

25 years, Timothy W. Coy, her son, Brian T. Coy, and daughter, Laura M. Coy.

While Tim and his family were only with my office for a year in 1998, he is still like family in the office. And just how an office becomes a family, we all mourn with Tim and his during this difficult time. Our prayers and thoughts are with Tim, Brian, and Laura Coy.●

TRIBUTE TO THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government for taking extraordinary actions to protect and restore Kentucky rivers, lakes, streams, and wetlands along with initiating innovative local pollution prevention programs. For their efforts, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christie Whitman recently presented the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government with the Clean Water Partner Award for the 21st Century at EPA headquarters in Washington, DC.

In keeping with President George W. Bush's celebration of the Year of Clean Water, the EPA's Office of Water has recognized the best contributions by local agencies to protect watersheds and uphold the requirements of the Clean Water Act. The success of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government should not go unnoticed.

Their accomplishment in developing the Reforest the Bluegrass program enables local citizen volunteers to make improvements to the environment. The program educates volunteers on the importance of riparian buffers in relation to storm water pollution, urban forests, and wildlife diversity.

Mr. President, the men and women of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government have earned our admiration and respect for their hard work and determination. I am proud the Commonwealth of Kentucky is served so well by such dedicated public servants. Their example should be followed by others in order to further improve our water quality and environment.●

TRIBUTE TO HOOSIER ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate a group of young Indiana students who have shown great educative achievement. I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues the winners of the 2002-2003 Eighth Grade Youth Essay Contest, which I sponsored in association with the Indiana Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Insurance Companies. These students have displayed strong writing abilities and are outstanding young Hoosier scholars. I will submit their names for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD because they demonstrate the capabilities of today's students and are fine representatives of our Nation.

This year, Hoosier students wrote on the theme, "Growing Nutrition Right Here In Indiana." I would like to submit for the RECORD the winning essays of Caitlin Dunn and Ryan Nigh. As State winners of the Youth Essay Contest, these two outstanding students are being recognized on Friday, February 28, 2003, during a visit to the United States Capitol.

The essays are as follows:

GROWING NUTRITION RIGHT HERE IN INDIANA

(By Caitlin Dunn—Jay County)

Don't leave the table.

Stay in your seat.

An event of magic

Is yours to meet.

With the wave of my wand

And a magical spell,

The nutrition grown in Indiana

Will help you stay well!

Our magical journey begins with an ordinary deck of cards. "Pick a card—any card—just don't tell me what it is. You have chosen the ace of spades." This card is remarkable because it holds the most powerful magic of all. It represents the farmer's spade used to tend the bountiful and nutritious crops grown in Indiana.

Indiana farmers create a powerful potion for keeping our bodies healthy:

M—Maintaining a healthy diet from the basic food groups including Indiana beef, pork, poultry, vegetables, fruits, grains, and dairy will increase the body's level of energy and make it easier to live an active lifestyle.

A—Agriculture from Indiana such as corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, snap beans, potatoes, apples, watermelons, cantaloupes, peaches, and blueberries as well as soybeans, wheat, and oats will help the body resist infection and disease.

G—Good eating habits will improve "brain power," creating a better aptitude for learning.

I—An increase in life expectancy can result from decreasing cholesterol with Indiana whole grains and soy protein.

C—Caring for bones and teeth with dairy products from Indiana farms will help prevent osteoporosis and promote a healthy digestive system.

Combine all ingredients and simmer for a lifetime.

Eat properly and unlock the MAGIC. Maintain a healthy diet, consume nutritious Indiana agricultural products, practice good eating habits, increase life expectancy with Indiana whole grains, and care for bones and teeth with Indiana dairy products. Conjure up a little magic in yourself and—ABRACADABRA—live a healthy life with nutrition grown right here in Indiana.

GROWING NUTRITION RIGHT HERE IN INDIANA

(By Ryan Nigh (Shelby County))

My grandmother has a saying, "You are what you eat!" It is very important to eat healthy foods to have a healthy body and mind. Eating right gives the body more nutrients. It makes the body function better and gives it more energy and coordination. There is less chance for illness and life-threatening diseases, especially heart disease, diabetes, cancer, and osteoporosis. The brain functions better too. Better nutrition, especially breakfast, gives a person better brainpower, concentration, and reasoning.

