

Japanese and Iraqi National Football Teams on February 12, 2004:

The GOJ provided travel expenses for the Iraqi National Team members through the Japan Foundation.

The GOJ provided assistance for the Iraqi Media Network (IMN) to conduct a live broadcast of the friendly football match so that as many people in Iraq as possible could watch the game. The GOJ also provided coverage assistance to the Lebanon-based Future Satellite TV, which was visiting Japan at the invitation of the MOFA.

On February 12, Senior Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Aisawa held a ceremony to present footballs (the design of the balls is same as that of the balls provided to southern Iraq) to the Vice President of the Iraqi Football Association, Mr. Ahmed Radhi, as a token of appreciation for his visit.

(4) Assistance involving Judo:

The GOJ, in cooperation with the Kodokan Judo Institute, invited the President of the Iraq Judo Federation (IJF) Sameir S. al-Mousoy to visit Japan from February 22 to March 6 as a part of a sports exchange assistance program.

Taking advantage of this opportunity, the GOJ decided to provide the IJF with 50 blue judo uniforms for international matches and transportation assistance for judo equipment (100 white judo uniforms and 2 sets of tatami mats for official matches (approximately 200 mats)) donated by the All Japan Judo Federation (AJJF) under the framework of Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects.

On March 3, Senior Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Abe held a ceremony to present the list of judo equipment donated by the GOJ and AJJF to the President of IJF, Sameir S. al-Mousoy.

(5) Assistance for athletes aiming to participate in international competitions:

The Government invited Chairman Ahmed al-Samarrai of the National Olympic Committee of Iraq to Japan (April 13-17). Chairman al-Samarrai paid courtesy calls on Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and Minister for Foreign Affairs Yoriko Kawaguchi, and exchanged opinions with the officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the members of the Japanese Olympic Committee on Japan's assistance for the Iraqi athletes aiming to participate in international games such as the Athens Olympics 2004. He then observed the training and other facilities which will accept the Iraqi athletes.

Trying to provide hope and solidarity towards reconstruction among Iraqi nationals, Japan is considering the provision of assistance for Iraqi athletes aiming to participate in international games such as the Athens Olympic Games in August 2004, the Pan-Arab Sports Games in September 2004, and the Asia Sports Games in 2006.

ASSISTANCE RELATED TO CULTURE AND EDUCATION

(1) Assistance to the Iraq National Museum:

The assistance for the recovery of the restoration laboratory of the Iraqi National Museum of Iraq (provision of equipment, human resources development, and management of facility) is being implemented based on an additional contribution from the GOJ to the UNESCO/Japan Trust Fund. The Japan Foundation invited Director General of the Iraqi National Museum Donny George to Japan from March 30 to April 6. Mr. Donny George held several meetings with government officials.

(2) Provision of vehicles for protection of cultural heritage, etc.:

The GOJ has earmarked part of the contributions which it provided to the UN Trust

Fund to assist the reconstruction of Iraq to be used in cultural projects of UNESCO and a project to provide vehicles for protection of cultural heritage is scheduled to be implemented.

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

The GOJ decided to contribute approximately \$1 million through the Japanese Fund-in-Trust for the capacity-building of Human Resources in UNESCO to conduct research on the local needs and to start emergency assistance (training of staff members and launching of Web sites) for the Ministry of Education of Iraq.

The GOJ has appropriated part of the contributions it provided to the UN Trust Fund to assist the reconstruction of Iraq for educational projects of UNESCO, and projects such as assistance for literacy education and capacity building of educational personnel are scheduled to be implemented.

JAPAN-FRENCH COOPERATION ON SPORTS AND CULTURAL ASSISTANCE FOR IRAQ

In early February 2004, Special Advisor to Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, Yukio Okamura visited France and agreed with the French Government to pursue Franco-Japanese cooperation on sports and cultural assistance for Iraq.

After discussions at working levels, Japanese Foreign Minister Kawaguchi and French Foreign Minister de Villepin agreed to move forward on the following cooperative projects:

Provision of support, inter alia, for the exhibition of Iraq National Museum and rehabilitation of Iraq National Library and Iraq National Archives.

Provision of support for Iraqi athletes aiming to participate in international competitions.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. I would like to join the Senator from Idaho in calling attention to the very significant contribution that Japan is making in Iraq. As a Senator from California, I am privileged to represent thousands of Japanese-Americans who I know will be proud and pleased to learn about Japan's critical role in Iraq.

Beyond the impressive figures on force deployment, which the Senator from Idaho has so clearly outlined, it should be noted that Japan's financial commitment to Iraq, and to working closely with the United States in Iraq, is equally significant. At last year's Madrid International Donors Conference on Reconstruction of Iraq, Japan announced a financial assistance package totaling up to \$5 billion. The package includes both \$1.5 billion in grants and \$3.5 billion in loans. In addition, Japan will host the Third Meeting of the Donors' Committee of the International Reconstruction Fund for Iraq this month.

Japan has also made a very significant effort to provide cultural assistance for Iraq. One of the documents submitted by Senator CRAIG provides the details on this undertaking. I was especially struck by Japan's reference to its own experience of reconstruction after World War II and the need to ensure that the unifying forces, like those of a shared culture and athletic tradition, are nurtured to help the Iraqi people reestablish their own identity.

It is also important to remember that Japan's commitment to Iraq was

severely tested during a hostage crisis this year. Fortunately, that crisis was resolved favorably. Here's what Prime Minister Koizumi said on April 22 on that subject:

This hostage taking has not undermined Japan's firm resolve to engage in humanitarian and reconstruction assistance in Iraq. It is precisely because the situation in Iraq makes the activities of ordinary individuals impossible that the Self-Defense Forces have been dispatched to engage in humanitarian and reconstruction assistance in Iraq.

Mr. President, these facts underscore the very important point made by the Senator from Idaho. The United States is fortunate to have Japan as a close ally. I yield to the Senator from Hawaii.

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I want to commend the Senators from Idaho and California for their comments, and to associate myself with their discussion.

The depth of my concern with the subject of Japan's cooperation with the U.S. on security matters goes very deep. I was privileged to have served my country during World War II, and I was as proud as any American with the victory we achieved over Japan. However, I am much more proud of the events that have occurred since that war—events that have changed two former enemies into the closest of allies.

Mr. President, the post-war actions of these two former adversaries is one of history's most shining moments. America demanded and received Japan's unconditional surrender. America also insisted on compensation, and that was accomplished by the 1951 San Francisco Peace Treaty. Our country, however, also recognized that Japan is a great nation, and we dedicated ourselves to helping restore its place in the world. Thus, instead of the kind of "armistice" or "cold peace" settlement that only preserves hostility and resentment, both nations worked hard to transcend their recent past and build a true alliance.

