

speed-skating tradition, Alex Izykowski and fellow USOC athletes J.P. Kepka, Apolo Anton Ohno, and Rusty Smith won the Bronze Medal in the 5,000 meter relay. Also representing the United States on the speed-skating track were Kip Carpenter and Anthony Lobello in the 500 meters and Kimberly Derrick in the 3,000 meter relay and the 1,000 meter. Derrick competed courageously in the 1000 meter after losing her grandfather the day before that event.

Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto provided an especially gratifying moment in securing the first medal in ice dancing for the United States since 1976. Belbin and Agosto, skating in their first Olympics, won the highest medal the United States has ever received in ice dancing. Jamie Silverstein and Ryan O'Meara also represented the United States with grace and an abundance of pride. Training in Michigan at the same rink as Belbin, Agosto, Silverstein, and O'Meara were Canadian ice dance pair Megan Wing and Aaron Lowe. The U.S. pairs skating team of Marcy Hinzmann and Aaron Parchem from Bloomfield Hills demonstrated the skill and talent necessary to compete in this challenging sport.

The U.S. cross-country ski team included four Northern Michigan University alumni. First-time Olympians Chris Cook, Abby Larson, Lindsey Weier, and Lindsay Williams each took on the challenge of multiple events in one of the most grueling disciplines in the Winter Olympics. The Luge and Bobsled teams were led by Olympic veterans from Michigan. Waterford native Jean Prahm competed as the driver for the bobsled with partner Vonetta Flowers. Four-time Olympian and two-time medalist Mark Grimmette competed in the doubles luge.

The U.S. women's hockey team won the Bronze Medal by defeating Finland by a score of 4 to 0. Angela Ruggiero, a three time Olympian from Harper Woods, played in all five games as a defenseman, scoring two goals and tallying four assists to help the U.S. win the Bronze.

In men's hockey, Team U.S.A. was represented by Chris Chelios and Mathieu Schneider of the Detroit Redwings and by several other U.S. players with ties to Michigan, including John-Michael Liles, Derian Hatcher, Mike Knuble, Mike Modano, Brian Rafalski, Doug Weight, and Brian Rolston. Nine other Detroit Redwings participated in the Olympic games representing their home countries. Thomas Holmstrom, Niklas Kronwall, Nicklas Lidstrom, Stefan Liv, Mikael Samuelsson, and Henrik Zetterberg provided the nucleus of the Sweden team that won the Gold. Robert Lang assisted the Czech Republic team to a Bronze Medal finish. In addition, Pavel Datsyuk represented Russia, and Kris Draper represented Canada.

I know I speak for all Michiganians in expressing appreciation and congratulations to all of the Michigan ath-

letes, coaches, and administrators who took part in the 2006 Winter Olympic games. The games last a few short weeks, but the memories will be ingrained in the minds of all who saw them and shared vicariously in the efforts of these great athletes. For their commitment, drive, and competitive spirit, I congratulate all the athletes of the 2006 Olympic games, but it is with particular pride that I salute the athletes from Michigan.●

TRIBUTE TO OFFICERS FIGHTING AGAINST METH EPIDEMIC

CAPTAIN THOMAS M. JACKSON

SERGEANT STACEY MURLEY

● Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, today I wish to salute Captain Thomas M. Jackson and Sergeant Stacey Murley, Missourians who have valiantly fought against the meth epidemic and who strive every day to make their community safer from this drug menace. I commend each of them for their exemplary service, and join the Office of National Drug Control Policy in honoring them for their efforts.

Sergeant Murley, under the command of Captain Jackson, has run a chemical diversion task force that has disrupted the precursor market for meth cooks throughout the country. In the past 4 years alone, the task force has accounted for the seizure of over 300,000 cold tablets that were undoubtedly going to be used in the manufacture of methamphetamine. These cases have led to nearly a thousand arrests and hundreds of State and Federal cases. The members of the task force work daily to identify meth cooks as they shop at hundreds of stores throughout St. Louis County for common household items used to manufacture meth. Because of their dedication, these officers have been able to locate hundreds of clandestine labs in Missouri and Illinois.

Mr. President, the efforts of Captain Jackson and Sergeant Murley have been essential in fighting the proliferation of methamphetamine in Missouri and throughout the United States. I am honored to share their accomplishments with my colleagues, and I wish them all the best for the future.●

SHERIFF JOHN J. JORDAN

● Mr. President, I also salute Sheriff John J. Jordan, a Missourian who has valiantly fought against the meth epidemic and who strives every day to make his community safer from this drug menace. I commend him for his exemplary service and join the Office of National Drug Control Policy in honoring him for his efforts.

