

leadership, the Air Force spread its wings over America's cities, delivered relief to victims of tsunamis and hurricanes, expanded international ties to reassure allies and deter enemies—all while flying and fighting as an indispensable part of the Joint force in Iraq, Afghanistan and other theaters of the global war on terror.

His commitment to his Airmen has been peerless. In a constrained fiscal environment—and with lives in the balance—General Moseley's uncommon courage, expertise and foresight forged a set of initiatives transforming the Air Force while simultaneously recapitalizing an aging air fleet, worn down by 18 years of continuous combat. He sought to provide his Airmen with the quality of life they deserve, while seeing to their training, education and leadership. He has refocused the Service on a single core mission: bolstering warrior ethos and fostering joint and combined synergies.

While many distinguished awards and decorations adorn his uniform—from his own grateful Nation as well as from such staunch allies as Britain, France, Korea, Brazil, Singapore, and the UAE—what stands out most and what we honor him for today is his unflinching commitment to the cause of freedom and justice. As the 18th Chief of Staff and a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from September 2005 to August 2008, General Moseley has been a trusted advisor on all aspects of airpower and its key role in promoting and defending America's interests at home and abroad. He remains to this day a staunch and consistent advocate of inter-Service and international cooperation as the most effective way of assuring allies, dissuading and deterring adversaries, and defeating implacable foes.

General T. Michael “Buzz” Moseley's 37 years of distinguished service epitomizes bold leadership, strategic vision, intellectual flexibility, innovation, honor, integrity, dignity and selfless devotion. He has earned the deepest respect from all whom he has served during his illustrious career—most notably this Congress and a grateful Nation.

I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to GEN Buzz Moseley for his leadership, compassion, and service to the men and women of the Air Force and our country. I am honored to call you friend and pray that the Lord guard and guide you and your family as you begin the next chapter of your life.●

TRIBUTE TO COL DONALD A. PERSON

● Mr. INOUE. Madam President, I would like to recognize a great American and true military hero who has honorably served our country for 49 years.

Colonel Person was born in Fargo, ND, and entered the Army as part of the “Doctor Draft” in 1964 after earn-

ing his MD from the University of Minnesota School of Medicine. He served as Chief, Preventive Medicine, Professional Standards, and Aviation Medicine, Headquarters, U.S. Army Southern Command and Officer in Charge of U.S. Army Dispensary, Fort Clayton, Panama. For the next 20 years, Dr. Person remained active in the U.S. Army Reserve. During that time, he completed neurosurgical training, and a postdoctoral fellowship in microbiology, immunochemistry, and virology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Subsequently he served on the faculty in internal medicine and virology and epidemiology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX. He also trained in pediatrics while at Baylor.

Colonel Person reentered active duty in 1987 and was assigned as chief and program director in pediatrics, and chief, department of clinical investigation at Tripler Army Medical Center. He has 265 publications in the medical literature and has spoken at more than 400 meetings and seminars throughout the world. He is also a member of 60 medical, scientific, and professional organizations. He deployed to much of Central and South America, Alaska, Papua New Guinea, the Republic of the Maldives, South Korea, Micronesia, and served in Operation Desert Storm.

Additionally, Colonel Person was professor of clinical pediatrics and clinical public health, John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii at Manoa. For his leadership in the development and sustainment of the Pacific Island Health Care Project, he was recognized by the Pacific Basin Medical Association by the indigenous people of the U.S. Associated Pacific Islands and by the legislatures of the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Throughout his career COL Donald A. Person has served with valor and profoundly impacted the entire Army Medical Department. His performance reflects exceptionally on himself, the U.S. Army, the Department of Defense, and the United States of America. I extend my deepest appreciation to Colonel Person on behalf of a grateful Nation for his more than 49 years of dedicated military service.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SMART MOTORS, INC.

● Mr. KOHL. Madam President, I would like to acknowledge the 100th anniversary of Smart Motors, Inc., a family-owned business in Madison, WI. Smart Motors, Inc. began in 1908 when founder O.D. Smart sold his first car, an Apperson-Jackrabbit. A far cry from today's complex automobile business, the operation O.D. began was very straightforward—involving little more than a handshake, a cash payment and a bill of sale.

Since those early days, Smart Motors has successfully added services such as finance and insurance as well as a serv-

ice and parts department to satisfy their customers and to remain competitive in today's competitive car sales industry.

