

the support that they need in a mentoring relationship while growing up.

We know that research has found that young people with a mentor are 55 percent more likely to attend college and more than twice as likely to say that they held a leadership position in a club or sports team than young people without mentors. We also know that people who are mentored in their youth are 78 percent more likely to volunteer in their communities than those who are not mentored.

Unfortunately, despite the tremendous growth of the mentoring movement in America over the past 25 years, 1 in 3 young people, including 9 million at-risk youth, will still reach adulthood without having a mentor of any kind. This mentoring gap isolates these young people from the meaningful connections to adults that would help them to grow and succeed. Furthermore, young people are not the only ones who gain from a mentoring relationship. While mentoring empowers our children and sets them on the path to success, it also deeply enriches the lives of the adults who are partnered with them. As a mentor myself, I can attest to this profound benefit.

MENTOR has been a leader in the development of best practices to assist mentoring organizations across the country in improving their program quality. MENTOR and its network of affiliate Mentoring Partnerships has set the bar for quality in practice and has strengthened the mentoring field's capacity to deliver on the promise of mentoring.

It is clear that, in the last quarter century, MENTOR, under the leadership of its volunteer board and founders, has done tremendous work championing the advancement of mentoring practice and fostering the growth of the mentoring movement. Therefore, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the accomplishments of this remarkable organization in expanding the quality and availability of mentoring for all young people in the United States, in honoring the service and leadership of MENTOR cofounders Geoffrey T. Boisi and Raymond G. Chambers and their dedication to America's youth, and in encouraging Americans to discover just how rewarding mentoring can be through volunteering with their local mentoring organization.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DOCTOR M. WILLIAM HOWARD, JR.

• Mr. BOOKER. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize Rev. Dr. M. William Howard, Jr., pastor of Newark's Bethany Baptist Church. Dr. Howard has spent many decades leading the charge for change, fueled by his personal mission to utilize his faith to transform the human condition.

From his Georgia roots to his work at Bethany Baptist, Dr. Howard has shown an extraordinary commitment to serving others. His work outside of the church has spanned the realms of human rights, international affairs, domestic policy, and education. In his role over the last 15 years as pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, he has worked tirelessly to expand outreach to the community as a whole.

Since his first position as a youth leader conducting some of the earliest voter outreach efforts in southwest Georgia, Dr. Howard has been a beacon of light across the globe, bridging the worlds of faith and political activism. He has consistently taken on leadership roles, serving as moderator of the Programme to Combat Racism of the World Council of Churches, president of the National Council of Churches, and president of the American Committee on Africa. Through these posts, Dr. Howard has provided a powerful example of our Nation's commitment to human rights and equality. In ministering to U.S. personnel held hostage in Iran in 1979 and working for the release of U.S. Navy pilot Robert O. Goodman, Dr. Howard was a quiet but powerful force for faith and peace.

Dr. Howard's record of service and leadership domestically is equally impressive. Serving as president of New York Theological Seminary, he demonstrated the importance of interdisciplinary approaches to community development by implementing joint programs in social work and urban education. He has been a board member for such organizations as the National Urban League, the Children's Defense Fund, and the Rutgers University Board of Governors. Under his leadership, the New Jersey Death Penalty Study Commission was instrumental in New Jersey becoming the first State to abolish the death penalty since 1976.

Finally, Dr. Howard's impact on the city of Newark has been remarkable. As pastor of Bethany, Dr. Howard quickly established Bethany Cares, Inc., and through this outreach corporation, the church has actively transcended its congregation walls to serve the community at large. Such transformative work has played an integral part in strengthening the development of New Jersey's largest city.

After 15 years of devoted service as pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Dr. Howard will be retiring. It is an honor to formally recognize Dr. Howard for his unwavering commitment to creating a better world.●

RECOGNIZING VFW POST 1674 ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I wish to honor Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1674 in Siloam Springs, AR, on its 75th anniversary.

Chartered November 10, 1940, the post was named in honor of Levi Douthit, a WWI veteran.