There are a variety of nutritional products produced in our state: milk products, bread and pasta, fruits and vegetables, and meat. Indiana is fifth in the U.S. in corn production. Much of it is used to feed livestock, which people then eat. Corn is also used for

cornmeal, taco shells, chips, and cereal. Indiana is second in popcorn, a favorite snack of many Americans. Bread and pasta come from wheat, milk products from dairy farms, lots of protein from beef cattle, hogs, and poultry grown here in Indiana. Poultry includes ducks (first), chickens (sixth), and turkeys (seventh). Indiana even has some fish farms.

A major product Hoosier farmers grow is soybeans. Besides supplementing animal feeds, soybeans are used in so many foods now that it's hard to find one without soybeans in it. Soybeans are very healthy.

Indiana is not usually known for fruits and vegetables. However, Indiana ranks in the top ten in growing tomatoes, green beans, and cucumbers for processing. And Indiana sweet corn is great too. Hoosiers also raise lots of cantaloupes, watermelons, apples, blueberries, peaches, and walnuts.

All of these good foods are grown in Indiana. If we eat the foods recommended on the food pyramid, we will grow and have healthy bodies. Like Grandma says, "You are what you eat!"

I ask that the names of the Hoosier Essay Contest winners be printed in the RECORD.

The names follow.

2002-03 LUGAR ESSAY DISTRICT WINNERS

District 1: Joshua Surfus (Starke Co.), and Kaylyn Herrold (Fulton Co.).

District 2: Luke Pratt (Allen Co.), and Jillian Jackson (DeKalb Co.).

District 3: Taylor Farrer (Cass Co.), and Angela Hubers (Jasper Co.).

District 4: James Comerford (Miami Co.), and Caitlin Dunn (Jay Co.).

District 5: Justin Yoho (Vermillion Co.), and Jessica Fry (Putnam Co.).

District 6: Matt Howard (Marion Co.), and Samantha Morton (Hamilton Co.).

District 7: Christopher Duncan (Vigo Co.), and Kayla Cash (Vigo Co.).

District 8: Ryan Nigh (Shelby Co.), and Roma Bose (Johnson Co.).

District 9: Logan Verkamp (Dubois Co.), and Anna Blankenberger (Posey Co.).

District 10: Landon Roberts (Washington Co.), and Jessica Ragains (Washington Co.).

2002-03 COUNTY ESSAY WINNERS

Benton: Wesley Geib, Tri-County Jr. High School.

Cass: Taylor Farrer and Kristen Holcomb, Pioneer Jr. High School.

Clark: Miles Murphy and Kelly Ann Avery, Parkview Middle School.

DeKalb: Wade Buchs and Jillian Jackson, DeKalb Middle School.

Dubois: Logan Verkamp and Krystal Knust, Forest Park Jr. High School.

Fayette: Eric Knotts and Tarrah Emily McCreary, Connorsville Middle School.

Franklin: Bradley Bischoff and Chelle Bentz, St. Michael School.

Fulton: Kaylyn Herrold, Caston Jr. High School.

Greene: Bryant Meng and Patricia Dawn Shepard, Linton-Stockton Jr. High School.

Hamilton: Evan Beckner and Samantha Morton, Carmel Jr. High School.

Hendricks: Nick McNulty, Danville Community Middle School, Rynne Fenimore, St. Malachy Parish School.

Henry: Daniel Snyder and Sarah McCullough, Tri Jr. High School.

Jasper: Randy Lehman, Rensselaer Central Middle School, and Angela Hubers, Demotte Christian School.

Jay: Ben Wellman and Caitlin Dunn, East Jay Middle School.

LaGrange: Carolyn Miller, Westview Jr. High School.

Lake: Kristopher Wonzy and Danielle Ferree, Our Lady of Grace School.

LaPorte: Josh Troxel, Wanatah Public School, and Mary Ellen Przybylinski, Saint Stanislaus School.