

EMS, fire, police, railroad, and National Guard personnel were joined by State officials in a realistic and successful event.

Recently, the Westport Volunteer Emergency Medical Service program was presented the "Connecticut Treasures" award in recognition of the agency's 20 years of service to the community. This same service and dedication are examples of one of America's greatest treasures—the goodness and charity of the American people. I commend the Westport EMS volunteers for their extraordinary service to their fellow citizens, and I congratulate them on receiving this much-deserved honor.●

TRIBUTE TO FRED HOLT

● Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, a great educator and a dear friend of my family died earlier this month. Fred R. Holt was a school superintendent in my hometown of Janesville, Wisconsin from 1959 to 1978, and as the Janesville Gazette noted, his influence will echo in Janesville classrooms for years.

He oversaw the Janesville school system during one of its most challenging times, when the baby boom generation was rapidly increasing the school population. His gifted leadership helped to foster a climate that was supportive of students and teachers alike. As Fred's secretary for many years, Carol Smith, said, he cared for everyone on his staff as well as the students, and always did his best for them.

Fred was deeply committed to our schools. He attended school in Janesville, and was a teacher himself, in Edgerton, Wisconsin and in other districts before becoming Janesville's superintendent, and he knew how valuable a good teacher is. As a Janesville Gazette article recalled, Fred would send his administrators to teacher-training institutions across the Midwest to recruit top teaching prospects. As products of Fred Holt's Janesville schools, my brother, sisters, and I can attest to the success of his efforts. Thousands of Janesville families were the beneficiaries of Fred Holt's foresight and initiative.

I had the privilege of working with Fred after he retired when I served in the Wisconsin State Senate. He was an enormously effective advocate, and generously shared his time counseling troubled youth, heading a volunteer service bureau, and helping to renovate the Janesville Senior Center. In 1987, his work was recognized when he was named one of Wisconsin's 10 admired seniors.

Fred Holt's legacy is evident in Janesville and across the country. I am a part of that legacy. And so are tens of thousands of business people and auto workers, physicians and police officers, artists and plumbers, educators, machinists, farmers, and others who have become who they are in large part because of the education they received growing up in Janesville. We owe him an enormous debt.●

IN MEMORY OF RABBI YITSCHAK MEIR KAGAN

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, Today I would like to commemorate the achievements of a beloved religious leader, dedicated father and husband and friend from my home state of Michigan, Rabbi Yitschak Meir Kagan. On June 3 of this year, people from around the world will be gathering in Southfield, MI, to honor the life and memory of Rabbi Kagan.

Through hard work and an unwavering commitment to the ideals of Chabad-Lubavitch, Rabbi Kagan's work has made an indelible mark upon countless individuals. His deep faith, keen intellect, and concern for others has led him to give generously of himself.

Born in England, Rabbi Kagan's extensive education assumed an international flavor. After early instruction in Great Britain, he studied at the Lubavitch Yeshiva in Israel, the Central Lubavitch Academy in New York and the Rabbinical College in Montreal where he received his ordination.

Central to Rabbi Kagan's life was the Chabad-Lubavitch movement. In 1966, Rabbi Kagan joined the Michigan Chabad-Lubavitch. For thirty-five years he worked tirelessly to expand the Lubavitch Foundation's presence in Michigan. Chabad-Lubavitch is a Hasidic sect that originated in Lubavitch, Russia. Lubavitch means "brotherly love," and Chabad is an acronym for a philosophy that pursues wisdom, understanding and knowledge of God. Rabbi Kagan's life embodied the ideal of brotherly love as he sought "to increase the knowledge of Judaism within every Jew" by educating people about the Torah, providing worship services and performing charitable acts.

As Associate Director of the Lubavitch Foundation, Rabbi Kagan expanded the Foundation by establishing Chabad houses in Ann Arbor, Flint and Grand Rapids, developing "the Campus of Living Judaism;" counseling students and tending to the spiritual development of countless individuals.

Rabbi Kagan's work reached far beyond Michigan. The printed word enabled his thoughts and insights to span the globe. He published essays adapted from the works of Lubavitcher Rebbe that were read by a multitude each month. In addition, he edited and translated the Rebbe's classic text, *Hayom Yom*, edited philosophical texts and translated commentaries on the Torah.

Rabbi Kagan has been a community and spiritual leader for over three decades. I have been able to witness, firsthand, his enthusiastic commitment to helping others in need. Rabbi Kagan touched the lives of all who met him. He worked with and helped immigrants, prisoners, drug users, families in need and others with characteristic zeal, kindness and love. I know my Senate colleagues join me in com-

memorating the life of Rabbi Yitschak Meir Kagan, and in offering their condolences to Rochel Kagan, his wife, and his extended family.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON THE PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING BENCHMARKS IN BOSNIA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 25

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by the Levin Amendment to the 1998 Supplemental Appropriations and Rescissions Act (section 7(b) of Public Law 105-174) and section 1203(a) of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105-261), I transmit herewith a report on progress made toward achieving benchmarks for a sustainable peace process in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In July 2000, the fourth semiannual report was sent to the Congress detailing progress towards achieving the ten benchmarks that were adopted by the Peace Implementation Council and the North Atlantic Council in order to evaluate implementation of the Dayton Accords. This fifth report, which also includes supplemental reporting as required by section 1203(a) of Public Law 105-261, provides an updated assessment of progress on the benchmarks covering the period July 1, 2000, to February 28, 2001.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 25, 2001.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:27 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 801) entitled "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve programs of educational assistance, to expand programs of transition assistance and outreach to departing servicemembers, veterans, and dependents, to increase burial benefits, to