

commitment to safe driving, and hope that she will keep up the good work.●

IN CELEBRATION OF PHILLIP C. SHOWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

● Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the selection of Phillip C. Showell Elementary School as a No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools Award recipient. This prestigious honor is awarded to schools that meet one of two criteria. The nominated school must have at least 40 percent of their student population from disadvantaged backgrounds and have each segment—including whites, blacks, Hispanics, low-income and special education students—show scholastic improvement, or the school must score in the top 10 percent on State assessment tests in reading, writing, math, social studies and the sciences. Phillip C. Showell Elementary School was successful in meeting both of these criteria. Not only did each segment show adequate yearly progress, but the scores of students from Phillip C. Showell's have shown steady improvement on State assessment tests over the past several years. This is a remarkable honor for Phillip C. Showell Elementary School, attesting to the many achievements and the commitment this school, as well as the First State, has for educating our youth.

Located in the small town of Selbyville, DE, Phillip C. Showell Elementary School is home to many low-income and disadvantaged students. Approximately 47 percent of Phillip C. Showell Elementary School students come from a disadvantaged socioeconomic background. Many students come to the school with English as a second language. To many teachers and faculty, these factors can be extremely frustrating. However, the dedicated staff at Phillip C. Showell Elementary School prides themselves on their commitment to successfully educating and impacting the lives of these underprivileged children.

Known as "The little school that's big on learning," Phillip C. Showell Elementary School provides an environment that allows its faculty to work closely with students. As one of the smallest elementary schools in the State, Phillip C. Showell Elementary is described as a close-knit family. The welcoming atmosphere makes students feel accepted and special.

As a title I school, Phillip C. Showell Elementary is able to receive funding and resources which allow them to provide for students. A teacher who specializes in writing and reading provides Early Success and Soar to Success programs for additional support to students. There are after school opportunities for identified students who can benefit from extra reading and math help. In addition, a reading specialist coordinates with other faculty members to identify kindergarten and new students who are in need of extended kindergarten. This extra half-day of

learning provides language, arts and reading skills that will be essential to these students throughout their academic career. These programs were created to identify and assist students in need of extra help. The committed faculty, staff, and administrators offer students the chance to fulfill their potential. These children are inspired not only to reach their potential, but to strive for excellence.

Delaware is a small State, but we are building a growing record of achievement in public school education. The students at Phillip C. Showell Elementary School set the standard for elementary school students across the country. They truly are an inspiration to other schools and communities throughout the Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER ELIZABETH McDONALD MOORING

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a great American and a true military heroine who has honorably served our country for over 22 years in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps: Commander Elizabeth McDonald Mooring. She was born in Rahway, NJ, and grew up in Bridgewater, NJ. CDR Mooring began her military career as a staff nurse at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD. She quickly rose through the ranks and served at naval bases throughout the world, including Naval Hospital Newport, RI; Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan; Branch Medical Clinic, Sewells Point, Norfolk, VA; and varied assignments at the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, VA. Following in her father's footsteps, Seaman Eugene Bernard McDonald, CDR Mooring and her sister, Patricia, joined the Navy Nurse Corps, while her brother Sean joined the Seabees in the Naval Reserve.

CDR Mooring adeptly served as the medical officer recruiter at the Commander Naval Reserve Force, Philadelphia, PA. For 2 years she consistently achieved her medical recruiting goal for the States of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. For 2 years CDR Mooring served in the Naval Reserve and drilled at Naval Air Station, Willow Grove, NJ. She was one of the first women to serve aboard the USS *John F. Kennedy*, CV-67, and provided medical support during the rededication of the Statue of Liberty. Because of her clinical excellence and professionalism she was assigned to the presidential support team for President Ronald Reagan.

