

period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### HONORING DR. BRUCE McMILLAN

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a constituent, Dr. Bruce McMillan, director of the Illinois State Museum, and congratulate him on his retirement.

Dr. McMillan began his career at the Illinois State Museum in 1969 as associate curator of anthropology. Since becoming director in 1977, Dr. McMillan has guided the museum through an expansion from two to six facilities throughout Illinois.

The Illinois State Museum serves the State of Illinois through its excellence in interdisciplinary research and its commitment to innovation in exhibits and education. With collections in the natural sciences, anthropology, and art, the museum tells the story of the land, life, people, and art of Illinois.

Dr. McMillan has brought to his work a true passion for research, travel, and the outdoors. Those who know him best call him a natural leader who inspires those around him to do things they would never try on their own. An avid outdoorsman, Dr. McMillan has led yearly field trips for friends and colleagues, including one to the dry shelters of Arkansas that has become legend amongst his friends.

Known to be a sports enthusiast, Dr. McMillan has played in the Springfield senior softball league for years and has admirably represented Illinois in the Senior Olympics. He is supported by his wife Virginia and his three children in all of his many varied pursuits.

Through his decades of service as director of the Illinois State Museum, Dr. Bruce McMillan has promoted discovery, learning, and an appreciation of Illinois' heritage. Under his leadership, the Illinois State Museum has become one of the premier State museums in the country, and the legacy he has created will continue to benefit the State of Illinois in the years to come.

Mr. President, I congratulate Dr. Bruce McMillan on his many accomplishments throughout his long and successful career, and I wish him many more years of happiness and accomplishment in retirement.

#### HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MATTHEW LEE BERTOLINO

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to PFC Matthew Lee Bertolino of Hampstead, NH, for his service and supreme sacrifice for his country.

Matthew, a 2003 graduate of Pinkerton Academy, Derry, New Hampshire, entered the Marine Corps through the Marine Corps Delayed Entry Program on September 30, 2004. He started his initial training on Janu-

ary 26, 2005, at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC. Upon completion of his training he became an infantry marine with an 0351 assaultman specialty. His awards include the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Expert Rifleman Medal.

Tragically, on February 9, 2006, this courageous young marine, only 20 years of age, died as a result of a non-hostile accident while operating as part of a combat patrol near Jalalabad, Afghanistan. At the time Private First Class Bertolino was serving with A Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force which was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom—Afghanistan.

Patriots from the State of New Hampshire have served our Nation with honor and distinction from Bunker Hill to Afghanistan—and Matthew served in that fine tradition. Daniel Webster said: God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it. Matthew was one of those proud and dedicated volunteers who chose to serve our Nation, and guard our precious liberty, and for that we will always owe our sincere gratitude.

Family, friends, and fellow marines will no longer be able to enjoy the company of PFC Matthew Lee Bertolino. Yet memories of this young patriot will last forever with those who were fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to know him. He realized a calling for a higher service and chose to employ his considerable talents in the service of his country. He understood that the freedoms and opportunities provided by this Nation need continuous defense and that they are among the most precious gifts he can give to his family and loved ones. We honor Matthew for the dedication he has shown to his family and our Nation. Because of his efforts, the liberty of this country is made more secure.

#### CONGRATULATING LOYOLA SACRED HEART SPEECH AND DEBATE

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, on January 27 and 28, a remarkable group of students from Loyola Sacred Heart High School in Missoula, MT, won the State B-C Title for Speech and Debate. This is the 23rd consecutive State championship for this squad. I rise today to congratulate this team on their hard work and success.

Loyola's accomplishment is truly remarkable. Out of 50 schools competing at the State Tournament, Loyola's squad of 26 students scored 167 points. Twenty-one of these twenty six earned medals. And Paul Stergios and Paul Dallapiazza were the State champions in team debate, while Dan Evans took home the gold in extemporaneous speaking.

These events, which focus on current events and policy, are a fantastic educational tool for students to learn about their world and their government. In fact, I have several former Montana team debaters on my staff, including a former State champion in team debate.

By winning its 23rd straight State championship, the Loyola Sacred Heart speech and debate team extends its State record for the most consecutive titles in any division in any activity. A lot of things have changed since they won their first title in 1984, but the success enjoyed by Loyola Sacred Heart in speech and debate has remained consistent. Since 1981, over 1,000 students have competed for Loyola Sacred Heart and the team has produced 34 individual State champions and over 225 medalists.