As Americans, we have seen this before. Our Nation's first enemy, Britain, is now one of our very closest allies. It is inspiring that Japan and the U.S. have accomplished a similar achievement and created a truly strong and lasting alliance. The facts that Senators FEINSTEIN and CRAIG put before us only confirm how strong that alliance is.

HONORING FAVORITE TEACHERS

Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, nearly 4,000 Minnesotans honored their favorite teacher at my Minnesota State Fair booth this summer. I would like to honor these teachers further by submitting their names to the Record, as follows:

New Richmond Middle School—Shane Dupuis, Mr. Franzwa, Mr. Henk, Mr. Nadeu; New Rochelle High School—Daniel Owich; New Ulm Junior High—Ms. Liedman; New Ulm Senior High—Colleen Tasto; New York Mills Elementary—Connie Griffith; Newport

Elementary—Mrs. Bernie; Nicollet High School—Brad Koenig, Kenneth Wick; Nicollet Junior High—Ann Bakken, Danielle Christy, Mr. Holt; Nisswa Elementary—Brenda Marohn, Sue Hadlee; Noble Elementary—Mrs. Johnson, Rachel Schwandt; Nokomis Elementary—Sharon Benson; Nokomis Montessori—Mr. Huelster, Judy Jacobsen, Georgia Maguire, Gwen Odney; Norman County Secondary School—Mildred Halvorson, Gwendolyn Meyer, Robert Ramstad; Normandale Community College—Chuck Gross, Cynthia Shiebe, Marilyn Wood; Normandale Elementary—French Immersion—Gary Boisclair, Joanne Click, Joey Click, Jaime Locke, Jennifer Johnson, Barbara Pinaire;

Normandale Hills Elementary—Mr. Zarbo, Karen Anthony, Mrs. Kosey, Emily Nuss, Mrs. Oldfather, Jan Saari, Carol Shelly, Doris Stenberg; North Branch Elementary—Dianna Linehan, Julia Roman, Dave Balzer; North Branch High School—Marilyn Fagerness; North Branch Middle School—Joan Carlson, Al Jones, Robert Monk, Lisa Mueller; North Elementary (Princeton)—Mr. Johnson; North Hennepin Community College—Marion Day; North High School (Minneapolis)—Jeff Bustza, Richard Chakolis, Aletha Halcomb, Julie Jacobsen, Natalie Rasmussen, Patricia Rydeen; North High School (North St. Paul)—Ms. Brown, Karen Klein, Kate Liden, Melissa Morgan, Sarah Paul; North Lakes Academy—Caroline Little; North Park Elementary—Faith Twedell; North Rose Wolcott High School—Sherman Parker; North Senior High—Lisa Johnson; North View Junior High—Sue Howard, Dan Murphy, Nancy Ziemer, Tom Brandt, Dianna Deschene, Mike Mullin; Northdale Middle School—Sarah Engstrom, Julie Fleischhacker, Veann Beutler, Tim Martin, Lionel Washington; Northern Elementary—Mary Kostohryz; Northern Illinois University—Paul Stey; Northfield High School—Stephen Cade, Donald Dick, Deb Reynolds, Sam Wold; Northfield Middle School—John Bade, Mark Langerin; Northrup Elementary—Mary Hartman, Jim Nannemann; Northside Christian School—Beth Dvorak, Bryan Remen, Anne Remen; Northside Elementary (Benson)—Mary Ann Larson; Northdale Elementary (St. James)—Roxanne Romsdahl; Northview Elementary School DHOH Team—Kristine Cinealis, Northwest YMCA—Gloria Smith; Northwestern College—Bruce Melander, Jackie Pickar; O.H. Anderson Elementary—Dave Clymer, Christine Anderson; Oak Grove Middle School—Renée Sbrocco; Oak Hill Community Elementary—Linda Baker, Mr. Kaczor; Oak Hill Montessori—Renée Laurent; Oak Hills Elementary—Mrs. Bloomquist, Ms. Rome; Oak Park Elementary—Nina Leiser, Daryl Vossler; Oak Point Elementary—Chris Hajney, Diane Kelly, Mrs. Radel, Jodi Radel, Matt Rusch, Mrs. Wolfe; Oak Point Intermediate Elementary—Heidi Wavinak; Oak Point Intermediate School—Vicki Effertz; Oak View Elementary—Mr. Esselman, Jill Simon, Kelli Varley; Oak View Middle School—Olivia Bastian, Mary Mann, Gordy Nilsen; Oakdale Elementary—Shirley Blasjo, Lynn Brown, Jane Cavanaugh, Kari Ellief, Lisa Frampton, Patty Krauschaar; Oakland Junior High—Brian Luke, Julie Guerber, Robin Vought; Oakridge Elementary—Mrs. Yetzer; Oakview Middle School—Mr. Walden; Oakwood Elementary—Rose Klobuchar, Jan Wiley; Occidental College—Daniel Fineman; Odyssey Charter School—Jeni Holm; Ogilvie High School—Joan Erickson; Olathe Unified School District—Antonia Miller, Mr. Reeves; Olivia, MN—Letha Brenner, Pat Kadlecak; Olson Elementary—Jessica Newman, Jane Willey; Olson Middle School—Terry Fraver, Tammy Kellen, Jean Liss, Karolyn Thompson, Ron Wagner, Jeremy Willey; Oltman Junior High—Peter Bergman, Susan Peichel;

Onamia Elementary—Ms. Maxwell, Kelly Mertens; Onamia Secondary School—Joani Ellingson; Orchard Lake Elementary—Mrs. Batta, Patti Schluter, Janine Steffer; Ordean Middle School—Jennifer Timm; Orono High School—Sarah Cole, Adrienne Gilby; Orono Intermediate—Katy Crofutt; Osceola Middle School—Rachel Marrier; Osseo Elementary—Nancy Hammer, Kathy Johnson, Kathy Petruzzi, Carolyn Steinke; Osseo High School—Brian Chance, Jill Kellar, Ms. Lausche, Gary Leafblad, Mr. Rosch, Ms. Sasse, Leslie Schmelsser, Mr. Schultz, Gerry Zelenak, Eric Kalenze, Daryll Lindquist, Kelli Walk; Osseo Junior High Greg Bigalke, Joe Domeier, Mr. Lemke, Clayton Ochs, Mrs. Peterson; Osseo Secondary Transition Center—Kristin Cappola; Osseo Senior High—Helen Larson, Mr. Leabo; Otsego Elementary—Nancy Boyer, Rick Greenwaldt, Mary Beth Stensgard, Wayne Stensgard, Julie Olson; Ottawa Hills School District—Susan Everheart; Otter Lake Elementary—Ann Feider, Lee McGrath, Mrs. Poppa, Lisa Thompson; Our Lady of Grace School—Bonnie Stone; Our Lady of Peace—Julie Mueller; Owatonna High School—Katie Berglund; Owatonna Junior High—Margaret Swanson; Oxbow Creek Elementary—Rolf Carlson, Ms. Cox, Neil Eerdmans, Judy Johnson, Heidi Johnson, Kari Kaehn, Rebecca Lundberg, Terry McEowen; Palmer Lake Elementary—Marlys Carols Stieskal; Park High School—Valerie Bradt; Park Brook Elementary—Mary Beth Walls;

