

the Western Slope of Colorado. On March 29, 2004 the following resolution was passed by the Grand Junction City Council, commemorating the first rally for the troops organized by Homefront Heroes during the Spring of 2003.

I ask unanimous consent that the city of Grand Junction's resolution be printed in the RECORD following this statement.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(See exhibit 1.)

Mr. ALLARD. I also thank the volunteers of Homefront Heroes for helping the military community in its time of need.

EXHIBIT 1

Whereas our Active Duty Military National Guard and Colorado Reserves men and women have answered the call to protect America from harm. These Service men and women have been deployed around the world, protecting the freedoms we often take for granted at home.

Whereas these men and women now fight a war on terrorism, they fight this war with the same pride for Country, Honor and Courage as our forefathers.

Whereas our military families have also sacrificed during this same time of war while their loved ones have been deployed.

Whereas our military has always protected our Great Nation and we have always honored our service men and women after they have returned, allowing our service men and women to know that we in Colorado support them during their time of active duty and we appreciate what they have endured and sacrificed.

Whereas Colorado honors the past, supports the present, and encourages the future of our military men and women.

Whereas The yellow ribbon has come to be recognized as signifying Honor, Courage, and Hope for military families and loved ones.

Whereas on March 29th, 2003, 2,500 citizens in Grand Junction, Colorado, showed support of our Colorado heroes by having a Lets Support Our Troops yellow Ribbon Rally where everyone wore yellow in support of our heroes; be it

Resolved That March 29 shall be Grand Junctions' Salute Our Troops—Remembrance Day. That one day, Coloradans shall show support of our service men and women by either wearing yellow or displaying a yellow ribbon, signifying the Honor, Courage, and Hope our Colorado heroes display.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

NATIONAL DAY TO PREVENT TEEN PREGNANCY 2004

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am proud to recognize today as the National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy and want to thank the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy for sponsoring it. The campaign is a non-profit, non-partisan organization whose mission is to improve the well-being of children and families by reducing teen pregnancy.

Nearly 900,000 American teenagers become pregnant each year, and over 10 percent of all births in the United States are to teenage mothers. While teen pregnancy, abortion, and birth rates are all going down, the U.S. still

has the highest rate of teen pregnancy in the industrialized world. Almost 35 percent of girls become pregnant at least once before age 20.

Many activities are happening across the country in recognition of the National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. In my home State of California, Pinch Me Films of Berkeley is organizing events to promote open dialogue between young people, parents and educators. In addition, the California Health Collaborative, Merced Rural Teen Pregnancy Prevention is hosting a health fair for youth, and the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles—with over 6,000 employees—will have an article about National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month in its employee newsletter, highlighting tips for parents to discuss pregnancy prevention.

On November 25, 2003, I introduced S. 1956, The HOPE Youth Pregnancy Prevention Act to address this problem. Specifically my bill would provide additional resources to States, localities, and nongovernmental organizations for teenage pregnancy prevention activities targeted to ethnic minorities and at-risk youth. Fifty-one percent of Latina girls become pregnant at least once by age 20. Fifty-seven percent of black girls become pregnant at least once by age 20. I urge my colleagues to co-sponsor this legislation.

I urge my colleagues to support activities that are taking place nationally and in their own States to reduce teenage pregnancy. •

JAMES AND SOPHIA TARABICOS' 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Jim and Sophia Tarabicos, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 28, 2004.

As Jim and Sophia celebrate this milestone in their lives, they will surely reflect on the many changes, successes and accomplishments they have experienced together over the last fifty years. Theirs is a journey of which they can be proud.

Jim is the son of the late Harilaos and Alexandra Tarabicos. Jim attended high school in his hometown of Nafpaktos, Greece. He came to Wilmington, DE at the young age of 19 to work at his uncle's restaurant, Presto, located at 817 Market Street in downtown Wilmington. His wife, Sophia, is the daughter of the late Louis and Georgia Liarakos. She is a native Delawarean who graduated from P.S. Dupont High School and studied at the University of Delaware.

