

take place this summer. Students in this program represent the upper one-percent of those in the United States who took the PSAT exam.

Science and technology is extremely important for the economic growth of this country, and we need to encourage young scholars to pursue careers of excellence and leadership in the field. These two young men and the others involved in this program are the future leaders of this country and deserve our recognition. These students are competitively selected to attend and, subsequently, are provided with assistance for the eight to ten years of their undergraduate and graduate studies.

So often we hear of failures of the U.S. educational system; however, students chosen for RSI are proof that good things are happening in our schools. Kentucky is doing its job to nurture some of the county's finest talent. I join my fellow Kentuckians to congratulate Stephan Kathman and David Sheets on their achievements and wish them luck this summer at the Research Science Institute.●

WVEMS

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to extend my congratulations and gratitude to the Westport Volunteer Emergency Medical Service, WVEMS, of Westport, CT, which is celebrating a quarter century of unparalleled dedication to public safety and public service.

Volunteerism is part of the American way, and the volunteer emergency personnel of WVEMS take on a particularly demanding and challenging form of community service. These men and women take time out of their busy lives and careers, or from well-earned retirement, to provide life-saving services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They work in close cooperation with police and fire departments, using state-of-the-art skills, in pre-hospital situations. WVEMS volunteers also perform other important community services, including teaching first aid and CPR classes.

The men and women of WVEMS have established a remarkable legacy. During their 25 years of service, they have logged over half a million volunteer hours and cared for over 45,000 ill or injured men, women, and children.

Fifteen of the original founders still serve with a selfless commitment to their cause, and each has been designated an American Red Cross Unsung Hero. These exceptional men and women are Edward and Elizabeth Audley, Patricia Audley, Sharon Barnett, Russel M. Blair, Susan DeWitt, Michael Feigin, Richard Frazier, Neil Harding, Thomas M. Keenan, Kathleen Todd, Alan Yoder, Isabel Blair, Alan Stolz, Nettie Skinner, and Pasquale Salvo. I would also like to commend Jay Paretsky and April Anne Yoder, who have also been with the WVEMS for a quarter century.

All of the other active members of the WVEMS certainly deserve our recognition, as well: William Puterbaugh, Norman Coltin, Sandra McPherson, Jeffrey T. Lea, Andrew Dinitz, Loretta S. Harsche, Marge Costa, Christine A. Evans, Todd M. Smith, Mark A. Blake, Anthony F. Santo, Donald E. Smith III, Thomas F. Burrows, Martha M. McGorry, Elizabeth Slattery, Chris VanDeusen, Diane Salvo, Benjamin Frimmer, Barbara F. Wood, Barbara Babash, Arlene M. Healy, Amy Smith, Linda Canterbury, Albert Bassett, Mary Jane Cross, KC Duffy, Linda Green, Carole Grob, Dorothy Harris, Gordon Joseloff, Chris Sanders, Whitney Cusa, James Flint, Nicole Donovan, Toni Cribari, Mary Minard, Terrence Blake, Michele Brewster, Michael Falbo, Cheryl Jones, Michael Quan, Rico Tiberio, Sylvia Lempit, Susannah Kehl, AnnaLiisa Joseloff, James Hinckley, Nanci Jenkins, David Heinmiller, Rainy Broomfield, Ronald Carkner, Donna Patchen, Robert Redman, Olivia Weeks, Courtenay Quinn, Joseph Devermann, Linda Gale, Jean Marie Wiesen, Nancy Strong, Gregory Coghlan, Paul Resnick, Barbara Utting, Adam Sappern, Nancy Fusaro, Wendy Hill, Megan Watson, Kristin Ancona, Kathryn Min, William Min, Susan Parks, Jamie Talbot, Michael Rickard, Marc Hartog, Michael Engelskirger, Craig Kupson, Elizabeth Jennings, Glenn Eisen, Angela Chichila, Anna Dowdle, Ashley Hawley, Andrea Hoboken, Dustin Schur, Jackie Stenson, Carol Boas, Yannick Passemart, Kerry Volmar, Michael Wilmot, Danielle Faul, David Bodach, Christin Giordano, Zack Klomberg, Jordan Kunkes, Alma Loya, Whitney Riggio, Kimber Roberts, Alicia Wong, Karen Bizzak, Margaret Russell, Richard Arriaga, Carol Dixon, Gabrielle O'Halloran, Daniel Rappaport, Dora Sweet, Lois Benfield, Adele Donohue, Susan Shewchuk, Nancy Toll, Pamela Newnham, Matthew Rees, Richard Celotto, John Sommers, Caroline Andrew, James Gray, Stephanie Howson, Rebecca Kamins, Kaitlyn Mello, Elizabeth Parks, Christian Renne, Rob Stewart, Emma Trucks, Christina Voonasis, Maryanne Boyle, Robert Dowling, Yashasvi Jhangiani, Maribeth Nixon and Steve Brothers.