It is only fitting that for her final assignment, she came home to New Jersey. CDR Mooring served as the Officer in Charge of the Branch Medical Clinic at Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst, NJ, and Assistant Officer in Charge at the Branch Medical Clinic, Naval Weapons Station Earle, Colts Neck, NJ. She was integral to the critical medical support mission of the Naval Weapons Station during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. During Operation Iraqi

Freedom, 83 percent of all weapons used, were loaded from the Naval Weapons Station Earle, NJ.

In each assignment, CDR Mooring excelled and met every challenge, and was rewarded with greater responsibilities and opportunities. She is an experienced leader, administrator, clinician, educator, and mentor. Throughout her career she has been instrumental in providing navy medicine with the fine cadre of navy nurses, physicians, Medical Service Corps officers and hospital corpsmen serving today.

Above all, she is a stellar officer and leader who always put the welfare of her staff and patients first. CDR Mooring always went the extra mile to serve her country and her fellow man. Her performance reflects greatly on herself, the U.S. Navy, the Department of Defense, and the United States of America. I extend my deepest appreciation to Commander Elizabeth McDonald Mooring, on behalf of the United States, for her over 22 years of dedicated military service. Congratulations CDR Mooring and let me be one of the first to welcome you home to the State of New Jersey.●

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL TIMOTHY W. COY

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, on the occasion of his retirement from the U.S. Air Force, I wish to recognize LTC Timothy W. Coy for his 27 years of dedicated service to our country. In his most recent assignment he served as the Chief, Congressional Inquiry Branch, Congressional Inquiry Division, Secretary of the Air Force Office of Legislative Liaison, where he served as liaison between the Air Force and Congress on their constituent issues.

Lieutenant Colonel Coy was born in 1958 at Bolling AFB, Washington, DC. He graduated from Tabb High School in Yorktown, VA, in 1976. He holds a masters degree in public administration from the University of Wyoming, a bachelor of arts degree from Saint Leo College, and a certificate in legislative studies from Georgetown University. He is also a graduate of Air Command and Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College, Squadron Officers School, Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School, and the Air Force Legislative Fellowship program.

In August 1976, Lieutenant Colonel Coy enlisted in the Air Force and completed basic training at Lackland AFB, TX, in September 1976, and performed duties as an administrative specialist. During his 7-year enlisted tour, he attained the rank of technical sergeant, and was assigned to headquarters, Tactical Air Command, TAC, where he held positions in the TAC Directorate of Administration and the TAC Command Section. In 1981, he was selected as one of the first members of the 4450th Tactical Group, Nellis, AFB, NV, the unit responsible for the operation of the ten-top secret F-117A "Stealth Fighter."

In 1982, following a short stint as noncommissioned officer in charge, NCOIC, of the Tactical Fighter Weapons Center, TFWC Command Section, then-Staff Sergeant Coy was selected for assignment to the USAF "Thunderbirds" Aerial Demonstration Team, where he performed duties as NCOIC of Thunderbird administration. After attaining the rank of technical sergeant in 6 years, he received his commission through Officers Training School (OTS) in 1984.

Following OTS graduation, Lieutenant Colonel Coy completed Minuteman III training at Vandenberg AFB, CA, as a "Top Performer," and was assigned to the 320th Strategic Missile Squadron at F.E. Warren, AFB, WY. He performed duties as a standardization and evaluation missileer, and following his upgrade to crew commander, was selected to become the aide-de-camp for then BG Arlen D. Jameson, commander of the 4th Air Division. This job took him back to Vandenberg AFB as aide-de-camp and executive officer for Maj. General Jameson at the 1st Aerospace Division. In January 1990, he was selected as one of Strategic Air Command's top missileers for assignments to the TOP HAND Program. Lieutenant Colonel Coy served as launch director and test manager, and was involved in 20 Minuteman III and Peacekeeper test launches.

