

When it comes to the health of the people of the United States, we must make education and public awareness a top priority. John J. Callahan is a devoted student, having earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science at Fordham University, his Master's Degree in Regional Planning at Syracuse University and his Ph.D. in Social Science also at Syracuse. John has served as an Assistant Professor of Education and Planning at the University of Virginia and an adjunct professor at the USDA Graduate School and American University.

Further, John J. Callahan is a devoted family man. He is very supportive of his wife and three children. He wants to ensure a health future for his children as well as the children of our entire nation.

I would like to conclude by saying that the Department of Health and Human Services has played a key role in today's health care debate. I have no doubt that our great Nation will pull together to find solutions to the problems that have been identified. The solutions will come from individuals like John Callahan, one who has devoted his lifetime to education, research and public service.

It is again my honor and pleasure to declare my full support for John J. Callahan's nomination to be the Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget and Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Health and Human Services.

I would like to thank Jeffrey C. Lederman for his capable work on development of this statement. Mr. Lederman is a medical student at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-School of Osteopathic Medicine who ably assisted by Aging Committee staff as a fellow over the last 2 months. We are grateful to Mr. Lederman for his service to the Committee. ●

U.S. AIR FORCE AIR MOBILITY COMMAND

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the Secretary, the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force and the officers, men and women of the United States Air Force Air Mobility Command for their performance during the recently concluded reliability, maintainability, and availability evaluation of the C-17 Globemaster III. This aircraft, though controversial at the start has more than proven itself under intense scrutiny by the USAF testers, but most importantly it has proven itself to the men and women who load it, fly it, and maintain it.

During the RM&A evaluation, the C-17 and their crews transported 5,500 tons of Air Force and Army equipment, airdropped nearly 770,000 pounds, including Sheridan tanks and accommodated over 3,000 paratroopers of the 82d Airborne from Fort Bragg, NC and I send my congratulations to them as well. The C-17 flew more than 2,250

flight hours and 500 sorties with a 99-percent launch reliability rate.

We look for jointness in many of our procurements, the C-17 was built with this in mind. Its load capacity has been designed to carry Patriots, helicopters, humvees, main battle tanks, multiple launcher rocket systems and the Army's huge communications vans. These items can not only be transported but driven on and driven off of the aircraft * * * and in an austere environment. It can take the mission essential equipment to where the troops need it. It truly can carry the fight to the enemy * * * wherever he is.

And so Mr. President, I hope this puts to rest those critics of the C-17 who look to less flexible, limited commercial freight haulers to support the combat requirements of this Nation's military personnel. Again, I pass my congratulations and "a job well done" to all those involved in the C-17 program. ●

LAURA HUDSON

● Mr. JOHNSTON. Mr. President, for almost 23 years I have been privileged to serve in the U.S. Senate. For some 20 of those years I have been blessed with the able assistance of Laura Hudson, who completes her Senate service this week, as my legislative director and indispensable right hand.

In so many ways, Laura personifies the best tradition of Senate service—beginning in one capacity and growing into so many more. The young history post-graduate, who took a legislative-correspondent position in my office in 1975, quickly grew beyond that and has been my invaluable counsel on a variety of legislative challenges over the years.

Her knowledge of the budgetary process is legendary among her colleagues. And her command of the appropriations process has no equal among those who serve on personal staffs in the Senate.

There are parks and preservation projects, in Louisiana and beyond which exist solely because of the personal commitment and legislative skill of Laura Hudson, whole regions of the globe, such as Micronesia, routinely neglected by many in the Congress, receive a respect and recognition in Washington due heavily to Laura's devotion. That component Closeup Program, which brings hundreds of students and teachers each year from the former Trust Territories of Micronesia, is but one example of Laura's passion.

Moreover, I am convinced that the relationship between our country and many of the developing and emerging economies of the world, such as China, Viet Nam, and Indonesia, profit in immeasurable ways from the understanding and leadership of staff persons such as Laura.

This is a woman, Mr. President, who has forsaken many opportunities in the private sector because of a deep belief in the merits of public service, and a

belief in the simple tenet that she could make a difference. More than we often acknowledge, it is the Laura Hudsons who made a qualitative difference in our daily work product.

I know that Laura will continue to contribute, as only she can, to public policy. But I will miss her in a way immediate and direct, as will so many of her longtime colleagues in the Senate. But I know they join me in expressing appreciation and best wishes as Laura enters an exciting new chapter of her life. ●

JUNEAU DRILL TEAM WORLD CHAMPIONS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, the drill team from Juneau-Douglas High School in the capital of my State recently won the world championship International Dance-Drill Competition in Nagoya, Japan.