Park Center High School—Paul Lorentzen, Bradley Olson; Park Elementary—Susan Haugland; Park High School—Denise Atkinson, Stephanie Blair, Jarom Debtviller, Mr. Kyes, Mr. Mackie, Roberta Rudolph, Christopher Russel, Maria Tol; Park Rapids Elementary—Candy Malm; Park Senior High—Joe Hentges; Park Spanish Immersion Park Spanish Immersion Teachers—Milissa Hoffman, Corey Maslowski; Park Spanish Immersion Elementary—Kathleen Walser; Park Valley Catholic School—Mrs. Steffensmeier; Park View Early Childhood Center—Lee Bahr; Park View Montessori School—Teri Blair, Todd Vandenberg; Parkside Elementary—Lauri Hayes; Parkvalley Catholic School—Leona Cornish, Mrs. Halstrom, Nancy Hanson, Mrs. Heimer; Parkview Center Elementary—Christine Hitchcock, Gloria Honda, Deb Obey; Parkview Center School—Barb Grengs, Gail Hagen, Jill Koshiol, Stacy Nelson; Parkview Early Childhood Center—Mrs. Blake; Parkview Elementary (Rosemount)—Petra Hagen, Mrs. Lunn; Parkview Elementary (Virginia)—Marcia Bergquist; Parkview Elementary (White Bear Lake)—Mr. Allen, Ms. Sharp; Parkway Elementary—Rebecca Swanson; Parkway Elementary (St. Paul)—Nancy Class, Mrs. Heubach; Patrick Henry High School—Perry Juenemann, Eva Lockhart, Susan Losacker; Paul and Sheila Wellstone Elementary—Kelly Madder, Mrs. Potts, Judy Schultz; Paynesville Elementary—Cheryl Colbert; Paynesville High School—Patricia Nelson; Paynesville Middle School—Todd Spanier; Pearson Elementary—James Otto; Penn Township School District—Leola Schmidt; Pequot Lakes High School—Lynn Smith; Perpich Center for Arts Education—Joao Bichino, John Colburn, Craig Farmer, Bob Frey, Chris Granius, Nancy Norwood, Wesley Wallace;

Peter Enich Kindergarten Center—Mr. Gall; Peter Hobart Elementary—Barb Bottleneck, Ali Dvorak, Elizabeth Lovas, Carole Humphrey; Phalen Lake Elementary—John Farthing, Ms. Wolters; Phillips Community School—Clyde Eagle; Piedmont Elementary—Jan Holt, Gerry Mizuko; Pierz High School—David Dormanen; Pike Lake Elementary—Jean Modjeki; Pilgrim Lane Elementary—Mrs. Stensrud; Pillsbury Ele-

mentary—Krista Anderson, Mrs. Jernberg, Sandra O'Donnell, Kristen Parker, Lori Tierney, Mark Trumper; Pilot Knob Elementary—Steven Anderson, Char Kascht, Dave Skoglund, Carol Olson; Pine Bend Elementary—Patty Goettsch, Mary Landis, Ben Peine; Pine City High School—Eric Wicktor; Pine Hill Elementary—Mrs. Burns, Sue Elchert, Mrs. Germshied, Andrew Hovden, Ms. Karnowski, Mrs. Mitchell; Pine Island Elementary—Mary Bakeberg; Pine Island High School—Dale Phillipson; Pine Lake Elementary—Mr. Klippenes; Pinecrest Elementary (Hastings)—Lyn Much, Glenda Peak; Pinewood Elementary (Monticello)—Jessica Herbst; Pinewood Elementary (Eagan)—Mrs. Anderson, Betsy Beach, Erik Davis, Joel Ruthenbeck, Pinewood Elementary (Mounds View)—Barbara Brusman, Melissa Dugan, Gary Judd, Holly Kettelsen, Betty Simonsen; Pioneer Ridge Freshman Center—Ross Erickson; Pipestone Alternative Program—Toni Cunningham; Pipestone Area Schools—Leorna Studt; Pipestone Public Schools—Joan Ratzloff; Pleasantview Elementary—Jill Krueger, Mrs. Martin, Gina Rudolph; Plymouth Middle School—Katie Buss, Bradley Burns, Tony Vazquez; Pope John Paul II Catholic School—Mrs. Aska, Lissa Forletti-Aska; Poplar Bridge Elementary—Mrs. Kapsch, Nancy Layman, Susan Peterson, Emily Rolek, Michelle Shorma, Mrs. Steffes; Powderhorn Elementary—Joan Hutchinson, Nancy Kruse; Prairie Elementary—Maririn Jensen, Judy Schmidt, Yvonne Sieve; Prairie Lutheran Early Childhood—Avis Turner; Prairie View Elementary—Linda Fullerton, Mike Skarp, Mark Swiggum; Prairie Woods Elementary—Jon Ninneman, Gwendolyn Roeder;

Pratt Elementary—Matt Berg, Anita Kangas, Laura Madsen; Presentation of Mary Elementary School—Hannah Stolen, Patsy Bishop; Prince of Peace Lutheran School—Wayne Coburn; Princeton High School—Duane Anderson, Stephen Larson; Princeton North Elementary—Carol Jones; Princeton South Elementary—Heidi Gebhard; Prior Lake—Ms. Colbert, Lyle Grimmer; Proctor Senior High School—Dick Kieren, Jim McIntire, Kathy Sylvester; Prosperity Heights Elementary—Mary Bakken, Angela Jalonack; Providence Academy—Teresa Wilson; Pullman Elementary—Nicole Wildman; Putnam Elementary—Cathy Clemons, Mrs. Johnson, Kristie Rossow; Putnam Heights Elementary (Eau Claire, WI)—Alan Hudacek; R.T.R. High School—Mr. Thomas; Rahn Elementary School—Brad Taylor; Rainbow Connection Preschool—Kristy Adams, Deb Milow; Ralph R. Reeder Community Education Center—Cathy Larson; Ramsey Elementary—Sandra Anderson, Lona Kampf, Sue Olseon, Penny Rodman, Patricia Schlick, Sue Stearans, Deb Waller; Ramsey Fine Arts Elementary—Blatti Ann, Kathy Glick, Susan Gonzalez, Jennifer Hennen, Pat Kelly, Tim Leach, Lisa Munson; Randolph Heights Elementary—Lisa Dochniak, Monica Fitzgerald;

