

through her extensive volunteer work. Neal is a founding member of the Fayette County Drug Court and served on the National Association of Drug Court Professionals Board of Directors. She has worked with the Junior League, God's Closet, the Governors Inauguration Committee, the Sayre School Board, and the Hope Center for Women. Neal is also on the board for the Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts, but her greatest accomplishments lie in her role as president of the board of directors for the Chrysalis Community Center in Lexington, KY.

The center assists women recovering from substance abuse addiction and counsels the children of these women on substance abuse prevention. Chrysalis uses a combination of the 12-step program originated by Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, long-term living arrangements, and a caring and nurturing environment to ensure women and their families live fulfilling lives free of abusive substances. On Friday, September 23, 2005 the center recognized Neal for the vital role she has played in its expansion by dedicating the center's community center in her honor. Neal has given her all to the center's important mission: restoring hope and dignity in women's lives.

On September 21 of this year, The Lexington Herald-Leader published an article highlighting the Chrysalis Center's success and Neal's contribution. I ask that the full article be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

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#### CHRYSLIS, THE HOUSE THAT NEAL BUILT UP (By Robin Roenker)

A mural of brightly colored butterflies accentuates the sky-blue walls of the entry to Lexington's Chrysalis Community Center.

It's the type of room that makes you feel better just by entering it. A room that says, you're welcome here. This is a safe place to be.

And to the women who use Chrysalis House's services—women who are recovering from substance addiction—it says something else. A message many of them have not heard often enough: "You're a good person. You deserve treatment with dignity."

For two decades, that message has been the motivating theme behind Cornelia "Neal" Vaughan's volunteer work with Chrysalis House.

As president of the agency's board of directors for 16 of the past 18 years, Vaughan has overseen Chrysalis House's growth from a single, 12-person-capacity facility on Maxwell Street for women recovering from substance addiction into a multi-faceted agency with three transitional treatment facilities, 50 apartments, an 18,000-square-foot community center and programs to help place graduates in their own permanent housing. Currently, Chrysalis House's six facilities are home to 114 women and 100 children, with 160 more women on waiting lists.

Vaughan, who will be honored at a ceremony Friday, can detail every step of Chrysalis House's development.

She can detail them because she was there, say her fellow Chrysalis House board members, every step of the way. Raising money. Submitting grant proposals. Identifying fa-

cility sites. Recognizing the women's needs and finding partners in the community to help meet them.

But not only that. Despite her penchant for wearing pearls and high heels, she was also there to clean out shower stalls, pull weeds from the grounds and serve food in the dinner line, said Lisa Minton, Chrysalis House's executive director.

"She is the heart and soul of our organization," Minton said.

"Neal has been very inspirational in her vision," added Julie Hamilton, who assumed Vaughan's position as president of the Chrysalis House board of directors in July. "She's the first to say that this is all about the women and children. And her passion has been very contagious."

To recognize Vaughan's longstanding leadership and volunteer work on behalf of women and children in the community, the Chrysalis House board of directors is dedicating the Chrysalis Community Center, which opened in 2003 on the house's new eight-acre campus on Hill Rise Drive off Versailles Road, in honor of Vaughan.

A plaque will be hung in Vaughan's honor. Speakers will include Kentucky first lady Glenna Fletcher and Beverly Watts Davis, director of the U.S. Department for Health and Human Services Center for Substance Abuse Prevention.

#### NO GOOD VS. BAD

"With substance abuse, it is not a good or bad issue," said Vaughan, 57. "It is a sick or well issue."

That philosophy motivates the program's holistic approach to treating the women who come to Chrysalis House. The women receive addiction treatment as well as help with reclaiming their lives, jobs and families.

When Chrysalis House first opened, "women were coming in and getting sober, but they had so many other issues," Vaughan said.

"I realized that even though they were staying in our facility for 10 months or a year, they were leaving without parenting skills or a job," she said. "If you're going to rehabilitate someone, you have to really rehabilitate them. You need to find the gaps where they need help, and help them fill those in."

Now, participants take part in required job skills classes and work one-on-one with tutors and counselors during their stay, so that when they leave Chrysalis House, they're ready to "pick up their lives, and have a productive life they feel good about," she said.

Studies of Chrysalis House participants show that 80 percent are still sober, still have custody of their children, and are still employed a year after they moved out of the apartments, Vaughan said.