To the men and women of WVEMS, thank you for going above and beyond the call of duty to serve those in need. Well done.●

JUNE IS DAIRY MONTH

● Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, June is National Dairy Month, the country's oldest and largest celebration of dairy products and the people who have made the industry the success it is today. During June, Wisconsinites will hold nearly 100 dairy celebrations across our State, including dairy breakfasts, ice cream socials, cooking demonstrations, festivals and other events.

Every State in the Union has dairy farms, which together produce over 170

billion pounds of milk annually. In my home State of Wisconsin, dairy farmers produce approximately 22 billion pounds of milk and 25 percent of the country's butter a year. Some of the world's finest cheeses are produced within Wisconsin's borders, in addition to a variety of other outstanding dairy products for people to enjoy.

The nutritional benefits of milk, yogurt, cottage cheese, and other dairy products are important to keeping Americans healthy and strong. Strong scientific evidence published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and *JAMA* indicates that dairy foods may play a role in reducing the risk of nine common diseases and conditions: obesity, hypertension, type 2 diabetes, coronary artery disease, stroke, kidney stones, osteoporosis, colorectal cancer, and pregnancy-related complications. Research continues to demonstrate the health benefits of consuming dairy products, particularly for children.

Throughout my time in the Senate, I have worked to keep my State's dairy industry healthy and strong. I have fought attempts to create and perpetuate regional disparities in dairy pricing. I have acted on the concerns of many Wisconsinites about the impact of milk protein concentrates on the Wisconsin dairy industry. I have advocated on behalf of the Wisconsin dairy industry to trade negotiators. I will continue to work to keep Wisconsin a leader in the dairy industry.

So here's to good health, a strong agricultural economy, and the pride of America's dairyland as we enjoy Wisconsin dairy products during the National Dairy Month and throughout the rest of the year.●

TRIBUTE TO CHUCK VEST

● Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, this month marks the end of a distinguished 14-year tenure for Chuck Vest as president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has been an excellent leader for this outstanding institution in our State. He has attracted and retained a world class faculty, including Nobel Prize winners. He's maintained an impressive balance between consistency and change to meet the changing needs of the university in the modern high-tech world, and he has developed the research capacity of the institution far beyond its abilities when he took the helm.

His commitment to diversity has also been impressive. In 1990, the undergraduate student body was 34 percent women and 14 percent underrepresented minorities; today the student body is 42 percent women and 20 percent underrepresented minorities—the result of a conscientious effort by President Vest and the community he cared about so much.

His leadership was marked by many innovative reforms. He decided to publish all course material online so that it is freely available to anyone in the

world. He brought the unequal treatment of senior female faculty to the attention of the community, and held an open dialogue on how to correct the situation. He offered health benefits to same-sex partners. His leadership on financial aid methodologies laid the groundwork for the provisions that are now part of the Higher Education Act.

Chuck has worked skillfully as well to obtain increased support for scientific research—especially in the physical sciences, and he was a familiar figure in corporate boardrooms and to many of us in Congress. His cooperative work with Lincoln Labs, with Harvard and with the Broad Foundation and his commitment to the Cambridge and Boston Public Schools are important parts of all he has brought to MIT. When he was named in February to the President's Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction, he said, "I will concentrate on two priorities, MIT and the Commission."

There is so much to be said about Chuck Vest—his intelligence, his appealing personality, his modesty about his own high accomplishments, and his tireless pursuit of excellence in everything he does. All of us who know him wish him well in the years ahead, confident that we will continue to think and act boldly about the role of science and scientific education in our changing world and its fundamental importance to the future of our Nation and its best ideals.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO CARLOS BOOZER

● Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I am pleased to honor a fellow Alaskan. This summer our country will display its patriotism on an international level during the 2004 Summer Olympic Games. It is important for us to recognize the men and women who dedicate their lives to representing the United States. Though the sacrifices these individuals make are not "life threatening" like those of our American men and women who serve in our Armed Forces, the individuals who represent our country in the Olympics nonetheless sacrifice themselves, and proudly represent this Nation. That is why I would like to take the time to recognize one fellow Alaskan who is about to compete at the highest international level. Recently, my fellow Alaskan, Carlos Boozer, was selected to the Men's 2004 Olympic Basketball team. He becomes the first Alaskan to be selected to the United States Men's Olympic Basketball team.

