

add my sincere appreciation for the tireless efforts of these men and women for their continued advocacy on behalf of those in need of a helping hand.●

RETIREMENT OF DR. STEPHEN JOEL TRACHTENBERG

● Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I want to pay tribute to an exceptional man who is retiring in July, after 19 years of impeccable service to the George Washington University, GW.

Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, 68, became the 15th president of GW on August 1, 1988. A native of Brooklyn, NY, President Trachtenberg earned a bachelor of arts degree from Columbia University in 1959, the juris doctor from Yale University in 1962, and the master of public administration degree from Harvard University in 1966. In 1968, he was selected as a Winston Churchill Traveling Fellow for study in Oxford, England.

He came to GW from the University of Hartford, Connecticut, where he had been president for 11 years. Before assuming the presidency of Hartford, President Trachtenberg served for 8 years at Boston University as vice president for academic services and academic dean of the college of liberal arts. Earlier, in Washington, DC, he was a special assistant for 2 years to the U.S. Education Commissioner, Department of Health, Education and Welfare. He has been an attorney with the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and a legislative aide to former Indiana Congressman John Brademas.

Just a few of the highlights in his career include the following: President Trachtenberg was named one of the top 100 leaders in the American Academy in a 1978 Change magazine poll. He received a 1987 Human Relations Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews. In 1988, the Connecticut Bar Association honored him with its Distinguished Public Service Award, and he was recognized by the Hartford NAACP for his contributions to the education of minority students. In 1992, he received the Hannah G. Solomon Award from the National Council of Jewish Women. In 1993, the Washington, DC, Urban League named him "Father of the Year." And in 1992 and 2007, he received the Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards.

President Trachtenberg has served the GW community as a drum major for change and has led by example a commitment to public, civic, and personal service. Throughout the years, he has worked tirelessly in honoring and enhancing the symbiotic relationship between the University and the District of Columbia, supporting and mentoring students, and leading and advocating for reinvention, change, and civic engagement. He has worked successfully for almost two decades to propel GW further into the first ranks of world-class institutions of higher learning.

As a result of President Trachtenberg's efforts, the number of

applications for undergraduate admission more than tripled, from 6,000 in 1988 to almost 20,000 in 2006, while the university's acceptance rate of these applicants was reduced by two-thirds. President Trachtenberg made financial aid for students a priority so that today the university offers nearly nine times, \$113 million, as much financial aid to incoming students as was offered in 1988.

It can confidently be said that the university's faculty now comprises experts on topics ranging from administrative law to zoology and contribute to scholarly journals, law reviews, and media outlets on a regular basis. The university's sponsored research enterprise has quadrupled from \$33 million in expenditures in 1988 to \$132 million in expenditures in 2006. Through President Trachtenberg's efforts, GW has significantly upgraded its information technology and library system which now contains more than 2,000,000 volumes and is a member of the prestigious Association of Research Libraries.

Under President Trachtenberg's unprecedented leadership, the university robustly developed academic, residential, and recreational facilities on campus—including the opening of the Media and Public Affairs Building and the establishment within of the Luther W. Brady Art Gallery in 2001, the Annette and Theodore Lerner Health and Wellness Center in 2001, GW Hospital in 2002, 1957 E Street, the new home of GW's Elliott School of International Affairs and Geography Department in 2002, and Ric and Dawn Duques Hall, the new home of GW's Business School in 2006—in a way that served the institution's scholarly and other programmatic needs while respecting the interests of its Foggy Bottom neighbors.

President Trachtenberg's commitment to the enhancement of academic and other space on campus supported the renovation and expansion of the law school complex, begun in 2000 and completed in 2006, the renovation of Morton and Norma Lee Funger Hall, dedicated in February 2006, and improvements of the Cloyd Heck Marvin Center including the addition of the Marc C. Abrahms Great Hall, dedicated in December 2002, and the renovation of J Street dining facilities, opened August 2004.

President Trachtenberg also spearheaded a campus beautification effort that transformed a series of city streets into a cohesive and vibrant urban campus with the addition of the Mid-Campus Quad, Kogan Plaza, pocket parks, and outdoor sculptures.

President Trachtenberg presides over the District of Columbia's largest private employer. And to support all the foregoing, President Trachtenberg oversaw two decades of balanced budgets, and the increase in the university endowment from \$200 million in 1988 to more than \$1 billion in 2007.