In recognition of their accomplishment, I ask that articles from the Juneau Empire detailing the team's achievements be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the articles were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Juneau Empire, August 6, 1995]
DRILL TEAM WORLD CHAMPS!—JUNEAU GIRLS
SWEEP ALL THREE CATEGORIES IN JAPAN
(By Mike Sica)

They're the best on the planet.

The Juneau-Douglas High School Drill Team dazzled the world, performing the best show, military and prop routines at the International Dance-Drill Competition today in Nagoya, Japan.

The girls also received a special award from the mayor of Nagoya.

Drill team head coach Leslie Dahl said it was hard to understand what was being said because it was all in Japanese.

"All I know is the mayor thinks we're the best," Dahl said.

So did the panel of judges who ranked the Juneau girls ahead of hundreds of other competitors spanning the globe.

The JDHS drill team finished ahead of two Japanese squads in the show routine, beat California and Australia in the military march, and topped Japan and California in the prop routine.

"This is beyond our wildest imaginations," an excited Dahl said over the phone just minutes after the announcement of the winners. "The girls had to push Jennifer Frederick (team captain) forward because she thought she had heard wrong, she just couldn't believe it."

Neither could Craig Dahl, Leslie's husband and a member of the Drill Team Dads. He didn't expect the girls to win the show routine, only because they had few props compared to their competitors in that category.

"I'm sure they drew the crowd into their routine," he figured. "It's exactly what they did in Long Beach (Calif.), when they won the three national titles" earlier this year.

Craig Dahl said the girls must have turned it on under pressure, captivating the audience with their energy and enthusiasm.

"It's absolutely fantastic, they're as good as we think they are," he added.

Juneau made the finals, making the first cut with their preliminary performances on Saturday. Leslie Dahl knew they were strong in the prop routine but thought they were shaky in the military march.

She was also concerned about the show routine because Juneau did not have props that the other teams from Japan had. Dahl said it was time to be daring.

"We decided to go for it in finals, show them what we really can do," she said. "We had nothing to lose."

There were about 7,000 people jam-packed in the huge arena in Nagoya, and they responded to the Juneau girls.

"It felt like we were in the Olympics, with the lighting turned down and spotlights flashing," Leslie Dahl said. "It was unbelievable, especially the way the people supported us."

The drill team will head back to Juneau on Monday. But they were off to a reception today, ready to exchange gifts and trade T-Shirts.

"A lot of Japanese students want to take pictures of the girls," she said. "They're not used to seeing girls so tall."

Craig Dahl said the sweep in the International competition was the drill team's way of thanking Juneau for its generosity.

"The whole community supported the girls and they repaid the town with three world titles," he said.

Leslie Dahl agreed.

"The girls worked so hard, and so did the bus community," she said before rushing to a bus that would take the Juneau girls to the reception honoring them.

"Juneau should be proud!"

So should Alaska and the United States.

[From the Juneau Empire, August 9, 1995]

THE CHAMPS RETURN—ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD GREET'S DRILL TEAM AT AIRPORT

(By Mike Sica)

About 400 people celebrated the Juneau-Douglas High School Drill Team as most of its members returned home after winning three world championship trophies at an international competition in Japan.

The enthusiastic crowd at the Juneau Airport Tuesday carried balloons, flowers and placards. One sign said, "World's Greatest!" Another read, "JDHS Drill Team—The Pride of Alaska, The Pride of the USA."

And there was one that said, "The Best on the Planet," which has become the team's rallying cry.

Family, friends and fans waited anxiously for the team to arrive.

"I'm here to support my sister," 16-year-old James Roberts said of Jodi Timothy. "I want to congratulate her and give her a Coke."

Drill Team dad Jay Boone paced the floor, waiting to see his daughter Gretchen.

And Charlie and Barbara Mitchell joked about living with a world champion.

"We'll have to open our double doors wide enough to fit her head through," Barbara Mitchell said. "But really, we're just very proud of them all. They worked very hard and deserve this."

Linda Egan said she was excited for her daughter Leslie and the rest of the girls, "not just for winning but for the chance to meet people of different nationalities."

Charlotte Richards said her daughter Erin called about 4 a.m. Sunday (Alaska Standard Time), saying Saturday was the "the greatest day of her life."

"She wasn't talking about winning as much as meeting kids from other countries," the proud mother explained. "The amazing thing is that on the same day they won, Japan was observing the end of World War II. "It's neat that the grandchildren of former enemies can enjoy each other so much."

Bart Rozell made the trip to Japan with his two daughters, Mariah and Rebecca. He said the Japanese were wonderful hosts.

"The atmosphere was so friendly and receptive," he said. "They treated our kids

like celebrities, asking for autographs and wanting to have pictures taken with them.

