

together, to follow a budget, and to meet demanding timelines. They must master complex technical fields such as computer-assisted drafting, electrical engineering, radio control systems, pneumatic systems, and sensors and signals. So the intellectual demands are great.

But just as great is the demand for vision for the foresight to look at a stack of diagrams and a pile of electronic parts and see what it can all become.

Thirty-six teams from Michigan traveled in April to St. Louis for the national championship, the Fighting Pi among them. Representing Michigan were three teams from Bloomfield Hills, two from Detroit, two from Ann Arbor, two from Grandville, two from Pontiac, and teams from Allen Park, Auburn Hills, Berkley, Birmingham, Clarkston, Fremont, Holland, Hopkins, Lansing, Milford, Niles, North Oakland County, Northville, Novi, Okemos, Ortonville, Richmond, Rochester Hills, Sterling Heights, Temperance, Waterford, and Zeeland. All of them have reason to be proud of their accomplishments.

But I want to especially thank the Fighting Pi, whose members and adult leaders were kind enough to spend an hour with me a few days ago. At the Michigan State Championships, the Fighting Pi had won the prestigious State Engineering Inspiration Award. I was deeply impressed by the vision, enthusiasm, and brainpower of the Fighting Pi during my visit. They demonstrated to me their robot design, and they let me drive a robot around a little. They helped me understand the technical aspects of their work and the intense planning and preparation and staying power required.

In addition to their robotics responsibilities, team members participate in public service. Team members volunteer regularly at Ronald McDonald House, where they help the families of ill or injured children. They participate in local adopt-a-road and adopt-a-trail cleanup programs. And they have raised money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and Toys for Tots among other worthy charities. They are, in their schoolwork, their robotics work, and their volunteer work, exceptional young people.

Americans spend a lot of time worrying about the next generation. We worry over our dinner tables, in our conversations at work, and in this very Chamber. There are plenty of reasons to worry. But we should not lose sight of the reasons for optimism. Every day, all over this great country, young people are accomplishing extraordinary things. They are studying hard, learning new skills, and even building sophisticated robots. They are preparing to write the next chapter in the American story, and I have no doubt it will be as stirring as the story so far.

So let me extend my congratulations and my gratitude to the students of the Fighting Pi, and the students who

helped them on their way: team members Michael Graham, Melissa Mikolowski, Nicholas Fitzsimons, Eric Bytner, Trevor Goolsby, Alysa Brice, Zeke Fetty, Michael Scaglione, Steven Scaglione, Stephen Kline, Kurt Wieber, Andrew Graham, Amanda Fulghum, Michael Patrick, Laurel Payne, Collin Tobey, Riley Yaxley, Eric Tobey, Jack Sabelhaus, Andrew Binkowski, Lauren Grobbel, Alex Kesek, Sabrina Tibaudon, Ron Kyllonen, Vince Ragap, Rachel Kosek and Krystal Diel; and adults Craig Roys, Tom Line, Richard Wahl, Craig Tobey, Shawn Graham, Judy Tobey, Michael Mroz, Andrea Mroz, Paul Gianferrara, John Antilla, Jacob Caporuscio, and Eric Kosek.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### REMEMBERING DR. FRED MARGOLIN

• Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Dr. Frederick Margolin, my former neighbor in Greenbrae, CA. After a 3-year battle with ALS, Fred passed away peacefully on May 10, 2012, surrounded by his beloved family.

Fred Margolin was born in New York in 1936 and raised in Florida. After graduating from the University of Miami Medical School in 1960, he interned at Los Angeles County Hospital and served for 2 years as an Air Force medical officer in Germany, before returning to California, where he lived for the rest of his life.

Following his residency at the University of California, San Francisco, Dr. Margolin practiced radiology at California Pacific Medical Center from 1968 to 2007 and served as chairman of the Department of Radiology from 1978 to 1992. He was the founder of the Breast Health Center and served as its medical director from 1984 to 2007. Widely recognized as a national leader in radiology and breast cancer screening, he was honored as a fellow of the American College of Radiology and the Society of Breast Imaging. In 2001, he was selected as one of America's Best Doctors for Breast Care.