Madam President, 2008 marks a milestone for Smart Motors which not even O.D. Smart could have anticipated when he made his first car sale in 1908. But his guiding principle to “treat people with respect, honesty, equality, and integrity” has served the company well. I am proud to have such a hard-working and respected family business in Wisconsin. I congratulate their high level of performance over the past 100 years and wish them all the best as they enter their second century of business.●

U.S. MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD

● Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, I would like to pay tribute to two outstanding Vermont students, Colin Sandon, of Essex, and David Rolnick, of Rupert. These two high school students both placed in the top 12 finishers in this country's highest precollegiate math competition, the U.S. Mathematical Olympiad, which took place in May. In the 34-year history of the Olympiad, this is the first time any Vermonter has made it this far and this year my state had two students accomplish this incredible achievement.

Colin and David, at the ages of 18 and 16 respectively, have been preparing to compete at this level of mathematical competition their entire educational careers. They have achieved this goal through their own hard work and perseverance, and also through the support of their parents and teachers. David benefited from being homeschooled by his parents. The Vermont State Math Coalition identified Colin in the first grade, and he began tutoring outside of the classroom by engineers and physicists at IBM. Three years ago, he began taking high-level math classes at the University of Vermont.

Both students have also benefited from the dedication of Anthony Trono, who retired from teaching at Burlington High School in 1992, but has played a key role in training Vermont's talented math students. Anthony directs the Governor's Institute in Mathematical Sciences, a week-long residential program for students held every year at the University of Vermont that both Colin and David attended. Anthony also runs the Vermont State Mathematics Coalition Talent Search. He will retire this year and Colin and David's success this year is a testament to the many years he has invested in Vermont's students.

This month, Colin will compete on a six-student team which will represent the U.S. in the 49th annual International Math Olympiad. In the fall, both Colin and David will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. I congratulate them and their families on their accomplishments and I wish

them the best of luck in what I am sure will be bright futures.

Madam President, I ask to have an article from the Burlington Free Press detailing their accomplishments be printed in the RECORD.

The material follows:

TWO REACH APEX IN MATH COMPETITION,
ESSEX, RUPERT TEENS AMONG NATION'S BEST
(By Matt Ryan)

Six congruent circles are arranged inside a larger circle so that each small circle is tangent to two other small circles and is tangent to the large circle. The radius of the large circle is 2007 centimeters. Find the radius of the small circles.

For Colin Sandon of Essex and David Rolnick of Rupert, this problem was preparation for a series of increasingly selective math competitions. The two high schoolers placed in the Top 12—Sandon tied for first place—in the country's highest pre-collegiate math competition last week. They will try out in June for a national, six-person math team that will compete internationally in Madrid.

Sandon, 18, and Rolnick, 16, are the first Vermont students to place in the Top 12 at the U.S. Mathematical Olympiad in at least a decade, according to the Mathematical Association of America. Anthony Trono, who has been training Vermont's math prodigies since he retired from teaching at Burlington High School in 1992, said, as far as he knew, they were the state's first students to accomplish the feat. The Olympiad began in 1974.

Trono, 80, of Colchester conceived the sample problem above and provided The Burlington Free Press its solution: 669 centimeters. Four times a year, he mails a sample exam with eight such problems to Vermont's high schools to test the waters for up-and-coming whizzes. The problems, like those found on exams for the American Math Competition, the American Invitational Math Exam and the Olympiad—the three tiers of the national math tournament through which Sandon and Rolnick advanced—involve applications up to pre-calculus.

"Some of these problems aren't even algebra, it's just arithmetic, but you gotta use your head to solve them," Trono said. "They usually have to prove something is true, derive some kind of formula, or solve a very, very complex problem."

During the course of the tournament, the field narrowed from 500,000 students—including some from Canada—to the 500 who competed in the Olympiad.

Students in the competitions generally take the exams at their high schools. Sandon took his at Essex High School and Rolnick, who is homeschooled, took his at Middlebury College. Students were allotted 4 1/2 hours on two consecutive days to complete the Olympiad's six problems. The highest scorer, Sandon, a senior, and Rolnick, a junior, have been accepted to and plan to enroll at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the fall.

"I'm kind of nervous, because I've never been away from home for more than a month, and MIT will be my home for the next four years," Sandon said. "On the other hand, I'll get to meet new people there and take more challenging classes."

Sandon has sought more challenging classes since elementary school.

The Vermont State Math Coalition discovered Sandon when he was in first grade. Engineers and physicists from IBM tutored the boy for the next few years, as his capacity for math exceeded that of his teachers. He finished pre-calculus in sixth grade, and began taking courses at the University of

Vermont three years ago. His course load includes calculus III, linear algebra, graph theory and number theory.

His goal was to crack the Top 12 in the Olympiad.

