

barred from more than 40, and its visits everywhere are supervised. It cannot make random spot checks or bring its own Korean-language interpreters or visit farmers' markets where it could find out whether its food aid is being sold on the black market. At a Congressional hearing this month, the World Food Program claimed to have a "reasonable degree of assurance" that the food was getting to those who need it. But others at the hearing strongly disagreed. "Anyone who has sat and talked to the North Korean refugees would find it really difficult to believe the assurances of the W.F.P.," Sophie Delaunay, North Korean project representative for Doctors Without Borders, told Congress. In interviews by humanitarian groups and journalists in the past few years, refugees among the 100,000 to 200,000 who fled to China in search of food have said that they never got any donated food in North Korea and that the regime has denied food aid to those whose loyalty it questions.

It is time for the United States to set some standards. America must not be complicit in food distribution that favors some and discriminates against others. In the coming negotiations, the United States should insist upon unrestricted access to all areas of the country where food is delivered. It should require lists of the actual institutions to which food and medicines are going and uncontrolled access for the World Food Program. It should press the North Korean government to allow international aid groups to set up feeding stations of their own that are accessible to all hungry North Koreans. The precarious situation of the North Koreans who have crossed into China should also be on the table. These desperate people foraging for food are treated as illegal immigrants and hunted down. When forcibly returned to North Korea, they may face imprisonment.

North Korea wants economic aid and investment, and it desperately needs machinery, fertilizer and technical assistance to improve its agriculture and reform its inefficient collective farms. Equitable distribution of food aid should be a prime condition for such assistance.●

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES JOHNSON'S RETIREMENT

● Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, today I recognize James Johnson upon his retirement from DaimlerChrysler and as president of UAW Local 1183 in Newark, Delaware after more than thirty-eight years of dedicated service. Known to friends and colleagues alike as "JJ," he is a man with a kind heart, diverse interests and great abilities. JJ embodies the best of Delaware, the UAW and the America worker.

JJ joined Chrysler as an assembler in 1964 and affiliated with UAW Local 1183. Over time, he began to work his way up through the leadership ranks of his local. By the 1980's, he had been elected a committeeman, and he served as a facilitator for the negotiation of the assembly plant's historic Modern Operating Agreement. His leadership ability apparent, he continued to climb the leadership ladder. Beginning in the early 1990's, his brothers and sisters of Local 1183 elected him as their vice-president three times, a post that he held for eight years. Then, in June of 2001, JJ assumed the post of president of his local, a leadership position that he has held until his retirement.

I have had the privilege of knowing JJ for more than two decades. We first worked together when I was Delaware's state treasurer in 1980 and negotiated the state's loan to Chrysler during the company's darkest hours. Right from the start, JJ impressed me as one who possessed the qualities of a leader. He was interested in doing what was right. He believed in doing things well. He followed the Golden Rule, treating others the way he wanted to be treated. He was adept at hammering out compromises, but when he knew he was right, he was loath to give up. Never boisterous or overbearing, JJ's quiet confidence helped to make him an effective advocate for his members and won the respect of Chrysler's management team at their Newark, Delaware assembly plant. I especially respected his willingness to share the credit when things went right, while assuming the blame when things went wrong.

JJ deserves a good deal of the credit for helping to foster the positive relationship between labor and management that is the hallmark of DaimlerChrysler's Newark assembly plant. The rapport he helped to establish has served to preserve the plant during an era when many other automotive plants were closed due to overcapacity. Under his leadership, an atmosphere of cooperation emerged to replace the atmosphere of confrontation that had earlier existed. Under his watchful eye, quality products were built and productivity was enhanced as labor and management learned to work together towards common goals.

JJ has been a respected colleague for over half of his life, and he remains a trusted friend to many. He takes pride in his work and has made thousands of autoworkers proud to work alongside of him. I thank him for his friendship, congratulate him on a successful first career and wish him and his family only the very best in all that lies ahead for him and for them.●

TRIBUTE TO FARMERS NATIONAL BANK OF LEBANON

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise among my colleagues today to duly honor Farmers National Bank of Lebanon, KY. For well over a century, Farmers National Bank has provided the people of Lebanon with quality financial and social services.

Founded in 1890 by T.S. Edelen and a group of local citizens, Farmers National Bank officially opened its doors to the public on April 1, 1890 with a capitalization of \$50,000. In 1914, the bank joined the Federal Reserve System, and in 1917 it purchased the property it had rented on Main Street since its opening morning. During the depression of the 1930s, banks across the Nation and Kentucky were forced to close their doors to their respective communities due to a lack of financial assets. Farmers National Bank of Lebanon stayed financially strong during even the darkest days of the great de-

pression and remained open throughout. Today, led by president Gene Spragens who took over control in 1950 after serving 28 years as bookkeeper for the bank, Farmers National Bank has 26 employees and assets of \$88 million; pretty impressive for a bank which started off with a mere \$50,000.

Besides the financial services it has provided since 1890, Farmers National Bank of Lebanon has also worked extremely hard to promote the performing arts in the local community. Over the years, programs have included pianists, string quartets and even a chorus with an orchestra. Gene Spragens firmly believes that a bank has a responsibility to the people to make a community as prosperous financially and socially as possible. Whether it be a much needed home loan or a aesthetically moving piano recital, Farmers National Bank is working for the people of Lebanon.

In this day and age, locally owned, community oriented businesses are few and far between. For over 100 years now, Farmers National Bank of Lebanon has remained just this. They have been through good times and bad times. They have gone blow-for-blow with the hands of time and survived even the most difficult of circumstances. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking everyone involved with Farmers National Bank of Lebanon over the last 112 years for their dedicated service to the betterment of the Lebanon community.●

IN HONOR OF DR. NORMAN SAMUELS

● Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, today I recognize Dr. Norman Samuels, who has served as the Provost of the Newark Campus of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey for the past 20 years. Dr. Samuels is retiring from his position as Provost after 20 years of outstanding service.

Dr. Samuels has been a member of the Rutgers-Newark family since 1967, when he first joined the university as an assistant professor of Political Science. He then proceeded to serve as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the Rutgers Newark College of Arts and Sciences, NCAS, from 1971-76; as Dean of NCAS from 1976-82; and as Provost since 1982.

During his tenure as Provost, Dr. Samuels has directed the development of the Newark campus into a major national research university center with extensive undergraduate, graduate, professional and outreach programs. It has been Dr. Samuels' vision and dedication to create an inspiring new atmosphere in Newark, along with his commitment to establish an imaginative urban educational enterprise that has led to Rutgers-Newark becoming what it is today. As a result of his many fine efforts, Rutgers-Newark is ranked first among national universities in diversity by U.S. News and World Report and has held that title