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Margolin worked not only to provide the best possible care to his patients but to extend access to care to poor women and underserved populations.

Fred was a devoted family man who adored Myrna, his wife of 54 years. Together they traveled the world, often on cruises with close friends, and each year they took their children and grandchildren to Mexico for a family vacation.

Dr. Fred Margolin will be deeply missed by his patients, colleagues, family, and friends. On behalf of the people of California and the patients and communities he served so well, I send my gratitude and condolences to Fred's wife Myrna; their children, Jody

Margolin Hahn, Elizabeth Brett Garon, and Lawrence Harry Margolin; and their seven grandsons.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DANNY BARE

• Mr. PORTMAN. Madam President, today I wish to honor Danny Bare of Batavia, OH. Mr. Bare is retiring from his position as Executive Director of the Clermont County Veterans' Service Commission on May 31, 2012.

Mr. Bare began his career in the military in 1967 as a member of the U.S. Army. He served one year in Vietnam and was injured twice in one day. For his bravery, he received a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star, and the Army Commendation Medal of Valor.

After his service in the military, Mr. Bare went on to have a 30 year career at First National Bank of Cincinnati, married his wonderful wife, Connie, and raised his family in Batavia. He served on the Batavia School Board for four years, including two years serving as president. He also served his community as a Batavia Township Trustee and Clermont County Board of Elections director.

Mr. Bare became executive director of the Veterans' Service Commission in 2007. He is credited with implementing outreach programs to educate veterans on the many benefits for which they are eligible. Mr. Bare helps to ensure that veterans are able to obtain employment, medical services, and any other services they may need. His dedication to his country and his community are admirable.

Mr. President, I would like to recognize Mr. Danny Bare on his retirement from a lifetime of public service.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. ED COULTER

• Mr. PRYOR. Madam President, Dr. Ed Coulter was once told by a colleague in the education field that most individuals spend their lives helping, tweaking, making something better, but seldom having the chance to create. Ed grasped on to that last word and has spent the last 17 years of his professional career doing just that: creating something remarkable for the community and town of Mountain Home. On June 30, 2012, Ed Coulter will serve his last day as chancellor of Arkansas State University Mountain Home, ASUMH, and today I wish to thank him for his dedication to public education in Arkansas and his commitment to the people of Mountain Home.

Ed's love of learning and teaching goes back to an early age. At age 10, his parents, Bill and Evelyn Coulter, purchased a resort on Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs, AR. Ed found an early thrill in teaching by helping countless resort guests learn how to ski and enjoy the water. This love of teaching and his parents' encouragement to acquire a quality education led Ed to enroll at Ouachita Baptist University, OBU, in Arkadelphia. It was here that Ed met his first wife, the late Fran

Dryer of Mountain Home. Ed would graduate magna cum laude with a bachelor of science in education, and the very next year he would also graduate from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville with his master's in education.

Needing 3 years of professional experience before continuing his education, Ed served as a junior high principal in Mountain Home before ultimately obtaining his doctorate degree. With the degree in hand, Ed and Fran returned to Arkadelphia and OBU, a place they would call home for the next 25-five years. In this span, Ed served as assistant to the president and also as the vice president for administration. The latter position taught Ed a great deal about budgeting, fundraising, and building new buildings. These skills would come in handy when Ed was called back to Mountain Home in 1995 as chancellor of ASUMH.

Mountain Home long had dreamed of providing a high-quality education to its community and north central Arkansas. Truly a community effort, a group of dedicated citizens raised enough funds in the 1970s to purchase a church building to serve as the school. Ed's job as chancellor would be to take the school from this church building where he and Fran were married, and transform it into a modern university. With 78 acres of land purchased in a nearby field, Ed set a vision for the new campus and started the task of making that vision become a reality.

Seventeen years later, ASUMH has expanded from a small community college to a thriving institution that today serves over 1,500 people. Ed's tenure as chancellor will be remembered for the rapid expansion of the campus; however, Ed's impact extends far beyond the physical buildings. Due to his leadership at ASUMH, thousands of students and Mountain Home have been forever changed by having a first-class university in the local community.