In 1989, President Trachtenberg created the 21st Century DC Scholars Pro-

gram, now the Stephen Joel Trachtenberg Scholars, which has granted almost 100 full scholarships, representing over \$13 million, to students from the DC Public Schools to attend GW. Under Trachtenberg's leadership, GW's Multicultural Student Services Center was named and has become a strong center for cultural awareness and celebrations, student development, and diversity training. Additionally, the Office of Community Service was created in 1992 and has become a focal point for civic engagement for the Washington DC community. His dedication to civic service is reflected throughout the university, which was named a "college with a conscience" in 2005 by Princeton Review, and most recently in the top 10 schools sending students to the Peace Corps.

His passion and demonstrated commitment to DC—the city, the schools, the business community and its residents—are unparalleled and have been recognized on several occasions by the District of Columbia Mayor, City Council and Chamber of Commerce. President Trachtenberg has received numerous accolades from across the Nation and abroad for his service, vision, intellect, wit, and compassion. Thanks to President Trachtenberg, GW went from being one of the best kept secrets in town to being one of the best known and most admired global universities.●

CONGRATULATING GILAD JANKLOWICZ

● Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I wish today to honor Gilad Janklowicz from the great State of Hawaii in recognition of his induction into the National Fitness Hall of Fame in Chicago on Saturday, March 17, 2007.

Gilad, a longtime resident of our beautiful State, is a pioneer in the fitness industry and one of the world's most popular fitness personalities. For over 23 years, he has helped over 38 million viewers stay healthy through his award winning instructional home fitness videos and popular television programs, "Bodies in Motion," "Basic Training the Workout," and "Total Body Sculpt with Gilad." "Bodies in Motion," which is filmed on location in the Hawaiian islands, is the longest running fitness show in the United States and was chosen as the No. 1 TV fitness program in the world by Self magazine.

Since his years as a high school athlete where he excelled in track and field, Gilad has devoted his life to fitness and become a leading proponent of the fitness movement. His efforts to raise awareness of the importance of maintaining a regular fitness program along with a nutritional diet and proper medical care have helped millions around the world. Let me be the first to extend my warmest congratulations to Gilad Janklowicz for his well-deserved induction into the Fitness Hall

of Fame. His life and work truly embody the aloha spirit of our State and serve as an example to us all. Mahalo.●

TRIBUTE TO HOOSIER ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I wish today to share with my colleagues the winners of the 2006–2007 Dick Lugar/Indiana Farm Bureau/Farm Bureau Insurance Companies Youth Essay Contest.

In 1985, I joined with the Indiana Farm Bureau to sponsor an essay contest for eighth grade students in my home State. The purpose of this contest is to encourage young Hoosiers to recognize and appreciate the importance of Indiana agriculture in their lives and subsequently craft an essay responding to the assigned theme. I, along with my friends at the Indiana Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, am pleased with the annual response to this contest and the quality of the essays received over the years.

I congratulate Courtney Larson, of Bartholomew County, and Chad VanLiew, of Jackson County, as winners of this year's contest. I ask that the complete text of their respective essays be printed in the RECORD. Likewise, I would like to include the names of all of the district and county winners of the 2006–2007 Dick Lugar/Indiana Farm Bureau/Farm Bureau Insurance Companies Youth Essay Contest.

The material follows.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

FEEDING OUR BODIES, FUELING THE FUTURE
(By Courtney Larson)

Throughout the world there are many farmers working in their fields to provide people in America and other countries with food and alternate forms of fuel. Students in Indiana would like to thank the farmers in Indiana and other states for the sacrifices that they make in order to provide these goods for us. Without this supply of food and fuel, America would be different from what it is today.

Farmers in the United States feed over three-hundred million people in the United States every year, along with millions of people in other countries. The major crops that are grown in Indiana consist of beans, corn, and wheat. Besides converting the crops into food, they can also be used to make alternative fuels such as ethanol and biodiesel.

Alternative fuels such as ethanol and biodiesel can be used to power farmer's equipment along with cars and trucks. These fuels reduce emissions and make the United States less dependant on foreign oil. One of the popular alternative fuels produced in Indiana is soy diesel. This type of fuel is a little more expensive than regular diesel, but it is a cleaner product and it is more expensive because the amount of soybeans that can be converted into fuel is limited. This is not the only alternative fuel farmers have come up with, but is one of the cleanest and will help keep us from destroying the earth by reducing pollution.

Overall, Indiana farmers will play a role in the future of America whether it's feeding

them or providing a source of fuel. With all the crops farmers are now producing, America will not go hungry in the near future and will have a cleaner environment by using alternative fuels.

FEEDING OUR BODIES, FUELING THE FUTURE
(By Chad VanLiew)

For hundreds of years Indiana farmers have been feeding the minds and bodies of Americans. Additionally, Indiana farmers are now being called upon for another equally important purpose—fueling the future. Indiana farmers are now being asked to play a huge part in the push to help the United States gain energy independence from foreign countries.

