

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