In 2000, Sheriff Jordan worked to establish the Missouri Sheriff's Methamphetamine Relief Team, MOSMART, in cooperation with Missouri sheriffs and regional task forces to fight the growing problem of methamphetamine in Missouri. The project continues to offer vital assistance to sheriffs and rural drug task forces in their fight

against clandestine methamphetamine laboratories.

This program has helped to hire officers throughout the State and train them to investigate and dismantle thousands of labs across Missouri. Sheriff Jordan's advocacy has been instrumental in providing rural sheriffs' departments and local task forces with the resources they need to tackle the meth problem.

Mr. President, the efforts of Sheriff Jordan has been essential in fighting the proliferation of methamphetamine in Missouri and throughout the United States. I am honored to share his accomplishments with my colleagues, and I wish him all the best for the future.●

CAPTAIN KEVIN M. O'SULLIVAN

● Mr. President, I now salute Captain Kevin M. O'Sullivan, a Missourian who has valiantly fought against the meth epidemic and who strives every day to make his community safer from this drug menace. I commend him for his exemplary service and join the Office of National Drug Control Policy in honoring him for his efforts.

Captain O'Sullivan is the head of the Metro Meth Task Force, one of the oldest methamphetamine lab task forces in the State. This task force has been working meth labs for over a decade and has been a leader for other task forces in the State. The Metro Meth Task Force has formed great partnerships with numerous State and local agencies in Missouri and has worked with the State of Kansas in tracking meth lab operators across State lines. The Metro Meth Task Force is a shining example of cooperation in the fight against meth labs.

Mr. President, the efforts of Captain O'Sullivan has been essential in fighting the proliferation of methamphetamine in Missouri and throughout the United States. I am honored to share his accomplishments with my colleagues, and I wish him all the best for the future.●

CHIEF BRADLEY W. HARRIS

● Mr. President, I also salute Unit Chief Bradley W. Harris, a Missourian who has valiantly fought against the meth epidemic and who strives every day to make his community safer from this drug menace. I commend him for his exemplary service and join the Office of National Drug Control Policy in honoring him for his efforts.

In order to address concerns from multiple law enforcement agencies around the State about the problems associated with cleaning up meth labs, Chief Harris developed a State meth lab cleanup program that has developed into a national model. After securing funding from the EPA, Chief Harris established a program to ensure that the State of Missouri safely and legally removes and destroys the hazardous waste removed from meth labs. This program allows State and local officers who have received training to safely transport hazardous waste to 1

of 20 containers in the State that are operated by local fire and law enforcement officials and maintained by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Since the first container was opened in October 1998, the 20 containers have processed meth lab waste from 9,525 labs across the State. This accounts for 378,491 pounds of hazardous waste and has saved the State approximately \$22 million over conventional waste handling.

Mr. President, the efforts of Chief Harris has been essential in fighting the proliferation of methamphetamine in Missouri and throughout the United States. I am honored to share his accomplishments with my colleagues, and I wish him all the best for the future.●

SERGEANT JASON J. GRELLNER

● Mr. President, I wish to salute SGT Jason J. Grellner, a Missourian who has valiantly fought against the meth epidemic and who strives every day to make his community safer from this drug menace. I commend him for his exemplary service and join the Office of National Drug Control Policy in honoring him for his efforts.

Sergeant Grellner, in his work for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and the Franklin County Narcotics Enforcement Unit, has been influential in efforts to curb meth production. His unit within the sheriff's department has implemented many local and statewide programs aimed at stopping meth labs as well as ending and preventing addiction to substance abuse. These programs include CHEM, Companies Helping Eliminate Meth; PARTY, Peers Acting Responsibly in Teenage Years; the Franklin County Families in Transition Program; and the Anhydrous Ammonia Tank Lock Program.

Sergeant Grellner has contributed to the vigilant enforcement of meth laws in Franklin County, leading to the investigation and seizure of over 650 labs. As part of several State task forces and State and national coalitions, he has helped to bring together prevention, rehabilitation, and law enforcement experts to fight to keep Missouri safe from meth labs.