In June 1992, he was selected as part of the initial cadre of personnel in the newly established Headquarters Air Combat Command at Langley AFB, VA, where he served in the deputy chief of staff, Plans and Programs as chief of the ICBM Plans Section. When the ICBM mission moved to Colorado Springs, CO, at the Air Force Space Command in June 1993, Lieutenant Colonel Coy became the force applications mission area planner for the Directorate of Plans. In June 1966, he moved to the 21st Space Wing Plans Office where he became the chief of the Future Systems Branch. His office was responsible for SBIRS planning, the Clear Radar Upgrade, and conducted planning in support of National Missile Defense and other programs totaling over \$14 billion.

He was then selected for assignment to the Joint Staff J-3 Defense Space Operations Division, DSOD, in December 1997. Lieutenant Colonel Coy assumed his duties in the Theater Missile and Air Defense branch, which included the National Missile Defense program, and participated in development of a common operating picture for the warfighter. He was also a qualified space surveillance officer in the National Military Command Center.

In 1998, Lieutenant Colonel Coy was selected as one of nine Air Force legislative fellows, and served as my Air Force fellow in my Washington, DC office. He worked defense issues, specifically space issues. His insight and knowledge was invaluable as a new member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

In November 1999, he returned to the Pentagon as the chief of legislative affairs for the United States Joint Forces Command, where he advocated JFCOM programs on Capitol Hill. In July 2001, Lieutenant Colonel Coy was given the additional responsibilities as the director of the Washington Liaison Office, and U.S. liaison officer to the Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic. On November 1, 2002, he assumed his current position as the chief of the Congressional Inquiry Branch.

A master space and missile operator, Lieutenant Colonel Coy's decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, five Meritorious Service Medals, the Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters. Additionally, he was awarded the Colorado Meritorious Service Medal by the Adjutant General, Colorado National Guard.

Tim was married for 20 years to the late Barbara L. Suiter and has two children; Brian, a sophomore at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA, and Laura, a senior at Woodbridge Senior High School. He has proven himself to be a top officer, loving husband, and a caring father. I am very proud to call Tim "one of my own" and wish him the best as he moves on to his next journey.●

PAUL STACKE

● Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to recognize Paul Stacke, a widely respected figure of Minnesota radio who is retiring today after 48 years in the business.

Paul began his broadcasting career in 1955. Since that time, he has worked at radio stations in cities throughout Minnesota, including Albany, Morris, Duluth, and St. Cloud, where he was a member of the award-winning news staff of AM 1240 WJON.

While he has had a few different responsibilities over the years, Paul's most notable contribution was at WJON as the station's political reporter. In this position, Paul brought the latest to his listeners by covering the senators, governors, and State and local leaders in Minnesota politics and asking them the tough questions people wanted answered.

Paul also brought national politics back home through interviews with political figures who serve the people here in Washington, from a speaker of the House to a President of the United States.

There are many people in the media who have the skills to take themselves to a successful career. Paul is qualified in this way, but he is also more. Besides being a professional, Paul is genuine.

Bringing this quality into an interview is what makes him a one-and-only. In doing so, he compels the people he is interviewing to show the same side of themselves.

In interviews with political leaders, the result is that his listeners got to hear the "real" person who represents them.

This is why Paul is a respected man in Minnesota, and why his contribution to Minnesota radio will be missed. The entire State of Minnesota—especially the St. Cloud area—was fortunate to have him on the air.

Unfortunately, our work here in the Senate keeps me from attending his retirement party this evening back in St. Cloud, MN. But if I were in attendance there tonight—among Paul, his wife Carol, and his family, friends, and colleagues—I would thank him for his inestimable contribution to keeping me and so many other Minnesotans informed.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES REFERRED—September 29, 2003

The following bill was reported from Committee and referred as follows:

S. 150. A bill to make permanent the moratorium on taxes on Internet access and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce imposed by the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4412. A communication from the Attorney, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials Regulations: Penalty Guidelines and Other Procedural Regulations" (RIN2137-AD71) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4413. A communication from the Attorney, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Approval Program for Certain Persons Performing Visual Requalifications of DOT Specification Cylinders; Extension of Compliance Date" (RIN2137-AD86) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4414. A communication from the Attorney, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation,