

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COMMENDING THE LADIES AUXILIARY TO THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

• Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President. I would like to take this opportunity to commend the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars for their great work on behalf of our military members and veterans, and specifically those veterans and military personnel in the State of Georgia.

For many years, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars has been involved in supporting our brave men and women in uniform and their families. Throughout the country many Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars are providing support and well wishes at our Nation's airports as soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines leave and return from Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Iraq. Members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars also help the families of deployed troops meet such challenges as trying to fill the roles of absent parents, learning to stretch a reduced paycheck, and dealing with loneliness.

In the last year, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars has provided many families and troops with Operation Uplink cards, which allow our troops to make long-distance phone calls to loved ones during challenging times. Additionally, members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars have personally helped deployed service members' families by babysitting, providing transportation, helping with weekly tasks like mowing the lawn and grocery shopping, but most of all by being good listeners.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars also provides scholarship funds for civically minded youth. Through various scholarship funds, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars awards \$37,500 annually. Young people benefiting from these awards have outstanding achievement in academics, volunteerism, and the creative arts, and these awards allow them to extend these achievements even further.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars also offers a unique program to its members. All members are eligible to receive a cancer grant, which is a lump sum gift given to a member who has been diagnosed with cancer. Two Cancer Research Fellowships are also offered by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. These grants are 1-year, \$50,000 postdoctoral fellowships, which are awarded each year to eligible scientists. The auxiliary provides these fellowships so that researchers can devote one year full-time to the challenge of cancer research.

I hope my colleagues will join with me today in commending the ladies auxiliary for their service and contribution on behalf of our military personnel and veterans. The Nation should

be proud and appreciative to have such an organization active and operating. I am especially proud to have them active in the State of Georgia and congratulate them for their accomplishments and their service to our country.●

RECOGNIZING THE CHESTERFIELD COUNTY EMS, POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

• Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am honored today to recognize the Emergency Medical Services, EMS, Police and Fire Departments of Chesterfield County. It is through their brave and steadfast actions during the floods of Tropical Storm Gaston that the lives of many Virginians were saved.

Throughout the evening and overnight hours on Monday, August 30, 2004, the remnants of Tropical Storm Gaston entered the Central Virginia area. Although the weather forecasts called for 1-3 inches of rain, Chesterfield County residents found themselves under as much as 10 inches of rain in some areas that night. As a result, numerous roads began to flood and several swift-water rescues had to be made in the complete darkness. These rescues tested the knowledge, skills and abilities of the members of Chesterfield Fire, Police and EMS; their heroic actions under the extreme pressures they faced that night saved many members of their community from life-threatening conditions.

Today, I commend: David A. Stone, James B. Anderson, Richard A. Holmes, Daniel Juan Robertson, Jim Fitch, Stuart Smith, Curtis Sink, Steve Stump, Mike Larkin, William Smith, Steve Traylor, Chris Harrell, Bill Jeffords, Mark Berry, Frank Blankenship, Brian Riffe, Jack Speed, Roger Warden, Bryce Ford, Brook Keenum, Rick Bucher, Jim Stanley and the many other rescuers from Chesterfield County who saved so many lives at their own peril on that fateful night.

I am pleased to recognize the selfless actions of these tremendous men and women, which demonstrate the incredible dedication, determination and courage they have in serving their community. Virginia should be proud of the brave work undertaken by the rescue workers in Chesterfield County. Their community is a better and safer place because of the job they did that night and each and every day.●

A TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. JOHN HERBERT SPENCER, SR.

• Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, today I honor Rev. Dr. John Herbert Spencer, Sr. who passed away on October 1, 2004 at the age of 83. Dr. Spencer was a compassionate man whose selflessness and devotion to his faith, family and community will be remembered for generations.

Dr. Spencer, a native of Greene County, AL, was born on December 7, 1920, to Manuel and Annie Eatman Spencer.

A graduate of the public schools in Greene County and Tuscaloosa, Dr. Spencer also attended Stillman College and Union Seminary. He became the pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church in Holt, AL in 1946 and remained at the church for 58 years. His leadership and devotion to the church spurred tremendous growth, including a new sanctuary and increased congregation.

He also preached at the following churches: Antioch Baptist Church in Hulls, AL, Hopewell Baptist Church in Lowndes County, Pleasant Green Baptist Church in Whitehall, New Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Tyler, and the Old Kingston Baptist Church in Prattville. Dr. Spencer also dedicated much of his time and energy to the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. and the Alabama Baptist State Convention, particularly as Missionary for the Northwest District since 1976 and locally as Record Secretary of the New Antioch Bethlehem District, NABD, Association and instructor in both the local and State Congress of Christian Education. He was the oldest and longest serving pastor in the NABD Association.

Dr. Spencer's influence played a vital role in the completion of the NABD Association's Religious Center and the Science Building and Dinkins Hall at Selma University. He served as both Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Selma University and was instrumental in efforts to secure the school's accreditation. Honorary Doctorate Degrees from Selma University, Birmingham Baptist Bible College and Easonian Theological Seminary are among his numerous awards and citations for his contributions to Baptist work.

Dr. Spencer married Lillian Brown Johnson in 1946, and they were the parents of eight children. He later married Kay Frances Turner in 1980, who survives him. He is also survived by his children: Rev. John H. Spencer, Jr. and his wife Debra; Rev. Simeon D. Spencer and wife Glynis; Dr. Marjorie Spencer Campbell and husband Willie, Lillian M. Spencer; Jannis M. Glover and husband Donald and Dr. Faye Spencer Maor and husband Terver. He is also survived by two step-sons: Dr. Otis S. Johnson and Paul L. Johnson and wife Angeline; twelve grandchildren, and one great granddaughter.

Indeed, Dr. Spencer's willingness to share his faith had a positive impact on everyone with whom he came in contact. He will be missed by his family, friends, and the many lives he touched through his ministry.●

THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OAKLAND LIVINGSTON HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency. The mission of this agency is to help low-income, elderly and disabled individuals become self-sufficient, and OLHSA