Mr. President, the efforts of Sergeant Grellner has been essential in fighting the proliferation of methamphetamine in Missouri and throughout the United States. I am honored to share his accomplishments with my colleagues, and I wish him all the best for the future.●

SERGEANT SONYA ZIMMERLE

● Mr. President, I salute SGT Sonya Zimmerle, a Missourian who has valiantly fought against the meth epidemic and who strives every day to make her community safer from this drug menace. I commend her for her exemplary service and join the Office of National Drug Control Policy in honoring her for his efforts.

In her current assignment with the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, Sergeant Zimmerle has assisted in the creation and maintenance of the Multi-

Jurisdictional Narcotics Task Force and Drug Endangered Children Task Force, which have served as vital resources for numerous law enforcement and government officials in Missouri. Additionally, Sergeant Zimmerle has been an integral component of a multistate working group that has sought to address the proliferation of methamphetamine throughout the country and is responsible for disseminating significant information shared by the group's members and maintaining cohesiveness as the membership continues to grow.

Mr. President, the efforts of Sergeant Zimmerle has been essential in fighting the proliferation of methamphetamine in Missouri and throughout the United States. I am honored to share her accomplishments with my colleagues, and I wish her all the best for the future.●

MAJOR JAMES F. KEATHLEY

CAPTAIN RONALD K. REPLOGLE

● Mr. President, I also wish to salute MAJ James F. Keathley and CPT Ronald K. Replogle, Missourians who have valiantly fought against the meth epidemic and who strive every day to make their communities safer from this drug menace. I commend each of them for their exemplary service and join the Office of National Drug Control Policy in honoring them for their efforts.

As the current and past directors of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control, Major Keathley and Captain Replogle have been instrumental in bringing much needed training to State and local officers regarding the safe investigation and handling of hazardous materials involved with methamphetamine labs. Through a partnership with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the Missouri State Highway Patrol has been able to provide clandestine methamphetamine lab training to over 800 law enforcement officers throughout the country. They have been instrumental in securing funding to help fund local multijurisdictional task forces throughout the State.

As members of State and Federal narcotics agents' coalitions, they represent officers throughout the country who have been on the front lines of the meth battle for over a decade. Through this involvement, they have influenced the national debate on comprehensive methamphetamine legislation and assisted in passing the Combat Meth Act.

Mr. President, the efforts of Major Keathley and Captain Replogle have been essential in fighting the proliferation of methamphetamine in Missouri and throughout the United States. I am honored to share their accomplishments with my colleagues, and I wish them all the best for the future.●

HONORING ROCKY FLATS COALITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

● Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I wish to honor and celebrate the accomplish-

ments and service of an outstanding civic organization, the Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments. Having accomplished its task of working with Federal and State officials to transform Rocky Flats from a nuclear weapons facility to a wildlife refuge, the coalition will cease to exist on March 6, 2006. It is fitting that we pause to reflect on and to learn from the record of service and success of the governments and people of this coalition.

The Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments was established in February 1999 by agreement of the seven local governments that neighbored the Rocky Flats nuclear production site in central Colorado—Boulder County, Jefferson County, the city and county of Broomfield, the city of Arvada, the city of Boulder, the city of Westminster, and the town of Superior. The coalition was formed to serve as the representative of these local communities and to advise the State and Federal governments in the cleanup and closure of Rocky Flats and the future use of the site.

Since its inception, the coalition has provided an effective vehicle for communities to work together on issues such as workforce safety, outreach, and advocacy, as well as future use and long-term stewardship of the site. The Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments created a forum for governments and elected officials to come together to proactively discuss and address extremely complex issues and contributed to a rapid, successful, and cost effective resolution. The Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments has shown us by example what can be accomplished through effective advocacy expressed in a spirit of cooperation.

As Colorado's attorney general, I worked closely with the coalition to refine cleanup standards to better match community interests. Together, we developed strategies to address long-term management needs of Rocky Flats, issues concerning mineral rights, and other concerns central to the protection of Rocky Flats as an asset for future generations. The coalition also worked with Senator ALLARD and Congressman UDALL in developing and securing the passage of The Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge Act of 2001, one of their most significant achievements, and a milestone in the history of the Rocky Flats cleanup.

I rise today not only to recognize the Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments but also to celebrate the successful completion of its work and to acknowledge the significance of the coalition's accomplishments to the State of Colorado and to the Nation. The site has come a long way since the closure of the weapons plant that once stood there. After years of cleanup, hazardous material disposal, and rehabilitation, the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons facility is well on its way to becoming the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.