

the Father Gabriel Richard High School sports banquet. He was being honored for coach of the year in both girls track and girls cross-country. He never made it but is remembered by the students and faculty at the school as a mentor, teacher, and friend.

Richard LaPensee, of Ypsilanti, fought fires for 18 years while serving as an emergency medical technician. He immediately jumped at the chance to work as a University of Michigan life flight medical technician 3 years ago. On Monday morning, Richard had just finished a 24-hour firefighter shift before embarking on the transplant flight.

Dr. David Ashburn, 35, of Dexter, was a cardiac surgery resident at the University of Michigan. He was looking to begin his pediatric cardiac surgery fellowship in July. Dr. Ashburn was a dedicated family man who enjoyed turkey hunting in the wilderness of Michigan.

Dr. Martinus Spoor, 37, of Ann Arbor, was a regular when it came to the air transplant business, making roughly 10 flights a year. Dr. Spoor was known by his friends and family as a "gentle and kind human being" and taught heart valve repair techniques to medical students.

Dennis Hoyes, 65, of Blackman Township, was a man who loved to fly. A retired small business owner, Dennis would often spend his days at the Jackson County Airport and worked as an adjunct flight instructor for Jackson Community College's aviation program. Dennis would always give a free lesson to anyone who asked.

Bill Serra, 59, of Macomb Township, had over 12,000 hours of flight time from small planes to 747s. During the Persian Gulf war, Bill worked as a civilian pilot delivering material and ammunition to U.S. forces. The Air Force honored Bill in 1993 for his dedicated service.

Our State of Michigan lost real heroes Monday—heroes who gave back to their communities without fanfare or personal gain, heroes who did their dangerous work out of passion, dedication, and a desire to make the world a better place.

Unfortunately, we often take these heroes for granted, forgetting that their dedication to service comes at life-threatening risk.

The stories of these six men serve as a proud reminder that all of us can give back, that all of us can contribute, and that there are heroes all around us in our communities, our families, and our States. Michigan can never express how proud we are of these individuals' service, and the Michigan family joins the Chenaults, the LaPensees, the Ashburns, the Spoor, the Hoyes, and the Serras in mourning the passing of these brave men.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

2007 WE THE PEOPLE NATIONAL FINALS

• Mr. DODD. Madam President, this April, more than 1,200 students from across the country visited Washington, DC, to take part in the national finals of We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution, an educational program developed to educate young people about the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the We the People program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education by act of Congress.

I am proud to announce that a class from Trumbull High School of Trumbull, CT, received an Honorable Mention Award at this prestigious national event. Seven Honorable Mention Awards were presented to schools placing 4th through 10th on the final day of competition. These outstanding students, through their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution, won their statewide competition and earned the chance to come to our Nation's Capitol and compete at the national level.

While in Washington, the students participated in a 3-day academic competition that simulates a congressional hearing in which they "testify" before a panel of judges. Students demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of constitutional principles as they evaluate, take, and defend positions on relevant historical and contemporary issues.

I am also pleased to note that the We the People curriculum is aligned with the National Standards for Civics and Government and correlates with the social studies standards of many states.

The names of these outstanding students from Trumbull High School are: Alexa Alexander, Akanksha Bajaj, Rebecca Chadwick, Chelsea Clyde, Ashley Cohen, Shane Connolly, Victoria Costello, Mulan Cui, Megan Denstedt, Jackson Dolan, Adam Drenkard, Mike Finik, George Fitzpatrick, Casey Gardiner, Blake Ludwig, Alex Mosello, Elisa Odoardi, Alison Ornitz, Matt Pankracij, Mary Santella, Jaclyn Siegel, Matt Socha, Edward Tillistrand, and Stephen Wagner.

I also wish to commend the teacher of the class, Mike Margonis, who is responsible for preparing these young constitutional experts for the national finals. Also worthy of special recognition are Jim Schmidt and Julie Jaquish, the State coordinators, and Lorna Gallagher, the district coordinator, who are among those responsible for implementing the We the People program in my state.

I congratulate these students on their exceptional achievement at the We the People national finals.●

TRIBUTE TO PEGGY WHITWORTH

• Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, today I would like to express my deep appre-

ciation to Peggy Whitworth, executive director of Iowa's only national trust property, Brucemore. Brucemore, located in Cedar Rapids, IA, is celebrating its 25th anniversary, and Peggy has been Brucemore's only executive director during that quarter century. During this time, her leadership, creativity, and "can-do" attitude have made Brucemore a model nonprofit organization and an eastern Iowa landmark.

This past December, Peggy was awarded the National Trust President's Award for her years of dedicated service to Brucemore, as well as for her advocacy of preservation. I would like to add my voice to those honoring Peggy and her work. She is respected not just in Iowa but across the country as a champion for preservation and the promotion of cultural attractions. Her labors on behalf of historical preservation have helped inspire people in other communities to preserve and honor the important architectural, cultural and historic contributions from our past.

Twenty five years ago, when Brucemore was bequeathed to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the idea was to use the mansion for community meetings and activities. That limited perspective did not last long. Under Peggy's leadership, Brucemore has come to offer a full schedule of events, including Bluesmore, Classics at Brucemore, Cabaret in the Courtyard, as well as tours of the mansion which draw nearly 30,000 people annually.

Peggy has also been active in promoting culture and tourism attractions as an economic development tool. In addition to her work at Brucemore, Peggy has served five terms on the Iowa State Historical Society board, including chairing the board. She serves on the Terrace Hill Foundation. And she was recently appointed to the Board of Pharmacy Examiners by Iowa Governor Chet Culver.

