

also must remember that it takes continued federal investment to achieve this worthy goal.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT
COMMANDER JAMES MATHIEU

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I congratulate and honor LCDR James Mathieu of Sanbornville, NH on the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of honorable service to the United States as a member of the United States Coast Guard.

Rising through the ranks from recruit to his current rank, LCDR Mathieu distinguished himself on numerous occasions. From his Honor Graduate status in Recruit Training, through his successful completion of various training and vocational schools, to the achievement of ever increasing rank, LCDR Mathieu has upheld the Coast Guard motto of *Semper Paratus, Always Ready*.

Jim's afloat assignments included Coast Guard cutters *Hamilton, Chase, Bibb, Unimak, and Vigilant*. His operational ashore and staff assignments include the Coast Guard Academy, Group Woods Hole, Group Portland, Coast Guard Headquarters, and Station Miami Beach as Commanding Officer of a 400 man detachment in Miami Beach. Tasked with search and rescue, law enforcement and environmental response, LCDR Mathieu led his team in the Coast Guard's busiest multi-mission station. With an impressive record of rescues and other successful missions, LCDR Mathieu proved that his unit was ready for countless tasks in support of the United States' maritime interests. Jim retires from the Office of Coast Guard Congressional Affairs, serving as Governmental Liaison to the United States Coast Guard.

A proud husband, father and grandfather, LCDR Mathieu is married to the former Lori Anne Dowd, herself a career Coast Guard officer. Together, they have raised a family of one son, James Michael II, and one daughter, Melissa. As a family, they were often faced with the challenges borne by so many who serve our country. They were also rewarded by the satisfaction of knowing they have participated in a noble and just cause.

Throughout his entire career, LCDR James Mathieu has set his standards high and striven to meet them in every endeavor. Through the junior ranks, leadership positions, and as a family man James Mathieu has continually distinguished himself.

Jim exemplifies the words of Daniel Webster who said:

"God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it."

Because of his efforts, the liberty of this country is made more secure. On behalf of the State of New Hampshire, as he charts a new course in life, I wish him fair winds and following seas.

CONGRATULATING THE FIRM OF
LEO A. DALY

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, today I congratulate the international architecture and engineering firm Leo A. Daly for its direction, construction and design of the National World War II Memorial. The completion of the National World War II Memorial, which was dedicated last weekend, would not have been possible without the Leo A. Daly firm. I am particularly proud of this firm since it was founded 89 years ago in my home State of Nebraska.

The National World War II Memorial acknowledges the service and sacrifice of those who served our country during World War II. According to The Commission of Fine Arts, the memorial is "an eloquent statement worthy of the subject and the site."

I congratulate and thank the Leo A. Daly employees who have honored the service of our Nation's "greatest generation" through the construction of this National World War II Memorial.

HOOSIER VETERANS VISITING OUR
NATION'S CAPITAL

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I rise today to share with my colleagues the names of many of the Hoosiers who made the journey from the State of Indiana to Washington, DC, to take part in the festivities this past weekend surrounding the dedication of the new World War II Memorial and in remembrance of Memorial Day.

My staff and I were pleased to have the opportunity to meet with these honorable veterans and their families and to listen to their vastly different experiences throughout World War II and henceforth. In addition, a few of these veterans were able to participate in interviews that will be submitted to the Library of Congress as part of the Veterans History Project.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following names of my constituents who visited my office on Friday, May 28, 2004, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

J. Louis Martinez from Merrillville and his family.

Sam Slevin from Nineveh and his family.

Carl Myers from Marion and his family.

Henry Jones from Indianapolis and his family.

Warren Wilson, now from Clearwater, Florida, and his family along with William Dang, formerly from Indianapolis.

Joseph Dolezal from Michigan City and his family along with Steve Jones from LaPorte.

Carol Hany from Hoagland, Jean Boyer from Fort Wayne, and Lorraine Schubert from Fort Wayne.

Richard Rooker and his family from Warsaw.

John Mohney from Bloomington and his family.

Jim Downard from Michigantown and his wife Mary.

Joe Carey and his wife Sue, and Dick Gratham and his wife, Polly, all from Delphi.

Nelson Gray, his wife, Christine, his daughter, Janet Pflum, and grandson, Marques Pflum, all from Indianapolis.

John Davis from Indianapolis and his wife, Betty. They were joined by family members John, Molly, Kevin, Michael, Dorothy, Donna, Joe and Pam Davis.

Carl Weisheit from Fort Wayne and his wife, Doris, as well as Eric and Cris Brueggman.

Russell Sutton and his family.

The Ridenour Family from Frankfort and the Reed Family from Fort Wayne.

Jim, Patsy and Bill Perry from Winamac. Dick, Tim and Rick Courtney from Muncie and Newburgh.

Loren, Deb, Jonathon and Chris Meyer from South Bend.

Bill Leburg from Fowler and his family.

Mary Jungemann and her family from Indianapolis.

CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS
OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE EXCELLENCE
IN EDUCATION AWARDS

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate this year's winners of the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards. The "ED"ies are awarded to those individuals, schools and educational programs that have made significant contributions to public education and have met the highest standards of excellence. Educators and schools who are selected have demonstrated a high standard in areas such as curriculum and instruction, teaching and learning process, student achievement, leadership and decision-making, community and parental involvement, and school climate. On June 5, 2004, the leadership and achievement of these 33 individuals and 12 schools in New Hampshire will receive acknowledgment. I add my voice on behalf of the citizens I represent in similarly recognizing our appreciation and respect for these professionals who make countless sacrifices and contributions in our schools.

The "ED"ies are presented in various categories of excellence, such as math and science teaching, curriculum development, and environmental education. The specific criteria for the "ED"ies, which is developed by the board of directors for the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards, has been applied to elementary, middle, and secondary schools, along with teachers, administrators and other education professionals performing at each of these levels, as well as higher education. The selection committees consist of some of New Hampshire's finest educators and community leaders who have the responsibility of applying these standards and evaluating the nominees. The committees make their selections after careful review of the nominees, school applications and assessments based on on-site visitations.

The teachers recognized here have clearly had a profound impact on their students just as many of my own teachers had on me. The teachers for whom I have the fondest memories created a positive learning environment and necessary direction that were key elements to my growth as a person and as a public servant. They impressed