

in advanced content knowledge were held for the first time this year. These institutes were conducted in Virginia and Missouri, respectively. In 2003, the center will increase the number of summer professional development institutes offered.

The poor performance of students on the 1998 National Assessment for Educational Progress, NAEP, Civics Report Card can be traced to inadequate teacher preparation and insufficient quantity of instruction. We know that outstanding programs and student outcomes are directly attributed to adequately prepared teachers.

Investment in professional development opportunities, such as the summer institutes and the National Academy sponsored by the Center for Civic Education, are helping to address this critical situation of teacher preparedness in the field of civics and government.

I commend the center for their efforts and applaud their investment in one of our most treasured resources, the American classroom teacher. ●

#### TRIBUTE TO DANIEL A. BENAC

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I am delighted to bring to the attention of my colleagues a great American. Mr. Daniel A. Benac of Hillman, MI has made service to his country and community a cornerstone of his life. In 1942, Daniel answered the call to serve his country and joined the United States Army's 103rd Infantry Division. After being honorably discharged from the Army, Dan went back to Michigan where he became a member of a variety of important organizations including the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the United Auto Workers. As a skilled tradesman, Dan also ran a successful small business. In the military, business and personal life, he has demonstrated his commitment to his country, family, and friends.

Dan's leadership capabilities are highlighted by his commitment to a variety of community-based organizations including the Masons, Shriners, Disabled American Veterans, and the American Legion. He also serves as a Board member for the United Auto Worker's state-wide coordinating committee for the Democratic Party and the National Council for Senior Citizens. Furthermore, Dan is the Chairman of the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund for Montmorency County and Past Chairman of the Montmorency County Democratic Party. Dan currently serves as the chairman of Region 1D, United Auto Worker Retirees, a region which encompasses 62 counties. Daniel was instrumental in the formation of the Montmorency County Democratic Party and has served as the party chairman for many years.

Dan and his wife Geraldine will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on February 9, 2003. They have three children, eight grandchildren, and fif-

teen great grandchildren. At 80 years of age, he has been, and continues to be, an inspiration to all who know him. I know my colleagues will join me in saluting Daniel Benac for his leadership in the community dedication to his country, and loyalty to his family and friends. ●

● Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce "Feed America Thursday," a resolution which designates November 21, 2002, the Thursday before Thanksgiving Day, as "Feed America Thursday."

This resolution encourages Americans to sacrifice two meals on November 21 and donate the money they would have used for food to a charity or religious organization of their choice. The charities and churches, in turn, are encouraged to feed the hungry with the funds received. "Feed America Thursday" will not only encourage Americans to help those in need, it will encourage a spirit of selflessness and sacrifice vital to our strength as a nation.

Each day people in our Nation suffer due to hunger. The United States Department of Agriculture recently reported that 33 million Americans, 13 million of whom are children, live in homes that do not have an adequate supply of food. Hunger among children is especially devastating because it has a serious impact on physical growth and brain development. The contributions this resolution encourages will serve the needs of those who suffer from hunger in our Nation, especially the children. This resolution will not only help alleviate hunger, it will both affirm and restore the spirit of giving in our society. Hunger affects people from every state and in all age groups.

I ask every American to join me in feeding the hungry and affirming the values that make our Nation great. This resolution, if passed, will provide food to the hungry and hope to our nation. ●

#### THE RETIREMENT OF SHERIFF BILL BREWER

● Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I have often heard it said that Wyoming is such a remarkable place to live because of the remarkable people who live there. For my part, I can not only assure you that it is true, but I have the proof in the form of one of the stories of our remarkable citizenry that I would like to share with my colleagues today.

In just a few weeks, Bill Brewer will be retiring after serving for 26 years as our Sheriff for Park County. All told, he will be closing the books on a career in law enforcement that totals almost 40 years.

As a former Mayor, I know full well the importance of a good Sheriff in city and county management and the important role law enforcement plays in the services we provide to the citizens of our communities. If nothing else, good city and county government demands that we ensure the safety of our

people to the fullest extent possible. That is why law enforcement officers like Bill Brewer are so important in the day to day life of our communities.

Sheriff Brewer has been an integral part of the daily life of the community of Cody and Park County since 1972, when he became the Sheriff of Park County. Over the years, he proved to be instrumental in bringing the Cody Police Department and the Park County Sheriff's Department together as he worked to bring both offices into the modern age. Through his efforts, he was able to improve the technology both offices have come to depend on as they became more effective and responsive to the needs of the people of the area. Thanks to his dedication to improving the system he was a part of, numerable changes were made in the way the offices communicated with each other. And thanks to his willingness to try new things, the kind of information they exchanged and the speed with which it was shared increased dramatically.

Sheriff Brewer's vision and commitment to making a difference in his corner of the world did not go unnoticed through the years, and he was named Wyoming Peace Officer of the Year in 1981. The award was presented to him to recognize his devotion to duty as well as his dedication and commitment to improving the tools his officers had access to in the performance of their daily duties.

For example, in the 1980's, Sheriff Brewer's foresight and commitment to ensuring Cody and Park County had the most modern crime fighting tools possible led him to create a SWAT team for the County. Although there was quite a bit of dissension about the formation of such a force, it proved to be an important addition to the law enforcement team of the area when there was a shooting at a bar in Cody. The perpetrators fled the scene and barricaded themselves in a cabin. It was then up to the newly formed SWAT team to capture them and bring them to justice. They were subsequently convicted and the story was broadcast across the nation as part of a television series of law enforcement.

In addition to his duties as a Sheriff, Bill has also been very involved with the youth of the community. He was a boxing coach and referee, as well as a baseball and basketball coach.

I would be remiss if I didn't also point out Bill's participation in the music community of the area. He plays the banjo and the guitar and he and his father played with the Wyoming Fiddlers Association. He also enjoys playing horseshoes and now that he's retired, I have no doubt that he is going to get into a lot more activities in the years to come.

Bill Brewer will long be remembered for all he has done to make his community a better place to live. For his almost forty years of service, he has made a huge difference in his neck of the woods of Wyoming. There is no way