Students competed in two debate events—team debate and Lincoln-Douglas debate—and seven individual public speaking events—extemporaneous speaking, impromptu speaking, original oratory, memorized public address, expository speaking, serious oral interpretation of literature, and humorous oral interpretation of literature.

I congratulate head coach Matt Stergios and his team for their continued success in attaining their 23rd consecutive State title. Matt has coached the team since 1981. His daughter Sarah won gold last year, and his son Paul won this year.

Loyola Sacred Heart Speech and debate 39-person divisional and State team roster: Michael Breuer, Mary Callahan-Baumstark, Nick Corn, Paul Dallapiazza, Jason Dark, Justin Dart, Miles Dauterive, Erin Demerle, Jasen Devoe, Liz Diehl, Ryne Dougherty, Brian Doyle, Kyle Doyle, Matt Eddy, John Eikens, Dan Evans, Andrew Fortunate, Brian Geer, Sarah Giuliani, Megan Hess-Homier, Joe Hurd, Julie Hurd, Erik Kappelman, Tricia Karsky, Ian Kefler, Emilie Loran, Kathleen Lowery, Emily Mihalic, Nick Mihalic, Katie Neher, Alice Phoenix, Charlie Pritchard, Mariah Rys-Sikora, Joe Sanders, Paul Stergios, Will Taylor, Madison Unsworth, James Winegart, and Chris Yoder.

Head coach: Matthew Stergios

Assistant coaches: Sarah Jennings, Charles Hansberry, Theresa Stergios and Jessica Weinert.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### HONORING TRANSP

• Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today to applaud the Transportation Corporation in South Bend, IN, for its decision to use biofuels to power the South Bend public transit system, the second largest public transit system in all of Indiana. This is good news for the environment and good news for the economy. By using biofuels to power South Bend's public buses, Indiana is

setting an example for the rest of the Nation and leading the way on the path to greater energy security.

Ending our dependence on foreign oil is one of the defining challenges of our generation and it's going to affect America for generations to come. It will affect our economy, our finances, our Nation's security and, ultimately, the kind of world our children inherit from us.

If we learned anything from September 11, it is that we can no longer afford to be dependent on places like Saudi Arabia, Russia, and Venezuela for our energy supply. Yet unfortunately, we are more dependent on foreign oil from hostile countries today than we were on September 11—making us more vulnerable and putting the United States in the uniquely disturbing and intolerable position of bankrolling both sides in the war on terror.

By tapping the energy potential of Indiana's farm fields, we can ensure a reliable domestic energy supply to meet our Nation's needs while ending our reliance on unstable countries for their oil and, at the same time, creating thousands of jobs for Hoosier farmers. South Bend's buses will run on B20 soy biodiesel, a clean renewable fuel that creates a new market for Indiana's 28,000 soybean farmers. Indiana's farmers represent some of the very best of our State's traditions and history, and I am proud that they will be our partners as we chart a path to energy independence in the 21st century.

Although it may seem daunting, we can reduce our dependence on oil. Brazil has announced that it expects to be energy independent by the end of the year by fulfilling its energy needs in part from domestically produced biofuels. If they can do it, so can we. And here in Indiana, we are beginning to understand the power and potential of renewable energy sources. Last year, the Indy Racing League announced its decision to use ethanol in its IndyCars. Beginning in 2006, all IndyCars will race on an ethanol-blend before switching to 100 percent ethanol fuel the following year. If a high performance vehicle running on ethanol can win the Brickyard, surely ethanol is good enough for the family minivan, too.

Today's announcement builds on Indiana's prominent leadership role in the country's growing renewable fuel industry. If cities around the country would follow South Bend's lead, step-by-step we could move towards energy independence.

Here in the Senate, I have introduced bipartisan legislation aimed at breaking America's dependence on foreign oil by reducing our use of oil by 7 million barrels a day by 2026. My legislation would achieve that goal by creating incentives to encourage the use of alternative fuels like those being used by TRANSPO and promoting greater energy efficiency. A key part of accomplishing this goal involves in-

creasing America's use of biofuels through significant increases in tax credits and grants. By letting America's farmers produce America's fuel, we will help truly set our country free.