As Dr. Ed Coulter starts the next chapter of his life, I know Arkansas State University Mountain Home and the Arkansas education community will miss his leadership and guidance. I thank him for his many decades of service to the people of Arkansas, and I wish him all the happiness as he and his wife Lucretia travel and enjoy time with their 13 grandchildren.●

#### COUNCIL FOR A LIVABLE WORLD

● Mr. WYDEN. Madam President, on June 6 the Council for a Livable World will celebrate its 50th anniversary. In a time when our country continues to face a host of global threats, it is important that we recognize the vital work that the Council for a Livable World carries out each and every day to mitigate these threats, and to make our world a more peaceful, a more livable place.

The Council for a Livable World was founded in 1962 by nuclear physicist

Leo Szilard and other scientists. Szilard, of course, is famous for advocating for the creation of the Manhattan Project that helped create the first atomic weapon. In the aftermath of WWII, he, and others that saw the destructive power of atomic weapons became concerned about their use and spread.

Although times have changed since then—Russia has replaced the Soviet Union, the Cold War is over—the threat of nuclear catastrophe is still ever-present. Terrorists seek these weapons of mass destruction, and nefarious regimes such as North Korea continue to threaten the world with their own nuclear weapons. The Council recognizes this continuously changing threat environment and believes that it is shortsighted and counterproductive to continue relying on Cold War measures, such as an overwhelming nuclear arsenal that could destroy the world many times over.

As former Council Chairman Senator Gary Hart said, “you must properly understand what security is and how it is to be achieved, or all the military spending in the world will not make you more secure.” Those words rang true then, and they continue to ring true now.

The Council for a Livable World believes, like I do, that the United States must work toward a “world free of nuclear weapons.” They expressly advocate for deep reductions, and the eventual elimination, of nuclear weapons.

This advocacy leads to real, tangible results, and not just results in the nuclear weapon reductions arena. Some notable accomplishments include the ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention and Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces, Conventional Forces in Europe, and the first Strategic Arms Reduction treaty; establishing a U.S. nuclear testing moratorium in 1992; limiting the deployment of the MX missile; eliminating funding for the nuclear “Bunker Buster,” and ratification of the New START Treaty in 2011.

So I hope everyone will join me today in recognizing the Council for a Livable World and the important work that they do to make our world a better place. Congratulations on the past 50 years and good luck in the 50 years that lay ahead. Maybe by then our children will be living, finally, in a world free of nuclear weapons.”●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on May 29, 2012, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS) had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2415. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Dock Street in Pittston, Pennsylvania,

as the “Trooper Joshua D. Miller Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3220. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 Evergreen Square SW in Pine City, Minnesota, as the “Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder Post Office”.

H.R. 3413. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1449 West Avenue in Bronx, New York, as the “Private Isaac T. Cortes Post Office”.

H.R. 4119. An act to reduce the trafficking of drugs and to prevent human smuggling across the Southwest Border by deterring the construction and use of border tunnels.

H.R. 4849. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue commercial use authorizations to commercial stock operators for operations in designated wilderness within the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, and for other Purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of May 24, 2012, the enrolled bills were signed on May 29, 2012, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on May 31, 2012, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2947. An act to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed by the United States in 1950 for the establishment of an airport in Cook County, Minnesota.

H.R. 3992. An act to allow otherwise eligible Israeli nationals to receive E-2 non-immigrant visas if similarly situated United States nationals are eligible for similar non-immigrant status in Israel.

H.R. 4097. An act to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the Performing Arts, and for other purposes.

H. R. 5740. To extend the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

Under the order of January 5, 2011, the enrolled bills were signed on May 31, 2012, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. LEVIN).

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Cole, 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. 915. An act to establish a Border Enforcement Security Task Force program to enhance border security by fostering coordinated efforts among Federal, State, and local border and law enforcement officials to protect United States border cities and communities from trans-national crime, including violence associated with drug trafficking, arms smuggling, illegal alien trafficking and smuggling, violence, and kidnapping along and across the international borders of the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1299. An act to achieve operational control of and improve security at the international land borders of the United States, and for other purposes.