As a member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I understand the im-

portance of acknowledging the bravery and valor of the men and women who fought in defense of our country, as well as those who continue to serve. Men like Levi Douthit and members of VFW Post 1674 set their personal lives aside to fight for our country. This post recognizes the service, sacrifice, and courage of fellow veterans and continues to offer aid and assistance to those who served our Nation in uniform.

As participants in the Buddy Poppy Program, members support the veterans relief fund. They serve veterans in and around Siloam Springs who need help with daily basic needs and transportation to VA health centers for medical treatments.

Members continue their dedication to the community, offering scholarships to students, teaching flag etiquette, and, as partners with Kind at Heart Ministries of Siloam Springs, helping build wheelchair ramps for veterans.

The importance of Post 1674 to the community was apparent when more than a decade ago a lack of membership and financial troubles nearly forced its closure. Businessmen helped raise support in the community and kept its doors open.

I congratulate VFW Post 1674 on its 75th anniversary. I wish Commander Frank Lee and the 163 members who served in U.S. engagements since WWII the best of luck and many more years of camaraderie, service, and investment in the community.●

50-YEAR CLASS REUNION OF THE 1965 CLASS OF WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, this week in my hometown of Baltimore, MD, the Western High School class of 1965 will gather to celebrate their 50th class reunion. In honor of this special occasion, I wish to take a moment to pay tribute to the experiences of the WHS class of 1965 and commemorate the lasting legacy of Western High School, which continues to produce leaders for the Baltimore community.

To this day, Western High School remains a source of pride for the city of Baltimore. Founded as Western Female High School in 1844, it remains the oldest operating public all-girls high school in the Nation nearly 171 years after its doors opened on North Paca Street. Prior to the opening of Western Female High School and its now defunct companion Eastern Female High School, Baltimore City females were without an opportunity to advance their education beyond the basic grammar school level. Female students from across the city were drawn to the academic rigor of Western High School, creating a true magnet school, as we know today. As the city of Baltimore grew, so did Western High School. In 1896, Western High School moved to a larger location on Lafayette and McCulloh Streets, which allowed for

the expansion of courses to include clerical courses. Today Western High School resides on a joint campus opened in 1967 with the all-male Baltimore Polytechnic Institute on Falls Road.

The WHS class of 1965 graduated from Western in a transitional period for Western. Two years away from the opening of the current campus, Western High School students attended classes in the heart of downtown Baltimore. With an overpopulated school building that forced administrators to move to a split shift schedule to accommodate all of Western's students, alumnae often participated in work or volunteer opportunities located within walking distance of the school. This proximity to downtown also allowed Western students to participate in the burgeoning civil rights movement in Baltimore City, including the picketing of businesses which refused to serve African Americans. While Western High School students can fondly remember their efforts to fight for social justice in the civil rights movement, the class of 1965 was also struck by the tragic news of President John F. Kennedy's assassination. Even as WHS mourned this news, former Western High School alumna Sarah T. Hughes, then judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas and just the third woman to ever serve as a Federal jurist, administered the oath of office to then-Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson aboard Air Force One.

The storied history of Western High School and school motto, "Lucem accepimus, lucem demus"—"We have received light, let us give light"—has continued to inspire generations of students and countless alumnae of WHS. Among its alumnae include Henrietta Szold, the founder of Hadassah; Trazana Beverley, a 1977 Tony Award Winner; former Maryland State superintendent of schools Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick; current Baltimore City mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake; and current Western High School principal Michelle White. As the WHS class of 1965 comes together this week to celebrate their class reunion and years of friendship, I encourage each alumnae to remember the words they were taught at Western High School many years ago and continue to strengthen their own communities.●

TRIBUTE TO JAMIE TURNER

• Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that, on behalf of the Delaware congressional delegation, I wish to honor the exemplary service of Jamie Turner, director of the Delaware Emergency Management Agency, upon his retirement. Jamie has served as director for 13 years and during that time has provided first responders and Delaware citizens with emergency preparedness training and education to keep Delawareans safe when hazards such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and fires hit Delaware. His efforts will be a guide

and inspiration for the hard-working employees at DEMA and the many first responders in Delaware for years to come.

