

Our Nation, his wife Barbara, and his son Tom, can be immensely proud of the Admiral's long and distinguished career and his service to our country. I wish Admiral Hall and his family best wishes in his retirement.●

TRIBUTE TO JEROME R.  
VANMETER

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I want to pay tribute to a special West Virginian, Jerome R. "Coach" VanMeter. For more than 50 years, he was a high school football and basketball coach from Beckley. He is known throughout southern West Virginia as a man who not only has won many high school sporting events, but also as someone who has touched the lives of many young people. It is in this month of August that Mr. VanMeter celebrates his 96th birthday.

Mr. VanMeter received numerous awards during his long tenure as a coach. He was named Coach of the Year from 1948 until 1951 and was later selected to the West Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in 1963. Being one of the founders of the West Virginia High School Coaches Association is another one of Mr. VanMeter's crowning achievements. He was also proud to serve on many State selections committees responsible for choosing outstanding basketball and football players throughout the State.

Coach VanMeter has achieved much more than just personal awards. He has coached many of his teams to great success. His football teams won three state championships while his basketball teams won six. Four of those six State basketball championships were won consecutively, still a State record for the longest consecutive State basketball tournament wins.

Mr. VanMeter has not only contributed on the field and court, but has also been deeply involved in community endeavors. While living in Beckley, he served as president of the local Kiwanis Club later becoming lieutenant governor of the West Virginia District. In addition, Mr. VanMeter has also contributed some of his precious skills to the Raleigh County Education Association and the Heber Street Methodist Church as chairman of the board of trustees. Furthermore, he volunteered his time to serve on the junior and senior chamber of commerce for several years.

Jerome "Coach" VanMeter's numerous accomplishments merit notice and praise. His enthusiasm and concern for the many athletes he coached and his commitment to his community provide a model we should all strive to attain.●

THE MINNESOTA PARALYMPIANS

● Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Minnesota athletes who competed in the 1996 Paralympic Games in Atlanta. Over 3,500 athletes from more than 100 nations competed in the games, mak-

ing it one of the world's largest sporting events. Overall the United States won 157 medals, including 46 Gold Medals. I salute each and every one of America's athletes, but I would like to mention a few of the 10 Minnesotans who participated in these important games.

The U.S. Paralympic cycling team won 13 medals in the road and track races during this year's games. Christopher Pyrkosz of Livonia, MN, was among those receiving a team medal for his efforts on the U.S. team.

Susan Hagel of Minneapolis and Josie Johnson of Gary also took home Bronze Medals, as part of the U.S. Paralympic women's basketball team.

The U.S. Paralympic judo team surprised the crowds in Atlanta with their strong showing in this year's competition. Jim Mastro of Fridley earned a Bronze Medal for his individual efforts.

Mitch Siedenfeld of Minneapolis also took home a Bronze Medal for his performance of the U.S. Paralympic table tennis team.

The 1996 Paralympic Games in Atlanta demonstrated the independence and empowerment of individuals with disabilities. Dozens of records were broken at this year's games, and the competition received considerable media attention around the world. The strength and determination of the Paralympic athletes is amazing, and I am sure that my colleagues join me in celebrating the United States' excellent overall showing during this year's games.●

ELIOT H. BANK

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I recognize and honor Eliot H. Bank for his selection to receive the Association of Reconditioner's [ACR] Morris Hershson Award of Merit.

Eliot H. Bank was born in Chicago, IL, on March 13, 1935, to Sam & Mollie Bank. The family moved to Detroit in 1937. Like me, Eliot still considers himself incredibly lucky to have grown up in Detroit. Through his parents he gained an appreciation for many of the finer things in Michigan, including Hank Greenberg and the Detroit Tigers, fishing in the many lakes with his father—and later his son, Coney Island hot dogs, the Detroit Lions, and Belle Isle. From his parents he also learned the importance of public service and political activism. He was active in the early years of Detroit's public television station channel 56, and remains very active in many charitable organizations. He also ran for local public office in 1972.

Eliot's career in the drum reconditioning business has been long and varied. For the past 15 years, he has been executive vice president of Columbus Steel Drum Co. which operates one of the largest reconditioning plants in the world, and one which many consider to be the standard of the industry.

A member of ACR since 1960, Eliot has held almost every post in the asso-

ciation, including 3 years as chairman, 20 years on the board of directors, 8 years on the executive board, and the chairmanship of nearly every committee. Eliot is proudest of two of his accomplishments during his ACR chairmanship: Establishing new generation and finishing the work of his predecessors in establishing the ACR code of operating practices. New generation was initiated when Eliot decided to improve ACR's educational efforts toward the younger generation working in the industry. He recognized that within this younger generation were the future industry leaders.

In 1981, Eliot established drum management programs at 35 major automotive plants in the Midwest. This program, which continues today, provides the proper disposal and recycling of empty industrial containers that contain residues of hazardous materials.

In 1991, Eliot was part of a team put together by the International Confederation of Drum Reconditioners [ICDR]. They attended the United Nations meeting in Geneva and were successful in implementing the rules and regulations governing reconditioned steel drums in chapter 9 of the U.N. Code. From 1993 to 1996, Eliot served as chairman of the ICDR.

He is very proud of his family—wife, Elizabeth, an art and antiques dealer; daughter, Cindy Bank, Federal relations officer in Washington, DC, for the University of Michigan; son, Michael Bank, general manager of Columbus Steel Drum Co. in Columbus, OH; daughter, Katherine Garland, a designer in Chicago; daughter, Amy Katz, head of human resources, Somerset Collection, in Troy, MI; daughter-in-law, Patty Bank; son-in-law, Larry Garland; four terrific grandchildren—Brock and Shelby Bank and Addie and Ellery Garland; his sister and brother-in-law, Iris and Arnold Kaufman; and soon to be son-in-law, Todd Franklin.

I know that my Senate colleagues will join me in congratulating Eliot H. Bank on being awarded the Morris Hershson Award of Merit.●

HIGHER TUITION, MORE GRADE  
INFLATION

● Mr. SIMON. Mr. President, recently, Lawrence Gladieux and Robert Reischauer had an op-ed piece in the Washington Post that is a thoughtful and careful analysis of what we ought to be doing in the field of education.

President Clinton deserves praise for being a genuine education President. He was a genuine education Governor, as Governor of Arkansas, also.

President Clinton's support of direct lending in the face of strong opposition from the banks and the guaranty agencies marks him as no flash-in-the-pan gladiator who gives up easily.

But the wisdom of having any kind of tax cuts at this point in our Nation's fiscal history is extremely doubtful.

If we want to put more money into education, as I do, we can do it much