Jim and Sophia met at a church event when they were 19 and 17 respectively. They married two years later on February 28, 1954 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Wilmington in front of their friends and family.

For over 40 years, Jim and Sophia dedicated their lives to one another and to their businesses. They opened their first store, a luncheonette named

Jim's Place at 8th and Orange Streets in Wilmington in the mid 1950s. Several years later, they bought Presto Restaurant from their uncle. They later changed the name to Tarabicos. Jim and Sophia were committed to the success of their restaurant. Owning their own business allowed them to spend valuable time with each other, while at the same time being devoted parents, and major contributors to their neighbors, community, and church. They retired a decade ago, and continue to remain active members of their community.

Jim and Sophia consider their church to be like a second family. Jim was the president of the parish council for Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church from 1971 to 1973. While Jim was president, plans were made to move forward with approving the construction of the community center and the design, financing and use thereof. Sophia is a member of the Philoptochos Greek Ladies Society and served as president from 1981 to 1983.

In addition to the restaurants and church activities, Jim and Sophia were also quite involved with political activities, committees, and fundraisers in the City of Wilmington and were active with the city's merchants association. In their spare time, they enjoy taking walks together at Bellevue State Park, and traveling, especially taking cruises.

They are blessed with three children, Larry, Alexandra, and Georgiean, and six grandchildren, Kristin, Sophia Alyssa, Maria, Sophia Elaina, Michael and Dimitri. They are devoted to each other and to their families. Jim and Sophia are active in their children's and grandchildren's lives, often traveling to visit family members and spending meaningful time with their grandchildren and passing on to them valuable life lessons. They enjoy attending all of their various school functions.

Today, I rise to congratulate Jim and Sophia on their 50th wedding anniversary. Both have shown great service and commitment to their family and to their community. They serve as true role models. I know that their years together hold many beautiful memories. It is my hope that those ahead will be filled with continued joy. I wish them both the very best in all that lies ahead. •

CITY OF PADUCAH

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment today to pay tribute to the city of Paducah and their innovative and successful Artist Relocation Program.

The program is a past recipient of a Kentucky Governor's Award for contribution to arts in the State. The city has even been recognized by First Lady Laura Bush as part of the Preserve America Initiative. Most recently, the city was honored by the American Planning Association at their April

2004 national convention in Washington, DC. The Special Community Initiative award is given annually to a city displaying an innovative approach to improvement. This year there were over 200 cities competing for this honor.

The City of Paducah Artist Relocation Program recruits artists—both locally and nationally—to move to Paducah's downtown and historic Lower Tower area. The city has a long history providing many buildings and facilities that, while they are in disrepair, offer significant opportunity for renovation and improvement. Artists who relocate to Paducah are given a network of resources to restore facilities.

The program is part of a long-term project to rejuvenate the City of Paducah's historic districts. Through the combined efforts of leaders in the city government, the Paducah Bank, Visitors' Bureau, PATS, local museums and businesses this program has seen tremendous success.

The city and Commonwealth are already enjoying the benefits as an estimated \$12 to \$15 million has been infused into the local economy, thanks to this program. Any visitor can see the construction and revitalization underway in this Kentucky jewel.

I wish to congratulate the leadership and vision of the City of Paducah on these tremendous honors, especially Program Founder Mark Barone, City of Paducah Planning Director Tom Barnett, City of Paducah Mayor Bill Paxton and McCracken County Judge Executive Danny Orazine. I look forward to the continued success of this great program.●

ACADEMIC DECATHLON WIN

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am delighted to rise to acknowledge El Camino Real High School's championship win in this year's national Academic Decathlon. El Camino Real High School is located in Woodland Hills, CA. This is El Camino's third win and marks the most national titles any California student group has ever received. It is a wonderful record of which to be proud, and I extend my heartiest congratulations to everyone who made this accomplishment possible.

The Academic Decathlon is highly competitive, testing the students in 10 different subjects. The El Camino team headed to Boise, Idaho to compete against more than 300 students from 39 other American high schools and one Canadian high school to clinch the national title.

