

glass eyes, but what are they doing for these soldiers' mental instabilities? They are trying, but there isn't enough. They can't keep up. It is ugly. An ugly picture.

Do you have a ghost?

Big time. But it is how you deal with it. And what you do with it. When that ghost comes out, do you let it drag you down, or do you put it back? When I came back [from Vietnam] I was angry. I was angry at the world. People were protesting the war, but they didn't know what war was really like. All they knew was what they saw on TV. Eventually, I got busy, very busy. I learned how to drive all kinds of things, big trucks, planes, so I could be in control. I looked for natural highs, like flying. Helping people is another high.

When I'm with a vet on the beach or in a park, I'll ask him: "What do you see?" They don't know what I'm talking about. I tell them: "I see life. I see birds, trees and the sun. Today is today. Tomorrow may never come and yesterday is gone."

You're just one person. What you're describing is a potential mental health crisis of epic proportions. Won't you be overwhelmed?

I may be one guy from Helping Hands but, I've got "the Uncles," Victor Opiopio, Sam Stone, Charles Kanehailua, James Opiana and all their wives. These are all guys who are part of my core group of veterans, who are willing to sit down and talk to these guys [fellow veterans in need]. They [the Uncles] aren't getting paid. They are a network of people out there, who are willing to take a guy by the hand and walk them through the system. I've also got a gal at the VA who wants to help our group, as well as a VA doctor. We're a small group but we're thinking about the big picture. Are we prepared for what is going to happen? No. But if you can help one vet at a time, you're doing something. We can't just sit back and do nothing. I don't have time to do nothing. I don't.●

CONGRATULATING DR. RAMON SY

● Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I congratulate and extend my warmest aloha to Dr. Ramon Sy, who was selected as Hawaii's national recipient of the Jefferson Award. The Jefferson Award is a prestigious award recognizing and honoring individuals for their contributions to community and public service. Dr. Sy, through his Aloha Medical Mission, has helped to provide medical treatment to thousands of individuals in the Pacific and Asia, who are unable to access modern medical care due to cost or availability.

A native of the Philippines, Dr. Sy and seven other members of the Philippine Medical Association of Hawaii established the Aloha Medical Mission in 1983. The Aloha Medical Mission provides voluntary medical, surgical, and other health-related services, which include the donation of supplies and equipment, to medically indigent areas of Southeast Asia and the Pacific. In addition to providing access to health services, the Aloha Medical Mission also provides training to physicians overseas and through an exchange fellowship program in Honolulu, HI.

Dr. Sy is responsible for furthering the development of the Aloha Medical Mission from a small group of doctors to an organization well known within the international community. Since

the establishment of the Aloha Medical Mission, Dr. Sy and his colleagues have served in 11 countries, treated 200,000 patients, and performed over 9,000 operations. His commitment to ensuring that medical care is accessible in both Hawaii and abroad demonstrates his compassion and undying concern for others. He is an inspiration to all because of his willingness to embrace the problems of those less fortunate. I hope that many will aspire to follow Dr. Sy's example by making a commitment to making a difference.

I thank Dr. Sy for his dedication and quality efforts and extend the same gratitude to all the members of the Aloha Medical Mission. I wish Dr. Sy and his family the best in their future endeavors.●

GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS CENTENNIAL

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to honor and give special attention to the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument in my home State of New Mexico. On November 16, 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt signed the proclamation that recognized the Gila Cliff Dwellings and 533 surrounding acres as a national monument being what he called, "of exceptional scientific and educational interest . . . as the best representative of the cliff-dwellers' remains of that region." This unique monument, nestled among the spectacular scenery of the Gila National Forest, was once the home to the people of the Mogollon, who lived along the East fork of the Gila River during the late 13th and early 14th century. It is at that place where these impressive builders constructed a 42-room collection of homes in 5 spacious sandstone caves high along the face of a small creek-canyon. Today, this monument gives Americans a glimpse of the great cultures and societies that once occupied the North American Continent prior to the arrival of European settlers.

This year-long centennial celebration is more than just an appreciation for the unique beauty that is defined by the many special places like this in New Mexico. In commemoration of this special centennial event, an unexcavated surface site referred to as the TJ Ruin will be open for a limited number of guided tours. Over the next few weeks other exciting events such as Stories in the Stars, Stories in the Shards, Rock Art and Storytelling will be taking place. There will be a number of other events, including an exhibit opening at the Silver City Museum, cowboy poetry, music, Dutch oven cooking, and Chiricahua Apache Culture Days that will be held throughout the remainder of the year to entertain those visiting the area and to celebrate the 100th anniversary.