Jamie has a lifetime of experience when it comes to responding to emergency situations. In 1970, he began his education in fire protection technology at Delaware Technical Community College. He studied the causes and proper responses to various hazards and preventive measures that can be taken to avoid them entirely. Jamie took the knowledge he gained from his education and in 1976 began working with the Delaware State Fire School as the emergency service training administrator. It was his responsibility to supervise instructors, research technical information, and work with fire, rescue, and emergency medical services to develop necessary guidelines and effective procedures.

Then, in 2000, he took on the role of executive secretary of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association, where he was tasked with following legislation at every level of government that affected DVFA's membership. In this role, he researched different laws and ordinances to ensure that the DVFA was following the proper guidelines. Thanks to Jamie, Delaware's firefighters stayed informed on the regulations that were put in place to keep themselves and those in emergency situations safe.

Jamie has been a dedicated public servant for years. Before his appointment to director of DEMA, he was serving and protecting Delaware through his consistent endeavors to remain on the cutting edge of best practices in emergency protocol and then use that experience to educate others in the field. He is active in the Smyrna Little League and continues to volunteer with the Delaware Fire Service.

On behalf of Senator CHRIS COONS and Congressman JOHN CARNEY, I wholeheartedly thank Jamie Turner for his service to the State of Delaware. His model leadership and dedication has improved the quality of our State's emergency response systems and has kept countless residents safe. We offer our sincere congratulations on a job well done and wish him and his wife Debbie, their daughters Kim and Katie, husbands Mike and Sean respectively, and their grandchildren Madelyn, Harper, Keegan, and Kolton many happy years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO VAUGHN THOMAS HAWKES

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I wish to honor Vaughn Thomas Hawkes on his 80th birthday. Vaughn is a native Idahoan whose family roots in the State go back generations. He is one of nine children born to a farm family outside of Preston, where he learned hard work and ingenuity are the keys to a good life. The work ethic he learned early on has served him well through his 80 years, but he had a spirit of adventure

that was unusual for an Idaho farm boy. After he finished college at Utah State University and married his sweetheart of close to 56 years, Frances Arlene Anderson, they embarked on a journey that took them to the tiny island territory of American Samoa, where he first taught high school chemistry, math, and physics, and then served as principal at Mapusaga High School. But perhaps some may think his greatest achievement during that time was that he was instrumental in introducing American football to the Samoan people—something many college and NFL teams have appreciated for many years now. An educator by training and inclination, Vaughn spent many years in administrative positions at the Blackfoot School District before finishing his career in the Provo School District where he retired.

His devotion to his faith has been manifest in many ways, including missionary service throughout the world—first as a young missionary in western Canada; then in American Samoa; then in Milan, Italy; and most recently in Santa Monica, CA. His teaching nature has been evident far beyond his professional career, as he has been given the opportunity to educate through that missionary service. Upon his retirement from education several years ago, he had served in teaching positions at the LDS Missionary Training Center and the BYU-Idaho Pathways Program—ever searching to help those who are seeking improvement in their educational pursuits.

His friends and neighbors know him as a tinkerer, a man who can fix anything. He maintains a world-class collection of tools and parts you never knew you were missing. He is the proud father of eight children—Susan, Richard, Diane, Pamela, Cynthia, Daniel, John, and Scott. His eldest daughter, Susan, has worked for me for many years, and I have had the opportunity to get to know Vaughn on a personal level. While he may count them as his greatest achievements, each one of them is grateful for his influence and support in their lives. He taught them how to work, how to fight for what is right and fair, to value education and learning, to take the adventurous path, and to be faithful to the Lord. He has built a life of service and devotion to his family, friends, and faith and serves as a tremendous example of kindness and strength to all who know him.

As a young farm boy, Vaughn had an opportunity to receive the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD every day through the mail. He was fascinated by all that transpired in Congress and read the documents studiously. It was only the beginning of a lifetime of curiosity about the world around him. So it seemed a fitting tribute to honor his 80th birthday to provide him with his own mention in that illustrious RECORD. We wish him a very happy 80th birthday.●