Red Lake Elementary—Shelly Fredriksen, Jean Whitefeather; Red Oak Elementary—Mary Louise Olberding; Red Pine Elementary—Nicole Crumb, Sue Gerten, Laurie Herman; Red Rock Elementary—Mrs. Denault, Stephanie Dorn, Mrs. Lee, Laura Loppnow, Kathy Mides, Mrs. Opatz, Red Rock Elementary Teachers; Red Wing High School—Jeff Chalmers, Lowell Gran, Jim Morrisson, Dave Woods, Kevin Larson; Redwood Valley High School—Mrs. Sales; Redwood Valley Middle School—Susan Anderson, Elizabeth Sales; Reede Gray Elementary—Euleen Christensen; Renville County West Elementary—Cam Weis; Rice Creek Elementary—Beth Gelino; Rice Elementary—Mrs. McDermaid; Rice Lake Elementary—Amy Gerst, Ryan Hahn, Jeanne Holland, Ann Miller, Karen Schwartz, Gail Tellander, Candy

Boser, Mr. Stamman; Richard Green Elementary—Karen Larson; Richard Green School—Ms. Guiltary; Richardson Elementary—Ms. Jansen; Richfield High School—Richard Prindle, Barry Bain, Mr. Bente, Laurie Brown, Colleen Fischer, Mabel Frankenstein, Christopher Kaus, Derek Nelson, Mr. Oiseth, Cliff Peterson, Jennifer Swenson, Aaron Tepp, Elizabeth Vella Zehnphennig, Bruce Wiebe; Richfield Intermediate School—Kathryn Post, Jim Hayeck, Jodi Schleyer, Sandy Stone; Richfield Middle School—Val Carroll, James Habeck, Julie Lentz, Laura McQuiston, Kim Smith; Richfield School District—F. Taber-Akin; Richmond Elementary—Susan Utechit;

Ridgeview Elementary—Ms. Anderson, Paul Meyer; Rippleside Elementary—Sharon Lake, Daryl Smith, Loren Vonaske, Missy Walters; River Falls School District—Lanny Saumer; River Heights Elementary—Lisa Mayer; Riverside Elementary—Ms. Porter; Riverview Elementary School—Larry Golyer, Krista Carroll; Robbinsdale Armstrong High School—Pam Stanoch, Paul Anderson, Linda Holstein, James Irwin, Dean Larsen, John Norton, Kathleen Norton; Robbinsdale Cooper High School—Mrs. Bye, Lisa Emison, Vernon Hollister, Melissa Kyle, Kurt Pauly, Carol Zaudtke; Robbinsdale School District—Mr. Mossberg; Robbinsdale Spanish Immersion—Sr. Marique, Laura Pezan; Rochester—Sarah Nelson; Rochester Central Lutheran School—Pat Bryngelson; Rockford Elementary School—Terry Stansfield; Rockford High School—Caroline Young; Rogers Elementary—Mrs. Deroma, Vicky Roberts; Rogers High School—Laura Honeck, Sara Klingelhofer, Susan Romane; Rogers Middle School—Julie Athman, Lance Boole, Lori Tukey; Rondo Learning Center Cathy Smith; Roosevelt Elementary (Detroit Lakes)—Jane Ballard; Roosevelt Elementary (Faribault)—Mary Canney; Roosevelt Elementary (Mankato)—Brian Eggersdorfer, Kayla Koble, Mrs. Kuhlmann; Roosevelt Elementary (St. Cloud)—Larry Hanson; Roosevelt Elementary (Virginia)—Wayne Slater; Roosevelt High School (Minneapolis)—Jeahanne Beaton, Margaret Berg, Sharon Haldeman, Diane Martini-Johnson, Mr. Newton, John Vukmomich; Roosevelt Magnet Elementary (St. Paul)—Sheryl Cain, Jeanne Ertz, Dayna Thomas; Roosevelt Middle School (Blaine)—Laura Kaiser, Wayne Larkin; Roseau Elementary—Kelly Christianson; Rosemount High School—Rodney Smith, Liz Erikson, Sara Haitlei, Faith Jonas, Mr. Olsen, Carroll Rasch, Thomas Scott, Mr. Sieve, Mr. Theisen, Dr. Scott, Roy Warter; Rosemount Middle School—James Strey; Rosemount, MN—Justin Austgen; Roseville Area High School—Kay Sorgatz, Jane Aguilar, Merlen Clercx, Donna Erickson, Edward Fredine, Wally Jacobson, Robert Pass, Mary Peterson, Chris Ploetz, Charity Przepiora, Chelsea Schultz, Bo Smith, Kent Smith, Mr. Wagner, Jim Warren; Roseville Area Middle School—Tony Andrea, Jeff Bibeau, Barbara Grengs, Scot Lavinger, Margo Olsen, Jodi Walker; Roseville Lutheran Nursery School—Anna; Rossman Elementary—Patricia Lee Benson, Ron Sprafka, Joann Strand; Royal Oaks Elementary—Mrs. Appert, Kelly Baeth, Laurie Beebe, Mr. Birkolyz, Denise Downhour, Louise Hinz, Linda Rull, Matt Judd; RTR High School—Mr. Thomas; Rum River Elementary—Mrs. Blue, Beverly Semanko, Jane Wood, Debra Day, Sandy Hannah; Rush City High School—Michael Vaughn; Rush Creek Elementary—Margot Andress, Ann Mock, Phyllis Rither, Patti Tannuzzo, Julie Williams; Rushford-Peterson High School—Craig Colbenson; Rutherford Elementary—Gretchen Haukom, Mrs. Spencer, Julie Kramer; Sacred Heart Elementary—Katie Goole, Mrs. Harty; Saint Ambrose of

Woodbury—Mrs. Kress, Laurel Madden, Felicia Ochs, Kristin Woolsey; Saint Angela Merici School (Bronx, NY)—Diane Flanagan-Hogan; Saint Anthony Middle School—Robert Prust; Saint Anthony Park Elementary—Jessica Cherrier, Ruth Krider, Cathy Lime, Courtney O'Lean, Tim Olmstead, Susan Polfliet; Saint Anthony Village High School—Linda Guidera; Saint Batholomew's School Sr. Marcene; Saint Bernard's High School—Amy Okan, Mrs. Harrington, J.P. Kolbinger; Saint Boniface School—Liz Ficker; Saint Casmirs—Margo Lutzek; Saint Charles—Donna Spletz; Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic School—Judy Kusz, Mr. Willmar; Saint Charles Elementary School—Jeffrey Cole, Mike Smith; Saint Charles High School—Sarah Diken, Scott McCreedy; Saint Clair Elementary—Deb Hart; Saint Clair High School—Jim Williams; Saint Cloud—Marie Corrieau, Ray Maresh, Sharon Truex; Saint Cloud Children's Home—Craig Slocum; Saint Cloud Christian School—Patty Kelm; Saint Cloud School District—Larry Hanson; Saint Cloud State University—Albert Grottel, Chuck Rose, Frances Kayona, Janine Dahms-Walker;

