

CONGRATULATING CENTRAL
FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

• Mr. L. CHAFEE. Mr. President, on May 6th, twenty-five outstanding students from Central Falls High School in Rhode Island visited Washington to compete in the national finals of the "We The People . . . The Citizen And The Constitution" program. This is the third time that the Central Falls High School team has won the statewide competition, and I would like to commend their achievement.

The "We The People . . . The Citizen And the Constitution" program focuses on teaching our nation's students about the history, philosophy, and meaning of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, as well as increasing civic participation. The national finals competition simulates a congressional hearing in which students testify as constitutional experts before a panel of judges.

I am very proud of Francisco Araujo, Sean Brislin, Andrzej Budzyna, Delia Buffington, Eloisa Dellagiovanna, Rachel Dittell, Renee Dittell, Matthew Doucett, Ricky Ferreira, Hipolito Fontes, Michelle Fontes, Sonia Gaitan, Jennifer Golenia, Joshua Lapan, Celia Marques, Edward Pare, Kassandra Reveron, Helen Reyes, Kathleen Roach, Amy Rodrigues, Anthony Rodrigues, Jennifer Savard, Cassie Tripp, Monica Vicente, and Leslie Viera for making it to the national finals. I applaud this terrific group of young men and women for their hard work and perseverance. Also, Mr. President, I want to congratulate Jeffrey Schanck, a fine teacher who deserves so much credit for guiding the Central Falls High School team to the national finals.

Mr. President, it is encouraging to see young Rhode Islanders participating in the "We The People . . . The Citizen And the Constitution" program. They have learned that the Constitution is not just a piece of paper, but a living document that all Americans should cherish. It gives me great hope for the future of Rhode Island and our nation.●

IN HONOR OF MR. RICHARD
BUNKER

• Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a distinguished Nevadan, a good man, and a good friend, Mr. Richard Bunker. Richard will be receiving the National Jewish Medical and Research Center's Humanitarian Award on June 3, 2000. The Humanitarian Award recognizes individuals who have made significant civic and charitable contributions, and whose concern is not personal, but for the greater community. There is no one more deserving of this honor than Richard Bunker.

Richard's legacy of service to the state of Nevada is long and remarkable. He has served as Assistant City Manager of Las Vegas and Clark County Manager, before being appointed Chairman of the prestigious State Gaming Control Board. He is currently a member of the Colorado River Commission and a member of the Board of

Trustee for the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union Welfare/Pension Funds.

As Chairman of the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, Richard is Nevada's ambassador on the Colorado River. With shrewdness and finesse, he has developed positive relations with officials of the Colorado River basin states. His political skill has firmly re-established Nevada as a player on the important issues of the Colorado River community. He also made the critically needed expansion of Southern Nevada water facilities a reality when he brokered a financial plan with the business, developer, and gaming communities.

Over the years, Richard Bunker has also been recognized by a variety of distinguished organizations. In 1993, he received the prestigious Nevadan of the Year award from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. The Anti-Defamation League honored Richard with the Distinguished Community Service Award in 1996. In June 1999, he was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Nevada Gaming Attorneys and the Clark County Bar Association.

For those of us who have had the pleasure to work closely with Richard, as I have, the above awards pale in comparison to his true grit. He is knowledgeable of the system of government and totally aware of the magic of our system of free enterprise. For the growth and development of southern Nevada, no one for the past twenty-five years has played a more key role than Richard Bunker.

On a more personal note, Richard has played an important part in my political endeavors. He has been an advisor, counselor, and sounding board. Above all else, he is a god listener, for this Richard, I am grateful.

I extend to you my congratulations and the appreciation of all Nevadans for your good work on their behalf.●

TRIBUTE TO PORTER HOSPITAL
AND THE HELEN PORTER NURSING HOME

• Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, it is a great honor for me to represent the people of the state of Vermont. On this occasion, I rise to pay tribute to two health care institutions in Vermont that add so much to their communities and make "the Green Mountain State" such a wonderful place to live.

This year Porter Hospital is celebrating its 75th anniversary and Helen Porter Nursing Home is celebrating its 30th anniversary of providing quality health care to the people of Addison County, Vermont. Together these two institutions have played a vital role in delivering a continuum of care to thousands of people. They have demonstrated their commitment to serving as catalysts in the development of health services for the people of this region.

Porter Hospital has been caring for its community since 1925 and is a full service, community hospital, providing emergency services and comprehensive

medical care. Helen Porter Nursing Home provides skilled and intermediate care to residents in a home-like environment where privacy is honored and individuality respected.

The devoted and professional staff of both institutions provide the full range of health care from outpatient services and rehabilitation, to long-term care and Wellness programs. Additionally, Porter Hospital and Helen Porter Nursing Home have contributed significantly to the economic vitality of the region as major employers and active members of the Addison County business community.

In a rural state such as Vermont, we count our successes one community at a time. We hold our institutions dear and we thank the men and women who devote their lives to improving the health status of our state.

Porter Hospital and Helen Porter Nursing Home have displayed a steadfast commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Addison County. The citizens of Vermont are tremendously grateful for that commitment, and I join them in sharing gratitude. Thank you.●

TRIBUTE TO NAVY REAR ADMIRAL
JOHN D. HUTSON, USN

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Rear Admiral John D. Hutson, USN, the Judge Advocate General of the Navy. Admiral Hutson will retire from the Navy on August 1, 2000, having completed a distinguished 27-year career of service to our Nation.

Admiral Hutson was born in North Muskegon, Michigan, and is a graduate of Michigan State University and the University of Minnesota Law School. He also earned a Master of Laws degree in labor law from Georgetown University Law Center.

During his military career, Admiral Hutson excelled at all facets of his chosen professions of law and naval service. He served as a trial and defense counsel at the Law Center, Corpus Christi, Texas, faithfully preserving military justice at its very foundations. As a staff judge advocate, he provided legal counsel to Commanding Officers at Naval Air Station, Point Mugu, California, and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine. He served as an instructor and later as the Commanding Officer of Naval Justice School, Newport, Rhode Island, playing a critical role in preparing and mentoring future generations of judge advocates.

As the Executive Officer of the Naval Legal Service Office, Newport, Rhode Island, and later the Commanding Officer, Naval Legal Service Office, Europe and Southwest Asia, Naples, Italy, Admiral Hutson proved to be an inspiring leader. He guided young judge advocates in the understanding, appreciation and dedication of their roles as both judge advocates and naval officers, exemplifying the Navy's core values of honor, courage, and commitment.