

OHIO COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I pay tribute and congratulate the students of Randy Brown for winning the "Role of Citizen" unit award at the national finals of We The People: The Citizen and the Constitution program. This class hails from Ohio County High School of Hartford, KY.

This program is run by the Center for Civic Education, a Los Angeles-based organization that strives to get students involved in government and civic affairs. The event simulates a congressional hearing whereby high school students testify as constitutional experts before a panel of judges.

The members of the winning class are: Jeffrey Ashby, Samantha Beck, Hannah Benton, Jonathan Brown, Crystal Clayton, Jeffrey Coulter, Amanda Critchelow, Jessica Culbertson, Lauren Danks, Shellena Davis-Roberts, Ashley Evans, Raven Evans, Judson Hunter, Savannah Johnson, Daniel Justice, Julie Leach, Brian Mayes, Mallory Nauman, Mallory Phelps, Lauren Pieper, Emily Renfrow, Anthony Rusher, Jonathan Shrewsbury, Ashton Variot, Chase Vincent, Amy Walsh, Meredith Ward, Bailey Westerfield, Britney Westerfield, and Emily Williams.

The citizens of Ohio County can be very proud of these students. Their achievement should be an inspiration to all throughout the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky. Congratulations.●

FRED F. ZELLER

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I wish to pay special tribute to Mr. Fred F. Zeller, the American Legion District 11 and 12 Legionnaire of the Year. Fred and the millions of other veterans that have served have earned our Nation's most sincere thanks for the service and sacrifices they rendered. It is their service that provided the umbrella of freedom under which we live today.

Mr. Zeller earned his eligibility to be a member of The American Legion by serving in the U.S. Navy in World War II as part of the greatest generation and has enjoyed 57 continuous years in The American Legion.

After being discharged from the Navy in 1946, Fred joined Post 225 in Ohio. He was transferred by his company to Minnesota in 1951 where he joined Post 257. He served on various committees, the executive board and Captain of the Color Guard and the Firing Squad for 8 years. His job took him to many places and he landed in Missouri and settled in St. Louis in 1978, becoming a member of Post III where he took part in all of the Post activities.

Fred is presently serving as Judge Advocate and President of G.A.P.L., the building and grounds part of the post. For sharing all of his knowledge, skill and hard work, Mr. Zeller was presented a gold card and life membership in 1999. Fred is a member of The Past Commanders Club, having served twice on the Executive board.

Fred exemplifies the true meaning of the word service. As you can see, Fred continued to serve long after he was discharged from the military and we should all be proud of his many accomplishments. Again, I wish to extend my most sincere thanks for Mr. Zeller's service and my congratulations to him on being chosen as Legionnaire of the Year.●

SISTER GERALDINE BERNARDS

• Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I am proud to pay tribute today to a remarkable woman who is one of Oregon's true health care heroes. For the past 40 years, Sister Geraldine Bernards has devoted herself to the work of Maryville Nursing Home in Beaverton, OR. First as a nurse, then as director of nurses, and for the last 10 years as Administrator, Sister Geraldine has made a positive difference in the lives of countless Oregonians. Sister Geraldine will be retiring this summer, and before she does, I wanted to take the opportunity to share her inspiring story.

Founded in 1963, Maryville Nursing Home is owned and operated by the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon, and offers "service with love" to the elderly. During the four decades of Sister Geraldine's service, Maryville has expanded to include an Alzheimer's unit, a physical therapy unit, an eye clinic, a dental clinic, an activities center, and a multi-purpose gathering center.

In her 10 years as Maryville's administrator, Sister Geraldine has initiated many valuable programs to guarantee quality health care and safety for the residents. Two courtyards have been enclosed, making them attractive and safe places for the residents to enjoy the outdoors with their families. A wireless phone system was introduced which enables nurses to be contacted immediately anywhere in the facility. A security system has been installed. New patient lifts were purchased. The volunteer program has seen a tripling in the number of participants, and a full time director of volunteers has been hired.

Some of the most inspiring words about Sister Geraldine come from those who know her best. Activity Director Hilee Jackson says that Sister Geraldine is "consumed by making sure that others' needs are met." Terry Shrum, Quality Assurance Director, says "Sister Geraldine would do anything for anyone."

It is a fitting tribute to her lifetime of service that a Sister Geraldine Bernards Continuing Education Fund is being established to provide financial resources for on-going career education in the fields of health care and early childhood development.

I am proud to join with many other Oregonians in saluting the work of this true health care hero, and I wish her many more years of health and happiness.●

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF
ARTHUR PRATT

• Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I want to share with my colleagues a few highlights from the remarkable lifetime of leadership and good works displayed by Mr. Arthur Pratt, the founder and leader of Life Effectiveness Training in Indianapolis, IN.

Over the past 35 years, Mr. Pratt has been a dedicated leader in going into prisons around the country and assisting drug addicted men and women break their dependence on mind altering substances. His work has improved countless lives and the success is particularly evident in the reduced recidivism rates of the prisoners who have completed his program. His expertise and active contributions were the impetus behind legislation that I sponsored and passed requiring at least ten percent of all money allocated to Residential Substance Abuse Treatment programs to be allocated to programs in the jails.

Currently, at the age of 80, Mr. Pratt is a continual voice in advocating proven treatment service for our Nation's state and county jails. Yearly, his program provides approximately 250 alcoholics and drug addicts 90 days of treatment in Marion County Jails. Of the more than 7,000 people he has treated, over two-thirds have not been subsequently arrested. Through Life Effectiveness Training, he counters addiction and recidivism using a tested program that instills strength and confidence in their lives.