#### DOESN'T TAKE "NO"

Much of the credit for Chrysalis House's growth goes to Vaughan's tenacity in raising support for its programs and educating the community to "break down the stigma surrounding substance addiction," Hamilton said.

"She helped open community doors to a better understanding of the disease of addiction itself," she said. "Plus, she's the type of person you can't say 'no' to. She never gives up."

In addition to her work with Chrysalis House, Vaughan is a founding member of the Fayette County Drug Court. She serves on the board of the Governor's School for the Arts and has fulfilled another of her passions—organizing big events—through work with the Governor's Inauguration Committee and the Lexington Ball, which supports the University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center. She was recently appointed to the national board of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention.

Vaughan attributes her passion for community service to the example set by her parents, Richard and Cornelia Cooper of Somerset, who remain active volunteers. She credits her longevity as board president to the support and understanding of her sons Cooper and Stoll, and her husband, Derek, chairman of G.F. Vaughan Tobacco Company.

Two years ago when Derek asked her what she wanted for their 30th wedding anniversary, he wasn't surprised by her answer: All new furniture for the First Step House on Chrysalis Court.

That is what she got—along with a new strand of pearls.

#### TRIBUTE TO OFFICER LONNIE TABRON

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise to make a floor statement on behalf of a member of our Senate family.

I, like so many other Senators, come into a particular entrance here in the Senate as I drive in in the morning.

I rise today to pay tribute to Officer Lonnie Tabron. Officer Tabron retired from the Capitol Police on Saturday, October 1, 2005, having completed 22 years of distinguished service since his first day on the force, May 4, 1983.

Lonnie Tabron was born in Washington, DC, in July 1949, and he received his education in the District's public school system, where he always strived for excellence. After graduating from high school, Lonnie served the United States of America in the Armed Forces in Vietnam. He ably answered the call to duty and throughout his term in the Army, rising to the rank of sergeant, he represented our Nation with valor and integrity.

During his distinguished career as a Capitol police officer, Lonnie worked 21 years on the Senate side of the Capitol. With his assignment to the "barriade," as it is referred to, on the Delaware and C Street entrance, Lonnie became friends with my colleagues and staff alike.

In the many years I entered that entrance, this fine man—whether it was bitter cold or intensely hot, raining or sleeting—always approached my vehicle, as all others, with a big smile on his face. In those days, when I guess my spirits were low, as I came, he lifted those spirits. He always had a warm smile and an enthusiastic "Good morning, Senator." It has been my pleasure to receive those greetings, as I say, these many years. I shall dearly miss him.

Lonnie Tabron's philosophy in life consists of three main principles, and he sought to apply these important lessons to his career with the Capitol Police. Every day, Lonnie has remembered to treat others as he would like to be treated, to speak to others as he would like them to speak to him, and to respect others with the same measure of honor that he would expect from them. I believe these three traits are exceptionally appropriate, and Lonnie certainly embodied his beliefs in his service on Capitol Hill.

In his 22 years on the Capitol Police Force, Lonnie has demonstrated a willingness to help anyone who was in need. I appreciate very much his dedication to his job and his remarkable professionalism. As he enters his well-deserved retirement, Lonnie will be dearly missed by those who have had the opportunity to make his acquaintance. It is my honor and privilege to commend his outstanding service today and to wish him well in the years ahead.

I thank my senior staff member, Awilda Euill, who is with me on the floor today, a longtime admirer of Lonnie's. She assisted me in the preparation of this statement.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### CONGRATULATING JUDGE FRANCIS X. HENNESSY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 75TH BIRTHDAY

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, Judge Francis X. Hennessy is no stranger to public service. Since 1976, when he began his service on the juvenile court, to his service as an appellate trial referee today, he has distinguished the State of Connecticut with his example of integrity and honor.

As remarkable as Judge Hennessy's record is, with service on the Connecticut Superior Court, deputy chief court administrator of the Judicial Branch, and as judge of the Appellate Court, even more impressive is his dedication to social equity. He has been a strong advocate for insuring equal access to the courts for women and minorities, co-chairing the Connecticut Task Force on Gender Justice and the Courts, and Connecticut's Task Force on Minority Fairness.

Judge Hennessy's grandchildren Teddy, John and Grace and his children Maura, Margaret Mary, Matthew and Mark must be proud to have such an exemplar of achievement to look up to. His wife Mary Frances celebrates and shares in Judge Hennessy's accomplishments on this occasion of his 75th birthday.

