addition, the Panthers have won the Shenandoah District regular season championship for six consecutive seasons and have now been crowned District Champions for 5 years in a row.

Congratulations to the members of the Page County High School Boys' Cross Country Team: Adam Atkins, Nathan Batman, Steve Beers, Wayne Beers, Zach Bouldin, Tommy Copeland, Jeff Frazier, Nathaniel Nelson, Ethan Price, Todd Somers, T.J. Stoneberger; and their Coach Stanley Price.

This is also the cheerleading team's third victory at the Virginia High School League Group A State cheerleading championship in 4 years. The Panthers have now won seven consecutive Shenandoah District Championships and five consecutive Region B cheerleading titles.

I would also like to congratulate the members of the Page County Cheerleading Team: Brittany Aldrige, Heather Alger, Casey Burke, Ashley Campbell, Caitlin Cave, Elizabeth Colopy, Tiffany Comer, Amanda Cabbage, Kara Greber, Stephanie Grimsley, Kendrick Harris, Preston Harris, Felicia Jenkins, Sara Maiden, Kayla McPherson, Clay Nevitt, Vanessa Prince, Tiara Rodgers, Holly Shifflett, Sean Stewart, Nicole Taylor, Kevin Tester, Aaron Williams, Whitney Williams, Megan Yager; and their Coaches, Barbara Hilliard, Brandy Strickler and Kevin Cabbage.

I am pleased to congratulate all of the athletes and the coaches on the Page County Boys' Cross Country and Cheerleading teams. They have made

Page County and the Commonwealth of Virginia proud of their great achievements. Keep winning.●

DISTINGUISHED MONTANANS

● Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise today with great pride to honor a group of distinguished Montanans. Alyson Mike and Thomas Andres, Montana's 2004 Milken Educator Award recipients deserve recognition for their outstanding work and service to our State and to the children they teach every day.

Public service is the most noble thing a person can do. Whether it is service to one's church, community or government, there is nothing more honorable. Alyson and Thomas are at the top of a lengthy list of quality teachers in Montana to stand among their fellow American teachers to receive this national award.

The Milken Educator Award provides public recognition and a \$25,000 honorarium to teachers, principals and other educators who have a proven record of excellence in education. Alyson, a natural science teacher at East Valley Middle School, and Thomas, a science teacher at St. Labre Catholic Indian School, both have strong records of excellence. In fact, I was recently honored to recognize Alyson as Montana's 2004 Teacher of the Year.

In Montana, there is little difference between our schools and our communities. This award highlights the great quality of teachers we have in Montana and spotlights the good things happening in our schools.

Alyson and Thomas are two of Montana's high quality teachers that are helping to shape our State's future. They are creating an environment that encourages learning, instilling a curiosity and a desire to learn—all of which will produce a more educated workforce. A better educated work force will spur job creation and translate into a stronger economy with more good-paying jobs. The best way to ensure Montana's future is through a well-educated work force.

We in Montana are very fortunate to be able to claim teachers like Alyson Mike and Thomas Andres as our very own. They are playing a vital role in our State's future. I commend Alyson and Thomas for all they have done and I am confident they will continue to serve their students well.

I would also like to recognize Polson High School as Montana's 2004 winner of the 'We the People' Competition. By winning the State competition, nineteen of our State's brightest government students and their teacher qualified to represent Montana in the National Civics Competition on the United States Constitution.

The names of the 19 students who are receiving this honor are as follows: Charlie Cooper, Chance Dupuis, Sky Fredrickson, Ashley Gilchrist, Kasey Harwood, Rosanna Ho, Chad

Hunsucker, Bonnie Klein, Brandon McCurdy, Kdee Meidinger, Zach Morrow, Candace Myers, Andrew Ofstad, Kiel Rafter, Chris Rossmith, Kai Smith, Kate Taylor, and Christine Woitdtk.

Pat Danley is the teacher whose expertise, guidance, and encouragement that helped these students receive this honor. Pat Danley is a veteran government and political science teacher at Polson High School. I commend Pat on his ability to prepare these students for this competition.

These students have demonstrated a strong understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Here in Congress, I think we can all recognize the value of fostering civic competence and responsibility. These students are Montana's future leaders, and I am proud to recognize their accomplishment.●

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FLORENCE WOMAN'S CLUB

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise to congratulate the Florence Woman's Club of Florence, KY on the recent celebration of its 50th anniversary.

The Florence Woman's Club was founded on April 20, 1954. Its goal was simply to make the city of Florence a better place to live. The causes that the club has lent its time to are almost too numerous to mention. They have been involved in raising money to fight cancer, working at local veterans' hospitals, and helping with the preservation of historic buildings in the area, to name just a few.

The citizens of northern Kentucky are fortunate to have the services of the Florence Woman's Club. This organization's example of dedication, hard work and compassion should be an inspiration to all throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

They have my most sincere appreciation for this work, and I look forward to their continued service to Kentucky. I have no doubt that they will be just as productive in their next 50 years as they have been in their first 50. Congratulations.●

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SWIM AND DIVE TEAMS

● Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased today to recognize the 2003-2004 University of Virginia Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving teams for their hard work in winning the 2004 ACC Championship.

These athletes, under the strong coaching of Mark Bernadino, devoted a tremendous amount of time and energy to studying, training and competing. It was through their endless drive and dedication that they were able to become ACC Champions this season.

As a former student-athlete at UVA, I understand the impact that athletics play in the development of an individual's character and life. Sports teach us important lessons of self-discipline,

perseverance, teamwork and sportsmanship. The benefits of participating in athletics can prove valuable in the daily lives of student-athletes whether at school or at work in their communities. Each of these student-athletes is a leader and a winner, not just in the water but also in the classroom.

I congratulate Coach Bernadino and the University of Virginia Swim and Dive teams on their 2004 ACC Championship and wish them continued success in the future. Keep winning.●

SAMUEL HOPKINS SHRUM

● Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased today to recognize Mr. Samuel Hopkins Shrum, a native of Dayton, VA, who was honored this year for 55 years of perfect attendance by the Rotary Club of Harrisonburg, VA. Mr. Shrum's commitment to the Harrisonburg Rotary is just one example in a lifetime of dedication and hard work.

An architectural engineering graduate of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Mr. Shrum later attended Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ for post-graduate studies. He began his professional career with George E. Shrum & Son, eventually becoming a production engineer at Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. Hard work and dedication led him to become President of Nielson Construction Company in 1962 where he served until his retirement in 1976. The company grew from a small operation of seven employees to nearly 300 while Mr. Shrum served as executive vice-president, general manager, treasurer and director, before being named its president.

Today, I congratulate Mr. Shrum for his dedication and commitment to service in the Harrisonburg community and wish him continued success.●

H. ODELL "FUZZY" MINNIX

● Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased today to recognize Mr. H. Odell "Fuzzy" Minnix for his community service and leadership. Mr. Minnix recently retired after serving three terms on the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors, including several years as the board's chairman. During his 12 years on the Board of Supervisors, Roanoke County saw significant improvement in its quality of life; in recent years, the county was recognized as one of the best school systems in the Nation and the community's continued commitment to expansion and growth resulted in the creation of more jobs and opportunity in the region.

Throughout his life, Fuzzy Minnix has been a community leader and volunteer. He was the recipient of the Roanoke Valley Big Brother of the Year Award and has been an avid supporter of youth sports, having been Head Football Coach at Hidden Valley Junior High School. Mr. Minnix also served as Head Softball Coach, Assistant Varsity Football Coach and Assistant Varsity Track Coach at Cave Spring High