Arthur Pratt has dedicated his life to public service, and I am pleased to have this opportunity to congratulate him on his many worthwhile accomplishments.●

OUR PRECIOUS GIFT OF FREEDOM

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, in a few days, a very special dedication will be held a short distance from here. Thanks to the diligence, commitment, and hard work of many people across the United States, our Nation's capital will officially be the proud home to the long-overdue World War II Memorial. It is definitely a time for celebration—a celebration of freedom, life, and honor, a celebration of the United States of America. Most of all, it is a celebration of all the soldiers and citizens who gave life and limb during the early years of the 1940s.

Idaho is home to many World War II veterans. This Memorial Day weekend, those veterans, along with veterans from every State and others who helped at home and abroad, can celebrate a very special Memorial Day. Many fought and many died to defend the United States in a war that ended 59 years ago. Sixteen million served, and 400,000 did not return to families and friends. Each one of these lives increased the value of our citizenship exponentially and immeasurably. This memorial, the design of which was selected after careful review of 400 submissions, stands as a reminder of the

sacrifice of many. It is a most profound honor to their memory.

Watching the evening news is a sobering reminder of what this memorial stands for. It represents freedom from tyranny, peace and justice for all people, bravery in the face of terror and death, and love for America that surpasses words while challenging complacency. The World War II Memorial has an important role to play in teaching us about the price of freedom. It reminds each one of us that we cannot take our United States citizenship lightly. It calls on us to be vigilant in preserving those freedoms as those who have gone before have done with such conviction and singleness of purpose. Many veterans know all too well the physical and emotional challenges that the current generation of military personnel and their families are facing. Their wisdom, insight, and experience will help those who themselves are brand new veterans. These young men and women face the same challenges that others did over half a century ago. This memorial serves as a reminder of the debt of honor and gratitude we owe all veterans. We have a responsibility to care for them and, in our national leadership roles, we must take steps which do the most to support these brave defenders of our freedom.

This memorial represents those who have given life and limb in military service, and it also reminds all Americans of the gift of immeasurable cost—the gift of freedom—that the lives of brave men and women have purchased for all of us. And I can think of no better reason to celebrate.●

HONORING P.J. KEELEY

● Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I wish to honor P.J. Keeley, a great husband and father, a fine grandfather, and an outstanding golfer, on the eve of his 75th birthday.

It's appropriate that P.J. is turning 75 this year, having shot an impressive round of 75 on the links in March.

P.J. Keeley married Elizabeth L. Holten Keeley on February 3, 1951, and had 10 children by that union. In addition, P.J. has 24 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

After the death of his wife, Betty, P.J. married Virginia McKee Keeley on August 22, 1998.

P.J.'s passion is golf. In the course of his golfing career, P.J. Keeley won 16 championships at St. Clair Country Club in Belleville, IL. He won his first championship in 1958, at the age of 16, and his last championship in 1987 at the age of 58.

In addition to being an avid golfer, P.J. is an Army veteran who has honorably served his country.

P.J. Keeley served as president of Keeley & Sons, Inc., a well-known highway construction firm, for 23 years, from 1967 through 1989. Keeley & Sons was founded in 1947. In addition, P.J. was president of the Associated General Contractors of Illinois for two

terms. Throughout my life, the name Keeley has been synonymous with construction in Southwestern Illinois.

I congratulate P.J. Keeley on the occasion of his 75th birthday and wish him many more years of happiness and accomplishment, both on and off the golf course.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2728. An act to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for adjudicative flexibility with regard to an employer filing of a notice of contest following the issuance of a citation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration; to provide for greater efficiency at the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission; to provide for an independent review of citations issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration; to provide for the award of attorney's fees and costs to very small employers when they prevail in litigation prompted by the issuance of citations by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration; and to amend the Paperwork Reduction Act and titles 5 and 31, United States Code, to reform Federal paperwork and regulatory processes.

H.R. 3740. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 223 South Main Street in Roxboro, North Carolina, as the "Oscar Scott Woody Post Office Building".

H.R. 4176. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 West Elwood Avenue in Raeford, North Carolina, as the "Bobby Marshall Gentry Post Office Building".

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3740. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 223 South Main Street in Roxboro, North Carolina, as the "Oscar Scott Woody Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4176. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 West Elwood Avenue in Raeford, North Carolina, as the "Bobby Marshall Gentry Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 2728. An act to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for adjudicative flexibility with regard to an employer filing of a notice of contest following the issuance of a citation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

S. 2448. A bill to coordinate rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 with other Federal laws.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-7565. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fiscal Year Defense Environmental Restoration Program report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7577. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2002 Farm Bill Regulations—Loan Eligibility Provisions" (RIN0560-AG81) received on May 12, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7578. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Farm Loan Programs Account Servicing Policies—Elimination of 30-Day Past Due Period" (RIN0560-AG50) received on May 12, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7579. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Phosphomannose Isomerase and the Genetic Material Necessary for Its Production in All Plants; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL#7358-9) received on May 14, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7580. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Activities and Programs for Countering Proliferation and NBC Terrorism"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7581. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7582. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations: 69 FR 12084" (FEMA-B-7744) received on May 12, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7583. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations: 69 FR 12081" (44 CFR 65) received on May 12, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7584. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a transaction involving U.S. exports to Algeria; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7585. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Rule; Extension of Effective Date; Risk-Based Capital Guidelines, Interim Capital Treatment of Consolidated Asset-Backed Commercial Paper Program Assets" (RIN3064-AC74) received on May 12, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.