Saint Cloud Technical High School—Gerald Gerads, LeRoy Pauley; Saint Croix Falls Senior High School—Erik Paulson; Saint David's Child Development Center—Debbie and Tina; Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Middle School—Jeane Sharpe; Saint Francis de Sales School—Mrs. O'Keefe; Saint Francis Elementary—Patti Jo Oslin, Susan Robinette; Saint Francis High School—Mr. Bender, Michael Buck, Bobbi Hume, Mr. Keillor, Charles King, Mr. Klicka; Saint Francis Junior High School—Mr. Rose, Sue Starr, Bo Stevens; Saint Helena School—Sue Poepl; Saint John Fisher College—Michael Walczak; Saint John the Baptist School—Debra Cheney, Danielle Darwin, Mrs. Koskie, Ms. Schnette, Mrs. Spoden, Mrs. Sue, Mrs. Thompson; Saint John the Evangelist School—Andrew Sachalianson; Saint John Vianney School—Marge Milner, M. Pepperwolf, Nancy Schneider; Saint John's Catholic School (Hopkins)—Amy Hoheneker; Saint John's Lutheran School (Chaska)—Mrs. Herman; Saint John's Lutheran School (Maple Grove)—Justin Bermister; Saint Joseph's Catholic School—Sister John Christine, Regina Raush; Saint Joseph's School of Music—Rose Immacula; Saint Jude of the Lake—Tammy Green, Tracy Lewis; Saint Louis Park High School—Dorothy Ranslan, Arthur Cahill, Joe Getty, Joe Conrad, Jan Lane, David Linne, Mary Norris, Kevin O'Brian, Lee Smith, LeeAnn Stephens;

Saint Louis Park Junior High—Mrs. Maslowski, Randy Moore; Saint Mark's (St. Paul)—Karen Marolt, Ms. Rosga, Nicole; Saint Mary of the Lake Catholic School—Jeanne Bennek, Patty Clauson, Beth Croseby, Ms. Easton; Saint Mary's (Saint Paul)—Susan Reinardy; Saint Mary's (West Saint Paul)—Susan Walker; Saint Michael-Albertville High School—Derek Dewey, Michael Frickstad, Jens Rhoades, Pat Neumann; Saint Michael's School (Prior Lake)—Mr. Nickelson; Saint Michael's School (West St. Paul)—Sister Connie; Saint Odilia Parish School—Katy Maier, Kevin Scroggins, Mrs. Wendland; Saint Olaf College—Judy and Jim Cederberg, James Dickson, George Holt, Dan Forstner; Saint Pascal's School—Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Reihle; Saint Paul—Blanche Burroughs, Ms. Hollman, Mrs. Martha, Dorothy Sarafoleon, Tina Westawker, Billie McQuillan, Ralph Helm; Saint Paul Academy & Summit School—Laura Duke, David Fuerst, Laurie Goldfarb, Alisa Grewe, Judy Johnson, Margaret Kelberer, Tom Lundhom, Ms. Miller; Saint Paul Central High School—Ed Roth, Juanita Spire, Mr. Yernburg; Saint Paul College—Kathy Ross; Saint Paul French Immersion School—Audrey Gagnaire,

Tammy Trochu; Saint Paul Mechanical Arts High School—Barbara Brice, Ray Schneider; Saint Paul Open School—Leo Bickelhaupt, Paula Brust, Jule Doble, Sheri Gongioroski, Kelly Jensen, Vaughn Koenig, Tim Leone-Getten; Saint Paul's Lutheran Elementary—Amy Bohme; Saint Peter High School—Mr. Harvey, Korrien Kreft, Jeff Miller; Saint Peter South Elementary—Ms. Farrington;

Saint Peter's Catholic School—Suzanne Yager; Saint Peter's School—Jeff Murawski; Saint Pius X Holy Family School—Deb Christensen, Racheal Hansen; Saint Rose of Lima Elementary School—Mrs. Kniffin, Rita W., Diane Wald; Saint Therese of Deephaven—Stephanie Brondani, Mrs. Connors, Carol Groetsch, Susan Ryan, Tim Wartman; Saint Thomas Academy—Wendy Fox, Donna Isaac, Tom Weber, Mark Westlake; Saint Thomas School—Michelle Misner; Saint Vincent De Paul Elementary—Mrs. Schlickup; Salem Hills Elementary—Ms. Gustafson; San Diego, CA—Diane Moss; Sand Creek Elementary—Roger Johnson, Scott Schaefer; Sandburg Middle School—Mark Balske, Mrs. Franz, Lauren Hildebrand, Dan McMullen, Molly Schmidt, Glen Semanko, Carrie Stack-Schaefer; Sandstone Saint Croix School—Barb Kunelius; Sanford Middle School—Lisa Dreyer, Nilo Guanzon, Lisa Stuehringer; Sartell Middle School—Donna Kellor, Amy Trombley; Sartell Senior High School—Jeff Kellerman; Sauk Centre Elementary—Mary Lou Kluver, Sandra Malevich; Sauk Rapids-Rice Senior High School—Kevin Hemmesch, Laura Mackenthun; Savage—Cindy Busse; Scandia Elementary—Mrs. McArdle, Jackie McMahon; Scenic Heights Elementary—Dylan Briest; Schaeffer Academy—Nola Aderton, Lisa Martinson; School District of Haverford Township—Mrs. Blanchard; School of Environmental Studies—Kim Lindell, Brad Nord;

Schoolcraft Learning Community—Judy Bing, Linda Blessing, Karen Bradley, Sara Breeze, Jim Conway, Marilyn Delaney, Ken Grantier, Gerry Hoyum, Heidi Lindseth, Greg Moen, Melanie Nelson, Carla Patch, Hilary Phukan, Lisa Robinson; Schumann Elementary—Stephanie Johnson, Jane Kipling, Rochelle Ratzloff, Susan Vest; Scott Highlands Middle School—Jeremy Abbot, Lorie Dahlstrom, Phyllis Deer, Ron Finger, Stephanie Helgerson; Seward Montessori Elementary School—Kathie Glick, Kristen Hanson, Paul Hegre, Leni Heinen, Paul Heshe, Elizabeth Hockbeing, Agnes Kilpatrick, John Roper-Batker, Karen Utter; Shakopee Area Catholic School—Renae Sames; Shakopee High School—Eric Christianson, Edie Cook, Bev Fahey, Jason Hunt, Mr. MILLER; Shakopee Junior High—Ms. Fiora; Shannon Park Elementary—Chris Ice, Sue McMurchie, Mary Snyder, Carol Anderson, Jill Kopperud; SHAPE Program (Bloomington)—Marion Thorne; Sheridan Elementary (Lincoln, NE)—Karen Hoiberg; Sheridan Elementary (St. Paul)—Sheila Kluxdal; Sheridan Global Arts and Communications Elementary—Renee Beer, Charles Bethke, Colin Brown, Susan Ferrell, Nadine Hennings, Cathy Jaksha, Becca Kristofitz, Joni Kueng, Chasu Lo, Ms. Melquist, Carolyn Olcott, Robin Parker, Roberta Puzon, Jody Quenell, Linda Radick, Karen Ruhs, Brenda Schultz, Leah Williams, Shirely Foerster; Sheridan Hills Elementary—Jean Malherek, Mrs. Geafer; Shingle Creek Urban Environmental School—Paul Brau, Craig Smith;