Under the leadership and tutelage of three main coaches, Melinda Owen, Mark Johnson and Rebecca Gessert, the team of eight students collectively spent more than 1,200 hours this year to prepare for the competition, including intense cramming sessions as the big event drew closer. These students sacrificed much of their free time to

represent their school, and it is clear that their work paid off.

I could not be happier for or prouder of the El Camino team, including Cassidy Ellis, Gary Fox, Jonathan Lin, Patrick Liu, Eric Rasyidi, Adam Singer, Chris Taylor, and Adrian Wittenberg. They have made their school, their district, and our entire State proud, and they have every reason to celebrate their accomplishment.

The students could not have won their title without the help of their dedicated coaches. I also salute and congratulate all the teachers, faculty, and students at El Camino who worked with this team and gave them the support they needed to achieve their goals.

Congratulations again to El Camino Real High School on this wonderful win.●

HONORING CAMILLE SCHMIDT

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and congratulate an Idaho student who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Camille Schmidt of Pocatello has been named one of the Nation's top youth volunteers by the 2004 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. This honor is conferred on only one high school student and one mid-level student in each State. I applaud Camille's efforts to improve her community.

Camille has spent the past 2 years working to restore windows in her school's library that were removed in the early 1980s. When Camille began attending Pocatello High School, she noticed 8-foot-tall indents in the school walls and realized they were once windows. She found yearbooks that contained pictures of the school before the windows were taken out, and was inspired to restore them. She received approval to begin working on the restoration from the superintendent, and met with an architect to discuss the project. So far, Camille has raised more than \$10,000 of the needed \$15,000 for the project. To raise the necessary funds, she has distributed brochures, spoken at class reunions and student assemblies, contacted the news media, and even obtained a grant. To date, four of the eight windows have been replaced. Next year, the student government and the National Honor Society will take over the project until all of the school's windows are restored.

Camille has demonstrated an extraordinary level of commitment and accomplishment and deserves our admiration and respect. She has played an important role in her community and serves as an example to her peers. I join with her family and friends in honoring her commitment to the state of Idaho.●

HONORING JACQUELINE SANDMEYER

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and congratulate an

Idaho student who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Jacqueline Sandmeyer of Boise has been named one of the Nation's top youth volunteers by the 2004 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. This honor is conferred on only one high school student and one mid-level student in each State. I applaud Jacqueline's efforts to improve her community.

Jacqueline, an eighth-grader at St. Joseph's School, has collected more than 1,000 pounds of food and 200 coats, mittens, and hats for the homeless over the past 4 years. When she was nine, Jacqueline noticed a group of children shivering in the cold outside of a rescue mission. Moved by the experience, Jacqueline packed up her winter clothes for donation, along with her saved-up allowance of \$275 to take to the shelter. With the help of her parents, she then placed collection boxes in her school and government buildings. She also solicited donations from her neighbors and appealed to her entire community for help through the news media. Jacqueline summed up my feelings well, when she said, "I know that no matter what age you are, you can make a difference."

Jacqueline has demonstrated an extraordinary level of commitment and accomplishment and deserves our admiration and respect. She has played an important role in her community and serves as an example to her peers. I join with her family and friends in honoring her commitment to the State of Idaho.●

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM R. STEWART

● Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the life of a distinguished civil servant, Bill Stewart, who passed away on Monday, February 16, 2004. His long life was filled with acts of conscientious service on behalf of his friends, his family members and the American work force. The contributions he made through his work for the National Labor Relations Board, combined with the many lives he touched along the way, leave behind a positive legacy that will not soon be forgotten.

Bill was born in Terre Haute, IN, and earned his undergraduate degree in government from Indiana University. As an ROTC student during his time at Indiana University, Bill was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army shortly after his graduation. Proving at a young age that service and leadership were an inherent part of his life and personality, Bill deferred his full scholarship to the Indiana University School of Law to serve in Germany in an armored division where he was later selected to be the courts and boards officer and assistant adjutant of a combat command of more than 5,000 men. Bill excelled in everything he set his mind to, including his work as an attorney for the Atomic Energy Commission and his efforts climbing up the