I want to thank South Bend and TRANSPO for showing us how to start making that progress.●

#### RONALD SEAWRIGHT OF ST. LOUIS

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the achievements of an exceptional Missouri student.

Second grader Ronald Seawright of St. Louis has taken it upon himself to lead his peers in the St. Louis Public School District in an effort to end school violence, particularly bullying. Using his personal experiences at Laclede Elementary School during his first grade year, Ronald published a short book entitled "The Bully," which he hopes will guide other students to free themselves from bullying.

Ronald's book, "The Bully," explains who bullies are and what they do, as well as how to respond when you are frightened by a bully. Ronald's advice is sound: do not suffer the intimidation of a bully. He stresses the importance of communicating to trusted adults in order to help students overcome peer violence and abuse in its early stages before the school's learning environment is disrupted.

With the aid of his mother and local leaders, Ronald continues to spread his message. On March 14, 2006, public schools across the city of St. Louis are celebrating Live Bully-Free Day. Ronald has invited other school children to join him in learning the personal and social skills necessary to protect themselves from bullies, gangs, and their tactics. Ronald deserves to be commended not only for his courage but also for his great service and leadership in our community.

Mr. President, I encourage you and other Members of the Senate to join me in recognizing the initiative of this brave and creative young man, Ronald Seawright.●

#### IN MEMORIAM TO SAM CHU LIN

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to honor the life of Sam Chu Lin, who broke new ground as one of the first Asian American journalists. Mr. Chu Lin passed away on March 5, 2006, at the age of 67.

Mr. Chu Lin was born and raised in Mississippi. He had a lifelong interest in news and journalism. When he was a teenager, Mr. Chu Lin would listen to the radio at night, emulating the voices of the top broadcasters. His practice paid off in 1956, when he convinced his hometown radio station in Greenville, MS, that he could find sponsors and host a show of his own. Mr. Chu Lin later attended Michigan State University, where he received degrees in journalism and communications.

In the 1960s, Mr. Chu Lin began his career as a journalist, working as a re-

porter and anchor at television and radio stations, including KRON-TV in the San Francisco Bay area, and KTLA Channel 5 and KFWB radio, both in Los Angeles. In the 1970s, he became one of the first Asian-American journalists to rise from local to network news, working for CBS News in New York. While at CBS, Mr. Chu Lin reported to a national television audience the historic news that the Vietnam War was over.

Throughout his career, Mr. Chu Lin demonstrated his versatility as a reporter. He interviewed Presidents and world leaders, and he covered earthquakes and other natural disasters. In the late 1980s, he reported from China about the government crackdown on the Tiananmen Square demonstration for democracy. Since 1995, Mr. Chu Lin worked at KTTV Fox 11 News in Los Angeles. In addition, he wrote numerous articles about Asian-American affairs for news publications such as Asian Week, Rafu Shimpo, the Nichi Bei Times, and the San Francisco Examiner. He was also a regular contributor to KQED radio in San Francisco.

Over the years, Mr. Chu Lin was the recipient of many awards and accolades from prestigious organizations, including the Associated Press, United Press International, the Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Greater Los Angeles Press Club, and the Radio and Television News Association. As a strong advocate for Asian-Pacific-Americans and their contributions throughout history, Mr. Chu Lin was also the recipient of many awards from Asian-Pacific-American organizations, most recently the 2005 Spirit of America Award from the Chinese American Citizens Alliance.

Sam Chu Lin believed that journalism should be educational, and that "informing and helping others is what makes journalism exciting." He felt that journalism was a "chance to use your roots for a positive purpose." In his reports, articles, and stories, it was evident that Mr. Chu Lin did just that. He was a tireless advocate on behalf of the Asian-Pacific-American community, whether he was producing documentaries on the Asian-Pacific American experience or speaking to organizations about the importance of civic participation. His contributions to the field of journalism, especially within the Asian-Pacific-American community, will not be forgotten.

Mr. Chu Lin is survived by his wife, Judy; his two sons, Mark and Christopher; and his mother. I extend my deepest sympathies to his family.

Sam Chu Lin was a pioneer among Asian-American journalists, and he will be missed by all who knew him. We take comfort in knowing that future generations will benefit from his tenacity, his strength and his desire to make America a better place to live.●