Shirley Hills Primary School—Mrs. Tollefson, Dan O'Brien, Jessica Rashleger; Sibley Elementary—Susan Chabot, Dan Foley; Silver Lake Catholic School—Karen Eckstein; Simley High School—Anne Batisti, Tom Claussen, Thomas Findlay, Matthew Lorey, Rufino Ochoda, Mike Murr; Sioux Trail Elementary—Karen Brown, Elaine

Vezina; Sky Oaks Elementary—Nancy Brandt, Kate Landgen, Mary Lincoln; Skyview Community Elementary—Seann Dikkers, Peter Evans, Kari Ratz, Peter Evans; Snail Lake Elementary—Leslie Lundmark, Craig Sundberg, Nathan Flansburg; Solomon Schechter Day School—Aliza Zeff; Somerset Elementary—Kathy Cardinal, Sue Wyckoff; Sonnesyn Elementary—Jennifer Cavanaugh, Janet Maki, Kay Miller, Jan Moen, Pam Oesterreich, Molly Zensen, Katni Homan; Sorteberg Elementary—Judy Saboe; South Avondale Elementary School—Sally Coomes; South Elementary—Lexi Cummings; South Grove Elementary—Mrs. Chun; South High School—Neil Anderson, Douglas Berglund, Scott Carter, Duane Dentz, Brian Fitzgerald, Mrs. Gunderson-Johnson, Mrs. Hayes, Tanya Hodge, Warren Kaari, Denny Sponsler, Mark Wald, Susan Wolfe, Melinda Bennett; Snail Lake Elementary—Eric Collins;

South Point Elementary—Kathy Voelker; South Saint Paul High School—Conrad Anderson, Judy Carney, Jennifer Caruso, Marlene Greger, Rachel Hansen, Sean McGlaughlin, Marilyn West, Jim Woodburn, Jane Stull; South View Middle School—Patrick Anderson, Ms. Barnett, Ms. Cicmil, Dean Dahl, Ms. Koenig, Marge Melvin, Mr. Sigmund, Mr. Wolfbauer, Dan Wymore; South Washington—Sarah Jepson; South Washington County School District—Daryl Vossler; Southern Illinois University (Edwardsville, IL)—Thomas O'Keefe; Southland Senior High—Larry Luke; Southside Family School—Peter Oppenheim; Southview Elementary—Carol Peach, Lee Filipek; Southview Middle School—Ms. Arnold, Ms. Padden;

Southwest Christian High School—Andrew Gross; Southwest Junior High School—Crystal Ivanish; Southwest Senior High School—Mr. Behrendt, Mr. Denysenko, Robert Ferguson, Art Froehle, Larry Levine, Megan Marsnik, Beth Otto, Thomas Perry; Anne Marie Plante, Robin Polson, Sarah Sexton, Bill Towne, Jonathan Townsend, Ms. Westby; Southwest Star Concept Secondary School—Robert Graef; Special Education Resource Program (Minneapolis)—Meghan Scallon; Spooner High School—Mrs. Eichhorst; Spring Lake Park Senior High School—Michael Bobbe, Jennifer Bobbe, Brian Fredine, Wendy Hatchner, Carl Luepker, Jeremy Sellman, Beth Wackman;

Stevenson Elementary—Darri Becchetti, Mrs. Hermann, Michael Kozarek, Debbie Rein, Ms. Simineol; Stillwater High School—Greg Johnson, Marcia Aubineau, Bill Carlson, Tanya DeWing, Ms. Gunvolson, Mrs. Lee, Mr. Luke, Pam Norton, Darby Whitehill, Sunny Hollow Elementary—Ms. Branch, Doug Hubred, Andrew Hunter, Ms. Sigurdson, Julie Pitkin, Mr. Strand; Sunnyside Elementary—Mrs. Follet, Kevin Holm, Joseph Law, Sandy Lehman, Greg Ulrich; Sunset Hill Elementary—Cathi Critzer, Jane Reynolds, David Wiegert, Cheryl Burdick; Talahi Elementary—Angela Mitchell, Mary Pierce-Slocum; St. John's Lutheran School (Maple Grove)—Richard Wilkie; St. Joseph's School (West St. Paul)—Jane Schneeweis; St. Raphael Catholic School (Crytal)—Ms. Wockenfuss; St. Stephen's Catholic School (Anoka)—Mrs. Lakaner; Stanford University—Stanford, CA—Camille Picconatto; Staples High School (Westport, CT)—Joe Ball; Staples-Motley High School—Mrs. Schwichtenberg; Step by Step Montessori (Wayzata)—Olga Tregor; Stephen Senior High School—Gary Kotts; Stillwater Junior High—John Warnert, Mrs. Michaels;

Stonebridge Elementary—Mrs. Ivey, Mr. Kondrasuk, Ms. McKay, Ms. Studtman; Stowe Elementary—Robert Berg, Denise Nord; Studio Academy (Rochester)—Mr. Aakre; Sullivan Community Center—Susan

Bell, Kaylen Gores, Mary Swenson; Sun Path Elementary—Mary Kornder; Sunday School—Amy Baker; Sunny Hill Preschool—Ruthann & Vicki; Sunny Hollow Montessori (St. Paul)—Anne Paul; Sunrise Park Middle School—Travis Littlefield, Huy Nguyen; Susan Lindgren Elementary—Sabrina Olson; Sweeney Elementary School—Jennifer Johnson; Talmud Torah of Saint Paul—Faye Bearman, Benji Latz, Robbi Nelson; Tartan High School—Jan Churchill, Gerard Coury, Tony Didier, Matt Duffee, Roy Erickson, Vicki Fellows, Kristin Gessert, Glen Hanson, Mrs. Hyers, Karen Hyers, Phylis Kirsch, Dan Krengel, Carolyn Merva, Jeff Patry, Jackie Reiter, Mr. Roleff, Dave Rutledge, Craig Spreiter, Grant Steves, Mandy Wineberg, Janice Yamamoto, Vicki Reiter, Mark Junod, Louise Weldon; Taylors Falls Elementary—Mike Ackertz, Mrs. Noyd, Sheila Sandell, Technology and Language School—Mr. Lee, Ken Habel; Temple Israel School—Fran, Heidi Trashish; Tesseract School—Robert Tuma; The Blake School—David Burton, Judy Ann Ehrlich, Will Fisher, Laura Larson, Mr. Olsen, Heinz Otto, Lisa Vaughnn, Larry Hester, Ms. Johnson, Kathryn Kaatz, Patti Loftus, Chris Passi; Thomas Lake Elementary—Brenda Fluke, Mrs. Hokkanen, Mrs. Tan;