Just as American automakers are producing more fuel efficient vehicles, Americans need to switch to more environmentally friendly fuels, like biodiesel and ethanol, to run these resourceful automobiles. Indiana farmers can serve as a primary source of corn and soybeans, which will be used to produce these renewable fuels.

These two emerging fuel sources will increase the market for corn and soybeans, enabling Indiana farmers to see higher profits. This will in turn allow farmers to re-invest in new techniques for increased production of these important Indiana crops. Increased crop production will lead to an improvement in the Indiana economy due to the increasing demands for food and energy production by the American people. Indiana farmers are in this unique position because they can provide the products needed both to feed our citizens and fuel our means of transportation.

Because biodiesel is the cleanest alternative fuel available, the United States needs to switch. Indiana is fourth in the nation in soybean production. Indiana farmers will play a major role in the production of renewable biodiesel and ethanol. America needs to switch to home grown fuel, so we can become energy independent. Indiana farmers will then be not only feeding our bodies, but fueling our future.

2006–2007 DISTRICT ESSAY WINNERS
DISTRICT 1

Elizabeth Quinn, Highland and Matthew Thomas, Elkhart.

DISTRICT 2

Kyrsten Bonine, Fort Wayne and Matthew Hamlin, Kendallville.

DISTRICT 3

Antonio Arzola, Logansport and Lesley Park, Rensselaer.

DISTRICT 4

Kayla Priday, Kokomo and Jacob Mossburg, Uniondale.

DISTRICT 5

Fayaaz Khatri, Brownsburg and Hannah Chew, Cayuga.

DISTRICT 6

Trent Van Winkle, Indianapolis and Molly Scripture, Richmond.

DISTRICT 7

Quinton Heffner, Center Point and Lillian Hayhurst, Terre Haute.

DISTRICT 8

Courtney Larson, Columbus and Alex McCool, Brookville.

DISTRICT 9

Mark Turner, Princeton and Sarah Smotherman, New Harmony.

DISTRICT 10

Chad VanLiew, Seymour and Koralyssa Graham, Batesville.

2006–2007 COUNTY ESSAY WINNERS
ADAMS

Corey Marbach and Hannah Conrad, St. Peter Immanuel Lutheran School.

ALLEN

Ryan Spieth, St. Louis Academy, and Kyrsten Bonine, Ascension Lutheran School.

BARTHOLOMEW

Conner Bonnell and Courtney Larson, Central Middle School.

BENTON

Trent Hasser, Benton Central Junior High School, and Sarah Dobson, Tri-County Middle School.

BROWN

Allison Wooton, Home School.

CASS

Antonio Arzola, Columbia Middle School, and Bailey Farrer, Pioneer Junior High School.

CLAY

Quinton Heffner and LaKyla Cook, Clay City Junior High School.

DEARBORN

Samuel Martin, Home School.

DEKALB

Colin Malcolm and Kathryn Conrad, Eastside Junior High School.

ELKHART

Michael Lenezzycki and Chloe Floyd, North Side Middle School.

FLOYD

Tyler Samples and Mary Beth Mattingly, Our Lady of Perpetual Help School.

FOUNTAIN

Julie McGrady, Fountain Central Junior High School.

FRANKLIN

Alex McCool and Megan Roberts, St. Michael School.

FULTON

Morgan Herrold, Caston Junior High School.

GIBSON

Mark Turner, Princeton Middle School.

GREENE

David Hestand and Ariel Fuller, Bloomfield Junior High School.

HAMILTON

Ben Mueller and Kaitlin Payne, Carmel Middle School.

HENDRICKS

Fayaaz Khatri, Brownsburg East Middle School, and Chandler Courtney, Tri West Middle School.

HENRY

Josh Rea and Danielle Reamer, Tri Junior High School.

HOWARD

Alec Smith and Kayla Priday, Northwestern Middle School.

JACKSON

Chad VanLiew and Ellyn Jones, Immanuel Lutheran School.

JASPER

Justin Cook and Lesley Park, Rensselaer Middle School.

JAY

Steve Alig and Elaine Hemmelgarn, East Jay Middle School.

JENNINGS

Sophia Biehle, St. Mary School.

JOHNSON

Nick Roeder and Lindsey Winneroski, Center Grove Middle School.

LAKE

Nicholas Vazquez and Elizabeth Quinn, Our Lady of Grace School.

MARION

Trent VanWinkle and Regina Huston, Immaculate Heart of Mary School.