"I felt like I had done pretty well, but I didn't think I had done that well," Sandon said.

His parents, Peter and Maureen Sandon, an engineer at IBM and a retired home economics teacher, respectively, said the announcement surprised them, too.

"We had a message on our answering machine," Maureen Sandon said. "I said, 'Wait a minute, what did this message say?' I must have replayed it three times."

Peter Sandon said his son left him behind "quite a while ago" in math.

"I used to play chess with him, too, and I used to be able to beat him," Peter Sandon said. "And now I can't."

Colin Sandon said he enjoys strategy games, and also likes to read science fiction and fantasy.

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Rolnick said he also enjoys strategy games—as well as hiking; tennis; word play; reading; writing; talking; listening to classical composers, such as Bach, Beethoven, Haydn, Schubert and Tchaikovsky; and studying moths.

Tiny white moths are boring, Rolnick said. He prefers the variety of larger moths with scarlets, violets, yellows, greens, silvers and golds.

"I have had the fortune to grow up in a household with parents who did not cause me to be afraid of insects," Rolnick said. He blasted the "societal prejudice against insects" that assumes all bugs "bite, sting or eat furniture."

Rolnick sees beauty in moths and math. "Geometry I find easier to talk about," Rolnick said. "I love the way that things that are true, really are true."

"If you have a triangle, and you join the vertices to the midpoints of the opposite side, you come up with three lines. Those lines will come to a point—those three lines will always meet—and I find that very beautiful."

Problem solving becomes increasingly important as students advance through the competitions, Rolnick said.

"For all the problems, there is a certain amount of thinking and puzzling that is absolutely necessary," Rolnick said.

"It is absolutely hard," he said of the Olympiad. "It is meant to be hard, even for professional mathematicians."

TRONO RETIRES

Sandon and Rolnick attended the Governor's Institute in Mathematical Sciences, a week-long residential program for students held at UVM during the summer.

Trono has directed the institute and run the Vermont State Mathematics Coalition Talent Search—for which he mails high schools his sample exams—since the early 1990s. He said he will retire from the institute this year.

"This has been a terrific year for me to go out," Trono said.

He said he has 10,000 "super, very good problems"—those that did not make the cut for previous sample exams—to give his successors a head start. ●

REMEMBERING ROBERT LEENEY

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Madam President, New Haven has lost a friend, a neighbor, and a teacher, with the passing of Robert Leeney, the longtime editor of the New Haven Register. In his career

at the Register, Bob informed, educated, and entertained us in many roles, including as an editorial writer, reporter, book editor, Broadway columnist, and theatre critic.

Bob's weekly column in the paper, the "Editor's Note"—which he remarkably wrote from April 6, 1974 to April 7, 2007, without missing even a single week—was a must-read column that brightened up our Saturday mornings. Evident in his writing was his love of New Haven, often reminding us what we may have missed, and through him it is true to say that our love of New Haven increased.

In his columns, Bob rarely strayed from local nonpolitical topics, but when he did it was often to remind us about the greatness of our country, the value of service, or to urge politicians to look beyond partisan politics. And Bob always did this with a grace and delivery that ensured his words made their impact.

His writing often brought to life, and made us yearn for, an earlier age. In his last July 4th column, published on June 30, 2007, for instance, Bob wrote about the celebrations in the 1920s. It was a time, he wrote, when: "In every family, the youngsters were chipping in long-saved nickels and dimes to build a fireworks fund for the front porch displays that illuminated streets and lawns, beaches and boat docks in salute to American independence and the personal freedom it signified for all the world."

Just as Bob's professional life was marked by his scholarship and talented writing and reporting, his personal life, too, was marked by his dedication to New Haven and to his being the consummate gentleman. His service to our community did not end with his journalism, and in his spare time he served our community in many roles. Indeed, his life was twinned with that of New Haven, especially in its artistic and religious life.

To give just a few examples of his extensive public service, Bob served as vice president of the New Haven Arts Council and on the city committee that worked to reopen the Shubert. Once the theatre was reopened, he served on its board.

His interests and service was not limited to the arts. Bob served as a director of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the State Education Commission's Connecticut Education Council. He also sat on the committee tasked with establishing a Holocaust memorial, as well as on other committees.

Bob was a religious man, and in recognition for his service to the Catholic Church, Pope John Paul II appointed him a Knight of St. Gregory. Bob also received numerous other awards, including Connecticut Anti-Defamation League's First Amendment Freedoms Award—of which he was the first ever recipient.

It can be said about Bob that he left our society better off for the wisdom