Torah Academy—Aarah Aizman, Jill Singer; Totino-Grace High School—Tim Glynn, Tom Jeffries, Mary Newman, Dick Paul, Jason Schwalen, Ms. Sweet; Tracy High School—Jerome Rood; Transfiguration Catholic School—Bryan Collins; Trinity Catholic School—Mr. Heller, Sister Mary Lorentz, Marla O'Keefe; Trinity Lutheran School—Ron Anenson, Greg McCourt, Laura Yust; Trinity School at River Ridge—Ken Folkestad; Turtle Lake Elementary—Nancy Friendt, Joan McMahon, Dennis Nelson, Cheryl Wallin; Tuttle Elementary—Teresa Wisniewski; Twin Bluff Middle School—Amy Carlson, Amy Strusz; Twin Cities Academy—Erin Amundson, Shannon Gould, Mr. Koch, Gina Stine, Susan Webster; United South Central Elementary—Mrs. Dalton; Unity Elementary—Yvonne Sorenson; University Day Community School—Jan Schaffer; University Elementary—Nicole Nelson; University of Central Florida—Robert Wood; University of Minnesota—JoAnne Buggey, Ed Nater, Peter Ralston, Larry McDonough, Drew Sweetzer, Michael Root, Raymond Duvall, Maribeth Overland, Jeff Ratliff-Grain, Steve Andreasen, Lee Galda, Shirely Garner, Karen Jorgensen, Jerry Luckhardt; University of Saint Thomas—Karen Boros, Robert Brown, Robert Delhanty, Beth Middleton; University of Wisconsin—W.L. Bretzel, David Furniss; Upsala Secondary School—Roxanne Lewis; Urban League Saint Academy—Liam Baucom-Orlofsky;

Vadnais Heights Elementary—Deb Girard, Ellie van Guilder; Valentine Hills Elementary—Cindy Mortenson, Leland Porath; Valley Crossing Community School—Shannon Casey, Elizabeth Dobbins, Jenelle Krech, Deb Laub, Ms. Thompson; Valley Middle School—Ross Alwin, Elaine Coglitore, Shaun Lindquist, Mary Spychalla; Valley View Middle School—Christine Ingram, Besty Navarro, Jon Moore, Florence Debard, Ms. Ebert, Greg Erbish, Jeffrey Grabow, Phil Holm, Lindsey Jacobson, Jon Baudek, Kristen Morcomb, Ms. Nasset, Cathy Weller; Vandenberg Junior High School—Kassea Boche, Mrs. Kurmis, William Pollard; Ventura High School—Arls Arnold; Vista View Elementary—Mehan Murray; Wabasha-Kellogg High School—Beth Jewson; Wadena-Deer Creek Elementary—John Keanen, Jean Rortvedt; Wagner Elementary—Bryce Wendlandt; Waite Park Elementary—Ms. Ficocello, William Land, Ms. Maier, Ms. Penn, Sue Schweitzer, Ms. Thompson; Walker-Hackensack-Akeley Secondary School—

Kelly Nelson; Waseca Central Intermediate School—Brenda Saemrow, Jody Schlichte; Waseca High School—Herb Streitz;

Waseca Junior High School—Sheryl Wilder; Washburn Elementary—Aimee Johnson, Ms. Schill; Washburn High School—Barb E., Nancy Gustafson, Christine Lamm, Perry Rudey, Gary Wald, Jennifer Welbaum, Mrs. Wells, Katy Winker, Allan Wurst; Washington Elementary (Alexandria)—Dave Gran, Deb Odland; Washington Elementary (Cloquet)—Mr. Goard, Karen McKenna; Washington Elementary (Crookston)—Nancy Neis; Washington Elementary (Mankato)—Gerald Hansen, Connie Long, Cindy Stone; Washington Elementary (Owatonna)—Jenni Bricko, Monica Konold; Washington Elementary (Willmar)—Earl Habben; Washington Middle School (Brainerd)—Letitia Laske; Washington Middle School (St. Paul)—Anne Johnson; Watershed High School—John Miller; Watertown-Mayer Elementary—Tyler Finkelson, Joan Fritzke, Mr. Rockhold, Colleen Kelzer; Waterville-Elysian-Morristown Junior High—Mrs. Wanless; Watkins Elementary—Don Ksar; Wayzata High School—Jeff Dahl, Grace Gamradt, Brenda Gonuea, Michelle Howe, Kevin Johnson, Ertwin Jones-Hermerding, Stacy Larson, Chuck Leonard, Gail Rains, Jan Reineck, Peter Schmit, Tom Tietze, Adam Tillotson, Bill Vieth, Chip Williams, Ken Zwach;

Webster Magnet Elementary—Robin Abel, Pam Anderson, Bob Blat, Chris Diaz de Leon, Ralph Helm, Diane Kastner, Ms. Lund, Ron Moeller, Mrs. Reinhardt, Niceta Smith, Laura Stirn; Westwood Elementary—Debbie Kaiser, Mrs. McCuster, Carl Nevils, Helen Swedien, Kari Sunberg, Westwood Elementary Staff—Pam Dugas; White Bear Lake High School—Dan Rossiter, Kari Sunbeg, Mr. Nakasone, Roger Storkamp, Tiffany Dittrich, Peggy Ludtke, Mrs. Bortot, Mrs. Braeger, Mrs. Christenson, Gary Cook, Karla Lauerma, Marci Markuson, Keif Svendsen, John Mwachlarowicz, Mrs. Wagner, Marcia Wellstone, Joe Rukavina; Watzata East Middle School—Karen Peters; Wayzata—Karen Boole, Ginny Hersey; Wayzata Central Middle School—Stacy Calvert, Anne Todd; Wayzata East Middle School—Rachel Schaeffer; Wayzata West Junior High School—Ron Billings; Wayzata West Middle School—Mary Anderson; Weaver Elementary—Michael McHatchensen, Amy Arntson, Beth Chapelaine; Weaver Lake Elementary—Bonnie Caper-Eckstein, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Maetzold, Diane Nielson;