In addition to his legal career, Judge Hennessy served his country with bravery in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He received the Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman's Badge. For this man, the call of duty extended beyond military service to enriching the community around him. He also served on Connecticut's State Library Board, on the Sheriff's Advisory Board, and the State Gaming Commission.

Judge Hennessy was born on September 11, 1930, in New York City, and has been a faithful servant of the State of Connecticut for the duration of his career. We in the U.S. Senate are proud and honored to congratulate Judge Hennessy on his many years of public service and offer him best wishes on the occasion of his 75th birthday.●

#### LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005

• Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. Each Congress, Senator KENNEDY and I introduce hate crimes legislation that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society. Likewise, each Congress I have come to the floor to highlight a separate hate crime that has occurred in our country.

On January 30, 1999, a 23-year-old disabled man was lured into an apartment in Keansburg, NJ. He was subjected to 3 hours of torture at the hands of 9 men and women. According to police, the abusers knew the man from their neighborhood, and ridiculed him constantly because of his disability.

I believe that the Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.●

#### LCPL JAMES R. SARGENT, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

• Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor and commend the service of a true West Virginia hero. LCPL James R. Sargent of the United States Marine Corps was one of many West Virginians who courageously fought in the Vietnam War. Lance Corporal Sargent's service was a testament to West Virginia's long storied patriotic tradition. A tradition that can be traced back to the days of George Washington, and one that is very much alive today. In the spirit of West Virginia patriotism, I praise Lance Corporal Sargent for his honorable service and contribution to our country.

On October 7, 2005, after having been declared Missing in Action for over 37 years, LCPL James R. Sargent will finally be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery. Lance Corporal Sargent was listed as missing on May 10, 1968, as his platoon provided artillery support in defense of the Civilian Irregular Defense Group camp known as Ngok Tavak. The Marine detachment was attacked by a prepared and well-equipped Viet Cong and North Vietnamese battalion of troops. For their bravery in battle, Lance Corporal Sargent's platoon received the Meritorious Unit Commendation from then Secretary of the Navy L.F. Chapman, Jr.

Lance Corporal Sargent was a native West Virginian from Anawalt in McDowell County. Like so many West Virginians, past and present, Lance Corporal Sargent heeded the Nation's call for service, and they deserve our gratitude and deep respect. I am hon-

ored to be able to pay respects to this brave West Virginian and his family and friends. After many years full of questions and grief, I hope that Lance Corporal Sargent's loved ones may finally have much deserved closure and peace of mind. His surviving family, friends, and fellow veterans should all be proud of his service, patriotism, and commitment to his country and its defense. For that matter, all Americans should be proud.

I ask that we all take a moment to remember all of the American soldiers who gave their lives in service to their country.●

#### JEWISH COMMUNITY RELIEF EFFORTS

• Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to recognize and give thanks to the Jewish community's tremendous relief efforts in the aftermath of the Hurricane Katrina disaster. Countless Jewish individuals and organizations have stepped up to combat this national crisis, providing the victims of Hurricane Katrina with money, supplies and volunteers, while opening the doors of their homes, schools and synagogues.

I would like to highlight a few of these efforts.

Millions of dollars have been raised in the name of the Katrina victims. The United Jewish Communities, local federations throughout the United States and Canada, and their partners have raised at least \$14 million, including a \$500,000 donation given by the Baltimore-based Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation Inc. The Weinberg Foundation gave another \$500,000 to Catholic Relief Charities. A smaller, but no less inspiring, fund was raised by students of the Sacramento, CA Shalom School, which donated proceeds from sales of their Rosh Hashanah honey pots.

Educational aid for displaced students has come from Jewish organizations such as the Avi Chai Foundation, a group sending emergency grant money to the dozens of Jewish day schools that are admitting evacuees into their classrooms. And the Jewish Agency for Israel, MASA—the Gateway to Long-Term Israel Programs and Hillel are coordinating efforts to allow displaced students to take classes at Israeli universities.

I would also like to recognize the synagogues that are contributing their resources to the effort by providing housing, schooling and free synagogue memberships—even adopting other synagogues in impacted states damaged by the storm.

But the Jewish assistance provided to the victims of Hurricane Katrina does not stop at our borders. The State of Israel has been incredibly generous as well, donating 80 tons of supplies including 15 tons of bottled water, 4 tons of rations, 4 tons of diapers, 1 ton of baby food, Medical supplies including adult and children's wheelchairs and