The attractive weather and abundance of forest and desert flora and fauna in the Gila region of southwest

New Mexico attracts over 60,000 visitors every year who contribute to the economies of southwestern New Mexico cities and towns such as Silver City, Cliff, Deming, Bayard, and Lordsburg. With over 1,500 miles of trails, the opportunities for mountain biking, hiking, and horseback riding are endless. There is also a great abundance of wildlife that roam the Gila region. For the fisherman, there is over 360 miles of mountain streams, creeks, rivers, and lakes that are a precious resource in the Southwest.

The outdoors reminds us all of the things we hold so dear. Public lands make up over one-third of the United States, most of which is in the West. Those of us from the State of New Mexico cherish the open spaces afforded by the West. Like the Mogollon, we are reminded daily of our dependence on the land and therefore take a devout interest in its health and management. The Gila Cliff Dwellings and the Gila National Forest remain much the same as so many years ago, and I am glad this will be the case for generations to come.

The next time you happen to be in New Mexico, I encourage you to come visit and take some time to enjoy all New Mexico has to offer. From the many beautiful mountains, to the rivers, the canyons, the wildlife, the culture and the history—the marvelous place we call the Gila has it all. New Mexico is a great place, and the Gila Cliff Dwellings help make it so. To all, past and present, who have worked hard to preserve the Gila Cliff Dwellings, I extend a heartfelt thank you and honor you this centennial year.●

RECOGNIZING B. BENEDICT GLAZER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I am pleased to take this opportunity to commemorate the 40th anniversary of B. Benedict Glazer Elementary School and to congratulate the principal of Glazer Elementary, Florene McMurtry, on her retirement after 20 years of dedicated service and leadership. B. Benedict Glazer Elementary School celebrates this milestone today as a part of its annual 5th Grade Class Day.

On May 5, 1967, the Michigan House of Representatives passed Resolution No. 99 in honor of Dr. B. Benedict Glazer, Rabbi of Temple Beth El in Detroit, to formally recognize his 11 years of outstanding service to the congregation of Temple Beth El and to the State of Michigan. The resolution also paid tribute to the decision to name an elementary school in his honor. Dr. Glazer was nationally recognized as an exceptional scholar, teacher, and leader, and was well known as an advocate for uniting people of different faiths. Dr. Glazer was also at the forefront of many struggles for basic human rights, fighting for improved conditions in Michigan's mental health facilities and against various forms of racial and religious discrimination, among other noble causes.

I am proud to also recognize the many accomplishments of Glazer elementary students, which is undoubtedly the direct result of the hard work and dedication of its students, faculty and staff. Glazer was recently selected as a Leadership School by the Schools of the 21st Century and enjoys the distinction of being awarded the \$100,000 Skillman Improvement Grant, the highest award among six elementary schools included in the 2007 high performing category out of 300 Detroit elementary schools. This grant is expected to help fund several worthwhile initiatives, including a GED certificate program and the purchase of additional computers to assist parents of Glazer students who have not completed high school.

The principal of B. Benedict Glazer Elementary School, Florene McMurtry, has served the Detroit Public School system in various positions for 35 years. Her passion for education is illustrated by the many notable successes she has enjoyed throughout her career as an educator. An example of her innovative approach to education was the partnership she helped form between Glazer Elementary School and Temple Beth El in 1998 to provide financial resources and tutors for students through the Glazer Elementary Ada S. and Rabbi B. Benedict Glazer Memorial Fund. Mrs. McMurtry also established the tradition of presenting dictionaries as the Glazer Memorial Prize to honor the most outstanding boy and girl student for Class Day. In 2001, Mrs. McMurtry established the InsideOut Literary Arts Project at Glazer with a writer-in-residence who integrates creative writing and drama in the school curriculum and publishes the students' work. To date, seven poetry books have been written and published.

Mrs. McMurtry has proven herself to be a devoted educator. Through her dedicated leadership and the many programs she has initiated and led, she has managed to increase parental involvement in school, student access to resources, and has served as a liaison between the students and the community. In addition, Mrs. McMurtry has received many accolades over the years in recognition of her outstanding service, including the Principal of the Year Art Award in 1996 and 2001, the Distinguished Service Award, City of Detroit in 1985 and she was a finalist for Michigan Teacher of the Year in 1984-1985.

