

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

Fayaz 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 Koralysa 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 Lenezkycki 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

Fayaz 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.

MARSHALL

Josh Zehner and Amanda Master, St. Michael School.

MIAMI

Sarah Correll, Peru Junior High School.

MONROE

Danton Rogers and Danyelle Burton, Batchelor Middle School.

MORGAN

Dakota Owen and Kirsten Hardin, Eminence Junior High School.

NEWTON

Sadie Cole, Tri-County Middle School.

NOBLE

Matthew Hamlin and Anna Pasquali, Kendallville Middle School.

PARKE

Devon Gray and Chelsea Stone, Rockville Junior High School.

PERRY

Erika Hauenstein, Tell City Junior High School.

POSEY

Joey Priest, North Posey Junior High School, and Sarah Smotherman, New Harmony School.

PULASKI

Joyce Bangel, Winamac Community Middle School.

RANDOLPH

Matt Friend and Kristen West, Driver Middle School.

RIPLEY

Jack Gutzwiller and Koralysa Graham, St. Louis School.

ST. JOSEPH

Matthew Thomas and Mary Bonadies, St. Matthew Cathedral School.

SCOTT

Cyndll Harqis, Scottsburg Middle School.

SPENCER

Nick Pledger, Heritage Hills Middle School.

STARKE

Quinn Biddle and Lauren Jernas, Oregon-Davis Junior High School.

SULLIVAN

Brittany Bezy, Carlisle Junior High School.

TIPPECANOE

Claire Paschen, Klondike Middle School.

VERMILLION

Zane Yoho and Hannah Chew, North Vermillion Junior High School.

VIGO

Joseph Botros and Lillian Hayhurst, Honey Creek Middle School.

WABASH

Tanner McCarty, Northfield Junior High School, and Elizabeth Schilling, Manchester Junior High School.

WASHINGTON

Jeffrey Strother and Alandra Bishop, West Washington Junior High School.

WAYNE

Joel Stocksdales and Molly Scripture, Seton Catholic School.

WELLS

Jacob Mossburg, Home School, and Acacia Herr, Southern Wells Junior High School.

WHITE

Zeph Bickett and Alex Daker, Tri-County Middle School. •

the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:22 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 985. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify which disclosures of information are protected from prohibited personnel practices; to require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements to the effect that such policies, forms, and agreements are consistent with certain disclosure protections, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1254. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations.

H.R. 1255. An act to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records.

H.R. 1309. An act to promote openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 12:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1129. An act to provide for the construction, operation, and maintenance of an arterial road in St. Louis County, Missouri.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

At 3:37 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the house has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1362. An act to reform acquisition practices of the Federal Government.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 244, resolving that the following Members are hereby elected to the Joint Committee on Printing, to serve with the chair of the Committee on House Administration: Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. EHLERS, and Mr. MCCARTHY of California.

The following Members are hereby elected to the Joint Committee of Con-

gress on the Library, to serve with the chair of the Committee on House Administration: Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. EHLERS, and Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003 note, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, in addition to Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Chairman, appointed on January 12, 2007: Ms. SLAUGHTER of New York, Mr. MCINTYRE of North Carolina, Ms. SOLIS of California, Mr. BUTTERFIELD of North Carolina, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ADERHOLT of Alabama, Mr. PENCE of Indiana, and Mr. PITTS of Pennsylvania.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 985. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify which disclosures of information are protected from prohibited personnel practices; to require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements to the effect that such policies, forms, and agreements are consistent with certain disclosure protections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1254. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1255. An act to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1309. An act to promote openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1362. An act to reform acquisition practices of the Federal Government; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 95. A resolution designating March 25, 2007, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy".

S. Res. 96. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Harriett Woods will be remembered as a pioneer in women's politics.

S.J. Res. 5. A joint resolution proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously.

S. Con. Res. 14. A concurrent resolution commemorating the 85th anniversary of the founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, a leading association for the 1,300,000 United States

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to