Unselfishly, Mr. Boozer has been a quiet winner his whole life. Carlos attended Juneau-Douglas High School, winning a State title in his junior season, and then in his senior season he was selected to the McDonald's All-American Team. He then enrolled in Duke University, where he won a national title with the Blue Devils. After

receiving his degree from Duke in 3 years, Carlos was drafted in the second round of the 2002 NBA Draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers. With his workman-like mentality, he is becoming a model for those who dedicate themselves to perfection and team work, and not personal glory. Now he has the opportunity to represent this country in a quest for the Gold Medal in the Summer Olympic Games. I congratulate Carlos, not only for his recent achievement, but for his unselfish dedication. He has dedicated himself to Juneau his home town, Alaska his home state, Duke University, the Cleveland Cavaliers, and now the United States. This kind of continuous dedication is rare, and Carlos embodies it. In a time when professional athletes are opting out of the Olympic Games, Carlos has risen to the occasion and accepted a bid to represent his town, his State, his university, his team, and more importantly, his country. Again I congratulate Mr. Boozer and the rest of the men and women who will represent this great Nation in Athens this summer.●

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. WILLIAM GREENBLATT

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize Mr. William Greenblatt, a man whose accomplishments are a true testament to what a business and community leader should be, as he celebrates his fiftieth birthday on June 9, 2004.

Mr. Greenblatt began his career providing photography services for commercial, industrial, public relations and non-profit organizations including the City of St. Louis, Make-A-Wish Foundation, United Way, and American Heart Association. He also serves as the St. Louis Fire Department's photographer recreating fire scene construction and investigations as well as documenting training and incidents.

During Mr. Greenblatt's career, he has had the honor of being the official photographer for many of Missouri's most prominent Federal, State, and local politicians, as well as St. Louis artists Nelly and Toya. In addition to his services at United Press International, he has contributed to numerous publications such as the Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times, Newsweek Magazine, New York Times, and the Washington Post.

Mr. Greenblatt has dedicated both his professional and personal life to the betterment of his community. He has served on several non-profit boards as well as being a member of several professional organizations including the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association, St. Louis Journalism Review Board of Editorial Advisors, Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, and the James S. McDonnell Board of Directors.

Throughout his service, Mr. Greenblatt has been honored with several achievements including placing in the Baseball Hall of Fame Photo Con-

test, Certificate of Appreciation from the City of St. Louis Emergency Management Agency, Outstanding Citizen Award.

Mr. Greenblatt has a distinguished record of service in his public and private life. I would like to thank him for his dedication to his profession as well as his contributions to the St. Louis Community. On behalf of Missouri, I wish him a happy 50th birthday.●

(At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

THE U.S.-AUSTRALIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT AND THE AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I am pleased to announce today my support for the U.S.-Australia Free Trade Agreement. The United States has a trade surplus with Australia and this agreement will boost our exports still further by eliminating Australian tariffs on our manufactured goods and on several key agricultural exports. Not only does the agreement promote our economic interests and job creation here in America, but Australia is also an important ally, and we must do all we can to ensure a healthy and vibrant relationship between our two nations.

I am, however, disappointed that the Bush administration did not build on the model of the U.S.-Jordan agreement by including strong and enforceable labor standards in the core of the agreement. Although Australia already has very strong labor rights and an effective enforcement regime, the agreement represents a missed opportunity to set a higher benchmark for future trade agreements by cementing the principle that labor and environmental standards are in the core of all new agreements.

In addition, I am disappointed that the Bush administration did not do a better job negotiating an agreement that would protect our important beef and dairy industries. I was happy to support an amendment in the Finance Committee that helps ensure a level playing field for our domestic beef industry.

I am also pleased to announce today my intention to cosponsor the Milk Import Tariff Equity Act, S. 560, a bill to impose tariff-rate quotas on certain casein and milk protein concentrates and help ensure fair competition for our nation's dairy farmers.

As we look ahead I want to reiterate that this agreement and others I have supported should not be viewed as models for all future bilateral agreements under negotiation. In particular, it is important to have strong ties with our Central American neighbors. However, the lack of strong and enforceable labor and environmental standards are more serious in the CAFTA agreement because of the poor history the Central American countries have with labor issues. I oppose the current CAFTA agreement, and I hope that over time it