I know my colleagues in the Senate join me in recognizing B. Benedict Glazer Elementary School on its 40th anniversary and its principal, Florene McMurtry, on her impressive record of service to the Detroit Public School system.●

HONORING GEIGER BROTHERS

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I recognize an outstanding, family-owned small business from my home State of Maine that recently received

the Gannett Family Business of the Year Award from the University of Southern Maine's Institute for Family-Owned Business. A promotional products distributor, Geiger Brothers of Lewiston has been in operation since 1878. Incredibly, the Geiger family has been in charge of the business for the entire time—a total of four generations.

Geiger Brothers was originally founded in Newark, NJ, with a staff of four, two of whom were Geiger brothers. Since then, Geiger Brothers has undergone dramatic transformations, moving to Maine over half a century ago, and expanding to 500 employees between the Lewiston office and several field offices. While the Geiger name may not jump out at people from outside of Maine, the name "Farmers' Almanac" is universally known. Published yearly, the "Farmers' Almanac" is famous for its weather forecasts, gardening tips, and recipe suggestions. It is a source of great pride for my home State of Maine that Geiger Brothers publishes the "Farmers' Almanac."

It is no surprise that Geiger Brothers has won the Gannett Family Business of the Year Award. In fact, there is no lack of accomplishment or recognition in Geiger's history. The recipient of the Margaret Chase Smith Maine Quality Award, the FedEx Gold Level Supplier, and the Maine State Chamber of Commerce Maine Investors Award, Geiger's list of commendations recently grew to include the Advertising Specialty Institute's Family Business of the Year and a 2006 Best Places To Work In Maine award.

In addition to publishing the world-renowned "Farmers' Almanac," Geiger Brothers has consistently lived by a philosophy of community service. When, in 1988, the company "adopted" the Montello Elementary School in Lewiston, then-President George H.W. Bush awarded them with a "Point of Light" in celebration of their service and volunteerism. Since then, Geiger Brothers has continued to organize similar partnerships across Maine, and the company's employees have donated their time to worthwhile causes all across the Lewiston-Auburn area. In addition, employees live by "The Geiger Way," a set of values focused on respect for all involved in the business, from employees to clients and everyone in between. The generous and benevolent spirit of Geiger Brothers is assuredly a shining example to all small businesses.

Congratulations to Gene Geiger, CEO and president; to Peter Geiger, executive vice president; and to all of Geiger Brothers' accomplished employees on their most recent honor, and all of the awards they have received. It is no wonder that Geiger Brothers has been recognized so consistently throughout the years with their dedication and willingness to serve. I wish them continued success and many more editions of the "Farmers' Almanac."●

REPORT OF THE VETO OF S. 5, THE STEM CELL RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2007—PM 18

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was ordered to be held at the desk:

To the Senate of the United States:

I am returning herewith without my approval S. 5, the "Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007."

Once again, the Congress has sent me legislation that would compel American taxpayers, for the first time in our history, to support the deliberate destruction of human embryos.

In 2001, I announced a policy to advance stem cell research in a way that is ambitious, ethical, and effective. I became the first President to make Federal funds available for embryonic stem cell research, and my policy did this in ways that would not encourage the destruction of embryos. Since then, my Administration has made more than \$130 million available for research on stem cell lines derived from embryos that had already been destroyed. We have also provided more than \$3 billion for research on all forms of stem cells, including those from adult and other non-embryonic sources.

This careful approach is producing results. It has contributed to proven therapeutic treatments in thousands of patients with many different diseases. And it is opening the prospect of new discoveries that could transform lives. Researchers are now developing promising new techniques that offer the potential to produce pluripotent stem cells, without having to destroy human life—for example, by reprogramming adult cells to make them function like stem cells.

Technical innovation in this difficult area is opening up new possibilities for progress without conflict or ethical controversy. Researchers pursuing these kinds of ethically responsible advances deserve support, and there is legislation in the Congress to give them that support. Bills supporting alternative research methods achieved majority support last year in both the House and the Senate. Earlier this spring another bill supporting alternative research won overwhelming majority support in the Senate, and I call on House leaders to pass similar legislation that would authorize additional funds for ethical stem cell research. We cannot lose the opportunity to conduct research that would give hope to those suffering from terrible diseases and help move our Nation beyond the controversies over embryo destruction. I invite policymakers and scientists to come together to solve medical problems without compromising either the high aims of science or the sanctity of human life.

S. 5, like the bill I vetoed last year, would overturn today's carefully balanced policy on stem cell research.