

period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

HONORING DR. BRUCE McMILLAN

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a constituent, Dr. Bruce McMillan, director of the Illinois State Museum, and congratulate him on his retirement.

Dr. McMillan began his career at the Illinois State Museum in 1969 as associate curator of anthropology. Since becoming director in 1977, Dr. McMillan has guided the museum through an expansion from two to six facilities throughout Illinois.

The Illinois State Museum serves the State of Illinois through its excellence in interdisciplinary research and its commitment to innovation in exhibits and education. With collections in the natural sciences, anthropology, and art, the museum tells the story of the land, life, people, and art of Illinois.

Dr. McMillan has brought to his work a true passion for research, travel, and the outdoors. Those who know him best call him a natural leader who inspires those around him to do things they would never try on their own. An avid outdoorsman, Dr. McMillan has led yearly field trips for friends and colleagues, including one to the dry shelters of Arkansas that has become legend amongst his friends.

Known to be a sports enthusiast, Dr. McMillan has played in the Springfield senior softball league for years and has admirably represented Illinois in the Senior Olympics. He is supported by his wife Virginia and his three children in all of his many varied pursuits.

Through his decades of service as director of the Illinois State Museum, Dr. Bruce McMillan has promoted discovery, learning, and an appreciation of Illinois' heritage. Under his leadership, the Illinois State Museum has become one of the premier State museums in the country, and the legacy he has created will continue to benefit the State of Illinois in the years to come.

Mr. President, I congratulate Dr. Bruce McMillan on his many accomplishments throughout his long and successful career, and I wish him many more years of happiness and accomplishment in retirement.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MATTHEW LEE BERTOLINO

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to PFC Matthew Lee Bertolino of Hampstead, NH, for his service and supreme sacrifice for his country.

Matthew, a 2003 graduate of Pinkerton Academy, Derry, New Hampshire, entered the Marine Corps through the Marine Corps Delayed Entry Program on September 30, 2004. He started his initial training on Janu-

ary 26, 2005, at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC. Upon completion of his training he became an infantry marine with an 0351 assaultman specialty. His awards include the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Expert Rifleman Medal.

Tragically, on February 9, 2006, this courageous young marine, only 20 years of age, died as a result of a non-hostile accident while operating as part of a combat patrol near Jalalabad, Afghanistan. At the time Private First Class Bertolino was serving with A Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force which was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom—Afghanistan.

Patriots from the State of New Hampshire have served our Nation with honor and distinction from Bunker Hill to Afghanistan—and Matthew served in that fine tradition. Daniel Webster said: God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it. Matthew was one of those proud and dedicated volunteers who chose to serve our Nation, and guard our precious liberty, and for that we will always owe our sincere gratitude.

Family, friends, and fellow marines will no longer be able to enjoy the company of PFC Matthew Lee Bertolino. Yet memories of this young patriot will last forever with those who were fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to know him. He realized a calling for a higher service and chose to employ his considerable talents in the service of his country. He understood that the freedoms and opportunities provided by this Nation need continuous defense and that they are among the most precious gifts he can give to his family and loved ones. We honor Matthew for the dedication he has shown to his family and our Nation. Because of his efforts, the liberty of this country is made more secure.

CONGRATULATING LOYOLA SACRED HEART SPEECH AND DEBATE

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, on January 27 and 28, a remarkable group of students from Loyola Sacred Heart High School in Missoula, MT, won the State B-C Title for Speech and Debate. This is the 23rd consecutive State championship for this squad. I rise today to congratulate this team on their hard work and success.

Loyola's accomplishment is truly remarkable. Out of 50 schools competing at the State Tournament, Loyola's squad of 26 students scored 167 points. Twenty-one of these twenty six earned medals. And Paul Stergios and Paul Dallapiazza were the State champions in team debate, while Dan Evans took home the gold in extemporaneous speaking.

These events, which focus on current events and policy, are a fantastic educational tool for students to learn about their world and their government. In fact, I have several former Montana team debaters on my staff, including a former State champion in team debate.

By winning its 23rd straight State championship, the Loyola Sacred Heart speech and debate team extends its State record for the most consecutive titles in any division in any activity. A lot of things have changed since they won their first title in 1984, but the success enjoyed by Loyola Sacred Heart in speech and debate has remained consistent. Since 1981, over 1,000 students have competed for Loyola Sacred Heart and the team has produced 34 individual State champions and over 225 medalists.

Students competed in two debate events—team debate and Lincoln-Douglas debate—and seven individual public speaking events—extemporaneous speaking, impromptu speaking, original oratory, memorized public address, expository speaking, serious oral interpretation of literature, and humorous oral interpretation of literature.

I congratulate head coach Matt Stergios and his team for their continued success in attaining their 23rd consecutive State title. Matt has coached the team since 1981. His daughter Sarah won gold last year, and his son Paul won this year.

Loyola Sacred Heart Speech and debate 39-person divisional and State team roster: Michael Breuer, Mary Callahan-Baumstark, Nick Corn, Paul Dallapiazza, Jason Dark, Justin Dart, Miles Dauterive, Erin Demerle, Jasen Devoe, Liz Diehl, Ryne Dougherty, Brian Doyle, Kyle Doyle, Matt Eddy, John Eikens, Dan Evans, Andrew Fortunate, Brian Geer, Sarah Giuliani, Megan Hess-Homier, Joe Hurd, Julie Hurd, Erik Kappelman, Tricia Karsky, Ian Kefler, Emilie Loran, Kathleen Lowery, Emily Mihalic, Nick Mihalic, Katie Neher, Alice Phoenix, Charlie Pritchard, Mariah Rys-Sikora, Joe Sanders, Paul Stergios, Will Taylor, Madison Unsworth, James Winegart, and Chris Yoder.

Head coach: Matthew Stergios
Assistant coaches: Sarah Jennings, Charles Hansberry, Theresa Stergios and Jessica Weinert.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING TRANSP

• Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today to applaud the Transportation Corporation in South Bend, IN, for its decision to use biofuels to power the South Bend public transit system, the second largest public transit system in all of Indiana. This is good news for the environment and good news for the economy. By using biofuels to power South Bend's public buses, Indiana is