"The girls had to pinch themselves, making sure it wasn't a dream."

There were lots of hugs, kissing and tears as the girls entered the airport lounge. The crowd then moved to the Taku Room for brief presentations.

Mayor and drill team parent Dennis Egan told the girls the city, state and country are proud of them. He then told a story about a fax he sent to his daughter Leslie.

"I told her, You still had to clean up your room when you get back, it looks exactly like it did when you left," Egan said.

The Juneau mayor announced a special community reception for the drill team will be held next Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Centennial Hall

[From the Juneau Empire, August 9, 1995]

CAPTAIN'S COMEBACK HIGHLIGHTS RETURN—DRILL TEAM GETS WARM WELCOME IN RETURN HOME

(By Mike Sica)

Jennifer Frederick typifies the never-say-die attitude of the Juneau-Douglas High School Drill Team, going from wheelchair to world champ in less than a year and helping her teammates become "the best on the planet."

That phrase—which has become the team's slogan since it won world championships in the show, military and prop routines at the International Dance-Drill Competition in Nagoya, Japan last week—was repeated time and again Tuesday evening at the Juneau Airport as the Drill Team returned home to a hero's welcome.

A crowd of about 700 people made up of friends, family members and well-wishers packed the airport to congratulate the Drill Team.

Frederick, who almost died in a car wreck last September, was full of life as she addressed the huge crowd Tuesday night at the Juneau Airport.

"Thank you very much from our hearts for giving us this opportunity to go (to Japan)," said Frederick, who is the drill team captain. "It was amazing and wonderful, and we couldn't have done it without you."

The team raised about \$60,000—mostly in Juneau—to pay for the trip.

Carrying three big trophies and a special award from Nagoya's mayor, they stepped into the departure lounge from the Alaska Airlines jet that brought them home.

The crowd cheered each team member individually, from coaches Leslie Dahl and Evonne Noonan to 16 of the 20 girls who competed in Japan. Four other drill team members stayed in the Lower 48 on family vacations.

Longtime high school basketball coach Jim Hamey was one of many people on the evening to remark in disbelief about the team's success.

"I've seen them quite a bit and they know I'm a big fan," he said. "They work so hard and are disciplined. The staff and students at the high school are very proud of them."

Hamey said whenever he's concerned about the work ethic of his basketball players, he tells them to go watch the drill team practice. He then joked about wishing he coached the drill team after seeing the huge crowd welcoming them home at the airport.

After being introduced as the coach of the "best drill team on the planet," Leslie Dahl praised the community for its generosity.

"The people in Japan asked us how many years it took to raise the money for our trip," she said.

It took less than two months to collect the \$60,000.

Dahl said the Japanese treated the Juneau girls "like heroes."

Erin Richards said the Korean and Japanese kids followed the Drill Team everywhere.

"The asked me about my hobbies, kept touching my hair and wanted me to sing a song," she explained. I sang 'The Rose,' by Bette Midler. They said I had beautiful eyes and that I looked like a movie star.

"They were the sweetest people on earth * * * it's the nicest I've ever been treated by people who didn't know me."

For team captain Frederick, the Japan trip was the culmination of an incredible comeback.

She suffered 19 fractures and punctured a lung in a car crash on September 6. She took 18 units of blood and was put on a ventilator as she laid unconscious for several days at Seattle's Harborview Medical Center.

Her mother Susan said the first thing her daughter talked about when she came out of her coma was the drill team.

"She woke up in intensive care asking if Leslie and her teammates knew about the accident," said her mother Susan.

Her father David said the coaches and girls were responsible for his daughter's amazing recovery.

"I can't say enough things about Leslie. Evonne and the girls," David Frederick said. They really pulled her through, making her feel like she belonged to the team and was needed.

"There's no doubt in my mind that they made her more determined to recover."

"I knew I'd be back on the drill team again," Jennifer Frederick said Monday night. "My coaches, my teammates, my family and the community helped me get better faster."

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR TOMORROW

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until the hour of 9 a.m. on Friday, August 11, and following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then immediately resume consideration of the defense appropriations bill, with 15 minutes of debate remaining on the Bumpers amendment, No. 2398, with 10 minutes allocated to Senator BUMPERS and 5 to myself, to be followed by 15 minutes of debate on the Harkin amendment, No. 2400, with 10 reserved for Senator HARKIN and 5 for myself, to be followed by 4 minutes of debate equally divided on the Kerry motion to recommit; provided further that following the debate, the Senate proceed immediately to a vote on or in relation to the Bumpers amendment, No. 2398, to be followed by a vote on or in relation to the Harkin amendment, No. 2400, to be followed by a vote on or in relation to the Kerry motion to recommit. And I further ask unanimous