Peggy Whitworth is planning to retire later this year. Her leadership and vision will be greatly missed. And we are deeply grateful for her many contributions to the cultural richness of Iowa.●

TRIBUTE TO STAFF SERGEANT HAROLD GEORGE DANLEY

• Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Madam President, today I wish to recognize a man who died in the service of his country 64 years ago but never received the proper recognition he was due.

Harold George Danley was one of four brothers from Lincoln, NE, who joined the armed services during World War II. Three of those brothers returned home to their families; Sergeant Danley, who was 22 years old, did not.

Sergeant Danley was serving in the 18th Army/Air Force Anti-Submarine Squadron aboard a B-24D Bomber, which crashed while patrolling the east coast of the United States somewhere

near the Virginia/North Carolina shoreline on April 21, 1943. Despite the efforts of search parties, his body was never recovered; therefore, no memorial service was ever performed on his behalf. It was some time later that the family was notified that Sergeant Danley was officially listed as FOD, "Finding of Death."

Sergeant Danley left behind his wife Thelma; his daughter Merriam, who was born several months after her father's death; his father Harrison, and stepmother Anna; three brothers, Lieutenant Colonel Earl E. Danley, Sergeant Bob E. Danley and Sergeant Lloyd K. Danley, now deceased; and three half-siblings, Marvin, Delores and Betty. His mother Ella preceded him in death.

On May 18, 2007, a memorial service was held at Arlington National Cemetery to honor Harold G. Danley as a son, brother, husband, and father, as well as a man who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of his country. My thoughts are with the Danley family as they honor the memory of Staff Sergeant Danley, a Nebraska hero from the second World War.●

TRIBUTE TO MARK C. SMITH

● Mr. SESSIONS. Madam President, I wish to remember the life of Mark C. Smith, who was one of the most resourceful and brilliant entrepreneurs in the history of the State of Alabama. His departing this life on March 27, 2007, leaves an irreplaceable loss for his family, his home town of Huntsville, the State of Alabama, and the Nation. Few men in the history of America's free enterprise system have attained such lofty heights in business as Mark Smith. Starting with very little and coming from humble family beginnings, Smith invented, designed, and managed companies under his ownership and tutelage to heights that draw the envy of the corporate world.

Mark was raised in Birmingham, graduating in 1958 from Woodlawn High School. He was the son of parents who were both teachers. During high school, Smith became a ham radio buff and developed an interest in science. Upon winning first place in a science fair at Woodlawn, Smith's prize was a handshake from Dr. Von Braun. The young high school graduate saw this as a grand opportunity and boldly asked Dr. Von Braun for a summer job. Smith went on to attend the Georgia Institute of Technology, and over the next three summers he worked at NASA in Huntsville and Cape Canaveral.

During the summer preceding his last year of college, he was employed with SCI Systems, Inc., and upon earning an electrical engineering degree from Georgia Tech in 1962, he began full-time employment with SCI as an engineering manager. In 1969 his entrepreneurial spirit took hold, and he left SCI to cofound Universal Data Systems, UDS—out of his home garage and with \$30,000 in savings. UDS, the first data

communications company in Alabama, was quite successful and in 1979, with annual revenues of about \$20 million, was sold to Motorola. At that time, Smith became president of the UDS-Motorola Division. In 1985, the proven visionary was ready to take on yet another challenge; he left UDS and cofounded ADTRAN, Inc. As CEO and chairman, Smith led the startup company of seven employees to become a publicly traded company in 1994, the same year ADTRAN announced a \$50 million expansion of its facility. Today, with more than 1,600 employees and annual revenues approaching \$500 million, the company is a worldwide leader in providing high-speed network access products to the telecommunications equipment industry.

Mark did not live to see the ultimate heights that the electronic communication industry will attain in the future. Entrepreneurs and engineers will someday produce faster and better equipment, but when they do they will use as a pattern some of Mark Smith's ideas, inventions, and procedures.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:58 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 361. An act to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects and activities under that Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 632. An act to authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish monetary prizes for achievements in overcoming scientific and technical barriers associated with hydrogen energy.

H.R. 964. An act to protect users of the Internet from unknowing transmission of their personally identifiable information through spyware programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1051. An act to direct the Secretary of Education to establish and maintain a public website through which individuals may find a complete database of available scholarships, fellowships, and other programs of financial assistance in the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

H.R. 1139. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to plan, design and construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, and other uses from the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin, Santa Ana River, California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1175. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project.

H.R. 1467. An act to authorize the National Science Foundation to award grants to institutions of higher education to develop and offer education and training programs.

H.R. 1469. An act to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961.

H.R. 1716. An act to authorize higher education curriculum development and graduate training in advanced energy and green building technologies.

H.R. 1736. An act to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for conjunctive use of surface and groundwater in Juab County, Utah.

H.R. 2446. An act to reauthorize the Afghanistan Freedom Support Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2559. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 54. Concurrent resolution expressing the support of Congress for the creation of a National hurricane Museum and Science Center in Southwest Louisiana.

H. Con. Res. 94. Concurrent resolution encouraging the elimination of harmful fishing subsidies that contribute to overcapacity in commercial fishing fleets worldwide and that lead to the overfishing of global fish stocks.

H. Con. Res. 116. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, shall be designated as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States".

H. Con. Res. 152. Concurrent resolution relating to the 40th anniversary of the reunification of the City of Jerusalem.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 454. Resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Craig Thomas, a Senator from the State of Wyoming.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 5. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to Provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

S. 1537. An act to authorize the transfer of certain funds from the Senate Gift Shop Revolving Fund to the Senate Employee Child Care Center.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 5. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

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

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 361. An act to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects and activities under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 632. An act to authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish monetary prizes for achievements in overcoming scientific and technical barriers associated with hydrogen energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 964. An act to protect users of the Internet from unknowing transmission of their personally identifiable information