

Roger Williams University in Nashville, Tennessee an all black institution. From there, he moved on to become the President of one of the most prestigious historically black institutions of higher education Morehouse College, from 1906 to 1929. He culminated his career in education as the President of Atlanta University, which was the only black graduate school in the Nation at the time, where he served until his death in 1936. John Hope's vision that education is the key to improving the quality of life for not only African Americans, but for all Americans, is one I share.

It is truly my honor and privilege to acknowledge such great Rhode Islander's during Black History Month, and it is my hope that these and other African American leaders from both past and present will continue to inspire our Nation's youth.

SONNY MONTGOMERY AWARD TO SENATOR ROBERTS

Mr. WARNER. Madam President, on Monday night Senator PAT ROBERTS was recognized as the 2002 recipient of the National Guard Bureau's "Sonny Montgomery" Award.

Senator ROBERTS' comments upon receiving this award highlight, in a most thoughtful and eloquent manner, the absolutely critical role our Nation's National Guard plays in the defense of our homeland and our own strategic defense in critical areas beyond our shores—an example being the 29th Division, with elements from Virginia, now serving in Bosnia.

This vital role is nowhere more evident than in Virginia where our National Guard men and women patrol the skies over our Nation's Capital and help defend key military posts and bases across the State.

I would like to highlight my colleague's wise admonition that we must "preserve our founding fathers intent with respect to the National Guard, specifically preserving the connection between military forces and the States, between our national defense and America's local cities and towns." Excellent advice, we in the Congress must be very careful to heed it.

As America is continuing its preparations to defend our homeland against territorial threats, we owe a debt of gratitude to our respected colleague, from the great State of Kansas, as he, serving as chairman of the "Subcommittee on Emerging Threats" of the Armed Services Committee during the 106th Congress, laid foundations—at times in the face of skepticism and resistance—before the attacks of September 11, foundations we are rapidly building on today to strengthen our Homeland Defense.

As Americans reflect, with deep gratitude, on the proud history of America's military, let us never forget that the Guard was our first, being founded in 1636.

I ask unanimous consent that Senator ROBERTS' remarks be printed in

the RECORD along with introductory comments by the distinguished Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Lieutenant General Russell C. Davis.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

REMARKS BY CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU (GENERAL RUSS DAVIS) PRESENTING THE SONNY MONTGOMERY AWARD TO SENATOR PAT ROBERTS OF KANSAS, MONDAY, 25, 2002

This evening we gather to bestow the 6th Annual Major General G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Award. This award was established in 1996 to honor an outstanding individual whose accomplishments were of major significance to the National Guard of the United States. Specifically, it is presented to an individual: who has demonstrated exemplary service to the National Guard at the national level; whose performance exceeded the normal scope of public or private service in support to the Nation's defense; who demonstrated skill and initiative to introduce new policies or procedures that significantly advance the mission of the National Guard; and who exhibited integrity, competence, and the ability to inspire others.

This year we are very pleased to present this Award to Senator Pat Roberts of Kansas. Throughout his career, Senator Roberts has been an industrious and effective advocate for a robust national security posture for the United States. Today he is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. He plays a key, forward-thinking role in making certain that America is ready to counter post-Cold War and terrorist threats. He was the first chairman and today is the ranking member of the Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee.

Senator Roberts has led the way in strengthening America's ability to meet the threat posed by Weapons of Mass Destruction. Years before the events of September 11, Senator Roberts was at the forefront of the debate on increasing the security of the United States homeland.

His strong support for the creation, expansion and sustainment of the National Guard's Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams is but one example of the demonstrated leadership, wisdom and foresight of Senator Roberts.

We are joined tonight by a number of other highly distinguished Kansans including the Nation's Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Richard Meyers and the Adjutant General of Kansas, Major General Greg Gardner. I would ask the Honorable Sonny Montgomery to come forward to make the presentation of the award that bears his name.

STATEMENT OF SENATOR PAT ROBERTS, RECIPIENT, THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU G.V. "SONNY" MONTGOMERY AWARD

Thank you General Myers, General Davis, General Rees, General Gardner, the Kansas Guard, and distinguished visitors to the Capitol. It is truly an honor to receive the Sonny Montgomery Award from the National Guard Bureau and from the Guardsman and women currently serving our Nation here at home as well as around the world.

2001 was a challenging year for America and her National Guard. Determined enemies attacked America and our way of life, killing thousands, but the Guard sprung into action. Army Guard personnel were tasked to secure our airports, harbors, military bases and other critical infrastructure while Air Guard personnel, along with their active brothers and sisters, were tasked to secure our air-

space and yes, if need be, take out the threat of another hijacked jetliner bearing down on an America city.

Guard personnel are participating in the ongoing mission in Afghanistan to kill or capture remaining al Qaeda. On top of that, the Guard continues to develop its primary role in the evolving Homeland security mission area.

Indeed, the National Guard was deployed and in action well before September 11: Southwest Asia, Former Yugoslavia, South America, disaster relief and other missions here at home. The list goes on.

However, I wanted to specifically mention your performance since the attacks: outstanding and inspiring. Your country needs you now more than ever. Keep up the good work and know there are those in Congress who will champion your mission and cause.

It is a privilege to receive an award for "exceptional support to the nation's defense for significantly advancing the mission of the National Guard." I hope I have indeed done so and can live up to Sonny's namesake in the months and years ahead.

And, what a privilege it is to receive and award so deservedly named after the veteran's all time champion Sonny Montgomery: successful businessman; decorated Veteran of World War II & Korea; champion of the Guard; congressman; general; chairman; and colleague, Southern Gentleman.

I don't want to leave the podium tonight without discussing an issue of great importance to the Guard and to our Nation.

This past year I was a part of the dialogue between the Department of Defense and the Air Guard on the future of the active component-National Guard relationship.

Indeed, we can and ought to discuss new missions for various units be they active component, Army Guard, or Air Guard.

Any changes, however, must preserve our founding fathers intent with respect to the National Guard, specifically preserving the connection between military forces and the states, between our national defense and America's local cities and towns.

This relationship serves a critical practical purpose today: when America goes to war, which we are doing often, so to do America's States, cities, and towns.

That kind of connection between the people and their military helps to ensure our forces are not used without at least the knowledge, if not consent and support, of the American people.

So let us have a discussion on transformation, the weapons and tactics of the future, and the future of the active component, National Guard relationship.

But let us not consider severing a critical link between the American people and their military. Let us not make the mistake of taking down flags, consolidating all authority and control in Washington, DC, and broadening whatever gap already exists between the military and civilian sectors.

America needs her Guard now more than ever but not just your outstanding skills, capability and dedication.

For the current international obligations, the War Against Terrorism, and the wars of the future, America must bring to the fight every state, city, town, and community.

Thank you again for this honor and I look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Madam President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of last