Webb Middle School—Christopher Paulson; Webster Elementary—Amy McGuire; Webster Open Elementary—Kathy Beaman, Beth Nilson, Martha Spriggs; Welcome Elementary—Mary Ann DeBus; Willow Lane Elementary School—Tracy Gripenot, Marilyn House, Helen Lind, Susan Schnorr, Lisa Slack, Bev Sonnenburg; Willow Creek Middle School (Rochester)—Robyn Floyd, Frances Reisner; Willow Creek Intermediate Elementary (Owatonna)—Stacy Ginsek; Willmar High School—Linda Aune, Mark Miley, George Peper; William Byrne Elementary—Debbie Bigelow, Nicole Happe; Wildwood Elementary—Nan Rohde, Paula Tansom, Matthew Hoffman; Westwood Middle School—Robert Gibson, Mr. Kretchmar, Marianne Paulos, Trent Snyder; Westside Elementary—Jamie Follstad, Camille Donaldson, Paulette Schwen; Wenonah Elementary—Gail Ketter, Ms. Langseth; White Bear Lake Central Middle School—Genni Steele; White Bear Lake Preschool—Lori Castro; White-water High School—James Minette; Whittier Park Elementary—Sue Ohman; White Bear Lake—Judy Lund; West Elementary—Janice Buening; Carrie Ekert; Mrs. Loita.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COMMENDING THE LADIES AUXILIARY TO THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

• Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to commend the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars for their great work on behalf of our military members and veterans, and specifically those veterans and military personnel in the State of Georgia.

For many years, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars has been involved in supporting our brave men and women in uniform and their families. Throughout the country many Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars are providing support and well wishes at our Nation's airports as soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines leave and return from Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Iraq. Members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars also help the families of deployed troops meet such challenges as trying to fill the roles of absent parents, learning to stretch a reduced paycheck, and dealing with loneliness.

In the last year, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars has provided many families and troops with Operation Uplink cards, which allow our troops to make long-distance phone calls to loved ones during challenging times. Additionally, members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars have personally helped deployed service members' families by babysitting, providing transportation, helping with weekly tasks like mowing the lawn and grocery shopping, but most of all by being good listeners.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars also provides scholarship funds for civically minded youth. Through various scholarship funds, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars awards \$37,500 annually. Young people benefiting from these awards have outstanding achievement in academics, volunteerism, and the creative arts, and these awards allow them to extend these achievements even further.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars also offers a unique program to its members. All members are eligible to receive a cancer grant, which is a lump sum gift given to a member who has been diagnosed with cancer. Two Cancer Research Fellowships are also offered by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. These grants are 1-year, \$50,000 postdoctoral fellowships, which are awarded each year to eligible scientists. The auxiliary provides these fellowships so that researchers can devote one year full-time to the challenge of cancer research.

I hope my colleagues will join with me today in commending the ladies auxiliary for their service and contribution on behalf of our military personnel and veterans. The Nation should

be proud and appreciative to have such an organization active and operating. I am especially proud to have them active in the State of Georgia and congratulate them for their accomplishments and their service to our country.●

RECOGNIZING THE CHESTERFIELD COUNTY EMS, POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

• Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am honored today to recognize the Emergency Medical Services, EMS, Police and Fire Departments of Chesterfield County. It is through their brave and steadfast actions during the floods of Tropical Storm Gaston that the lives of many Virginians were saved.

Throughout the evening and overnight hours on Monday, August 30, 2004, the remnants of Tropical Storm Gaston entered the Central Virginia area. Although the weather forecasts called for 1-3 inches of rain, Chesterfield County residents found themselves under as much as 10 inches of rain in some areas that night. As a result, numerous roads began to flood and several swift-water rescues had to be made in the complete darkness. These rescues tested the knowledge, skills and abilities of the members of Chesterfield Fire, Police and EMS; their heroic actions under the extreme pressures they faced that night saved many members of their community from life-threatening conditions.

Today, I commend: David A. Stone, James B. Anderson, Richard A. Holmes, Daniel Juan Robertson, Jim Fitch, Stuart Smith, Curtis Sink, Steve Stump, Mike Larkin, William Smith, Steve Traylor, Chris Harrell, Bill Jeffords, Mark Berry, Frank Blankenship, Brian Riffe, Jack Speed, Roger Warden, Bryce Ford, Brook Keenum, Rick Bucher, Jim Stanley and the many other rescuers from Chesterfield County who saved so many lives at their own peril on that fateful night.

I am pleased to recognize the selfless actions of these tremendous men and women, which demonstrate the incredible dedication, determination and courage they have in serving their community. Virginia should be proud of the brave work undertaken by the rescue workers in Chesterfield County. Their community is a better and safer place because of the job they did that night and each and every day.●

A TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. JOHN HERBERT SPENCER, SR.

• Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, today I honor Rev. Dr. John Herbert Spencer, Sr. who passed away on October 1, 2004 at the age of 83. Dr. Spencer was a compassionate man whose selflessness and devotion to his faith, family and community will be remembered for generations.

Dr. Spencer, a native of Greene County, AL, was born on December 7, 1920, to Manuel and Annie Eatman Spencer.

A graduate of the public schools in Greene County and Tuscaloosa, Dr. Spencer also attended Stillman College and Union Seminary. He became the pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church in Holt, AL in 1946 and remained at the church for 58 years. His leadership and devotion to the church spurred tremendous growth, including a new sanctuary and increased congregation.

He also preached at the following churches: Antioch Baptist Church in Hulls, AL, Hopewell Baptist Church in Lowndes County, Pleasant Green Baptist Church in Whitehall, New Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Tyler, and the Old Kingston Baptist Church in Prattville. Dr. Spencer also dedicated much of his time and energy to the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. and the Alabama Baptist State Convention, particularly as Missionary for the Northwest District since 1976 and locally as Record Secretary of the New Antioch Bethlehem District, NABD, Association and instructor in both the local and State Congress of Christian Education. He was the oldest and longest serving pastor in the NABD Association.

Dr. Spencer's influence played a vital role in the completion of the NABD Association's Religious Center and the Science Building and Dinkins Hall at Selma University. He served as both Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Selma University and was instrumental in efforts to secure the school's accreditation. Honorary Doctorate Degrees from Selma University, Birmingham Baptist Bible College and Easonian Theological Seminary are among his numerous awards and citations for his contributions to Baptist work.

Dr. Spencer married Lillian Brown Johnson in 1946, and they were the parents of eight children. He later married Kay Frances Turner in 1980, who survives him. He is also survived by his children: Rev. John H. Spencer, Jr. and his wife Debra; Rev. Simeon D. Spencer and wife Glynnis; Dr. Marjorie Spencer Campbell and husband Willie, Lillian M. Spencer; Jannis M. Glover and husband Donald and Dr. Faye Spencer Maor and husband Terver. He is also survived by two step-sons: Dr. Otis S. Johnson and Paul L. Johnson and wife Angeline; twelve grandchildren, and one great granddaughter.

Indeed, Dr. Spencer's willingness to share his faith had a positive impact on everyone with whom he came in contact. He will be missed by his family, friends, and the many lives he touched through his ministry.●

THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OAKLAND LIVINGSTON HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency. The mission of this agency is to help low-income, elderly and disabled individuals become self-sufficient, and OLHSA