

Metro District and Secretary of the Territory South of the River Ohio.

In 1784, Daniel Smith produced the first map of the "Tennessee Government." As chairman of the committee to draft a state constitution, he is credited with naming the State of Tennessee. He served twice as a United States Senator. I now yield to my colleague from Tennessee.

Mr. THOMPSON. Daniel Smith's many and great accomplishments are far too numerous to list in this venue, but are celebrated daily in the freedom of our Nation and the struggles of the early Westward movement. Thomas Jefferson wrote of Smith after his death:

For intelligence, well cultivated talents, for integrity, and usefulness, in soundness of judgement, in the practice of virtue and in shunning vice he was equaled by few men, and in the purity of motive, excelled by none.

As Tennessee's United States Senators, we salute the vision of General Daniel Smith. He saw the vast potential in this young nation's early Westward movement, and his love of Tennessee is an inspiration to us all. We are proud to follow in his footsteps in the United States Senate, and we join our fellow Tennesseans in remembering this proud statesman on the 250th anniversary of his birth.●

#### GRAND FORKS EXHIBITION

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am here today to talk about a very special photo exhibit entitled "Come Hell and High Water," which is on display this week in the Rotunda of the Russell Senate Office Building.

Through some of the most amazing photographs I have ever seen, the exhibit poignantly tells the story of the residents throughout the Red River Valley of North Dakota and Minnesota who struggled through the most devastating of circumstances during the winter and spring of 1997.

From the most brutal winter in 50 years, which, when all was said and done, had dropped more than 100 inches of snow on the region; to the most significant flooding in recorded history that resulted in the Red River cresting 26 feet above flood stage at Grand Forks and forcing an evacuation of nearly all 50,000 residents in the middle of the night; to, when no one could imagine it getting any worse, the devastating fire that destroyed the heart of downtown Grand Forks; to the tremendous outpouring of assistance that brought hope from the Administration and organizations such as the American Red Cross, and the thousands of volunteers from throughout the United States; to the beginning of the recovery process, which continues to this day and will continue as the cities of Grand Forks and East Grand Forks rebuild bigger, better, and stronger than they were before these devastating events. Each of these 37 photographs is worth not only a thousand words, but

thousands of lives—the lives that were so greatly impacted by these events.

I am proud to say to my colleagues today that the City of Grand Forks has made tremendous strides in overcoming these seemingly insurmountable odds. The flood destroyed more than 800 homes in Grand Forks. Today, Grand Forks Homes, in partnership with several agencies and local lenders, have contracted to build 222 new homes in three new subdivisions. Fifty-four of these homes are complete, and 158 homes are in the framing stage. During the winter months, 287 families were housed in FEMA-provided mobile homes. Currently, only 119 mobile homes are occupied. Of the 41 historic downtown buildings destroyed by flood waters and 11 destroyed by fire, 20 properties have been acquired through the Central Business District Business Acquisition program, and 25 more have been targeted for buyout. The Business and Industry Disaster Assistance Program has committed more than \$1.5 million to 76 businesses to help provide for post-flood economic development. The Noah's Ark building, a 170,000 square foot office and industrial building that will provide new economic development opportunities for the community, is slated to be finished July 1st. The Corporate Center, composed of two buildings currently under construction in downtown Grand Forks, will house three larger businesses and will provide economic vitality to this area.

I commend the residents of Grand Forks for their strength, perseverance, and commitment to their wonderful community.

I would like to take this time to thank the exhibit sponsors: the Bremer Foundation of St. Paul and the Knight-Ridder Corporation of Miami, who have allowed this exhibit to be displayed at the Newseum, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Kennedy Center, and throughout the State of North Dakota.

Also, a special thank you to all the photographers who so dramatically captured the events, the lives, the emotions, and the heart of the Red River Valley.

I urge my colleagues to take the time to view this exhibit and begin to truly understand not only the devastation of the events of 1997, but more importantly, the resilience, the spirit, and the strength of the citizens of the Red River Valley.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL E. STEPHENS

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Mr. Michael E. Stephens, the founder of ReLife, Inc., a nation-wide rehabilitation system, and the namesake of the Michael E. Stephens College of Business at the University of Montevallo in Alabama. Mr. Stephens is a remarkable man, a distinguished citizen and a leader in the field of health care and physical rehabilitation.

Mr. Stephens was born and raised in Alabama and began attending the University of Montevallo in 1962. However, his path through college was a long, complicated one. Though Michael Stephens is today a highly successful entrepreneur, recognized for his many accomplishments and his generous civic spirit, his first attempt at college was incomplete! Instead, Mr. Stephens left the University in 1966 for a series of jobs in the insurance industry. Several years later, at the age of 26, he broke his neck in a horrible diving accident. Despite being told he would never walk again, with extensive rehabilitation—and steely determination—Michael Stephens overcame the most significant obstacle of his life. Amazingly, he fully recovered in less than a year, and almost ten years after he had begun his college education, Mr. Stephens returned to the University of Montevallo.

Michael Stephens received his undergraduate degree in business from the University of Montevallo in 1973 and his Master's Degree in 1975 from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He went to work in rehabilitative services for the Lakeshore Rehabilitation Hospital. Based upon his own experience, Mr. Stephens was committed to providing comprehensive services and quality care to people with physical disabilities. Under his leadership, Lakeshore Hospital became a world-class rehabilitative center. By introducing new rehabilitative services, such as speech therapy, recreational programs, psychological counseling and outpatient job training, Mr. Stephens created a new way of dealing with disability. In fact, Forbes Magazine said, "Stephens turned little Lakeshore into a model laboratory for his idea about rehabilitation." In the mid-1980's, he founded the Lakeshore Foundation, a non-profit organization designed to assist people with physical disabilities. Specifically, the Foundation focused on training athletes. Almost overnight, Mr. Stephens' athletic program grew. Lakeshore's athletes went on to become among the most successful in the paralympics: breaking records in all events and winning numerous gold, silver and bronze medals. His successful approach to rehabilitation led to his founding of ReLife, a publicly-traded national health-services corporation, in 1986.

Through ReLife, Mr. Stephens realized his dream of reinventing rehabilitation. By 1992, ReLife ran over forty rehabilitation facilities. In 1994, when ReLife merged with HealthSouth Corporation, Michael Stephens focused his attention and considerable talents on other needs of his community. He became a member of the board of trustees of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and the Naples, Florida Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Additionally, he is a former member of both the President's Committee on Hiring the Handicapped and the National Association of Rehabilitation Facilities and is active in the Alabama State Health Coordinating Council. Mr. Stephens' business

prowess is not limited to rehabilitation: he also owns several car dealerships, a real estate development company and a champion horse breeding farm.

His leadership was recognized by the University of Montevallo in 1995, when he was awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters. Mr. Stephens serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University, and recently donated one million dollars to their capital funds campaign.

As a result of business endeavors, community service, philanthropic projects and long-standing support for higher education, on October 9, 1997, the University of Montevallo honored Mr. Stephens by deciding to re-name the business school the Michael E. Stephens College of Business. The citation issued by the University's Board of Trustees stated: "His leadership and service deserve lasting recognition and are worthy of holding as exemplary to this and future generations of Montevallo students, faculty, alumni and friends." Mr. Stephens has promised to remain very active in the Stephens College of Business, and I believe that all of the current and future Montevallo students will benefit greatly from his involvement.

On that day last year, Michael Stephens, loved and respected by all who have known him, was honored as a friend and leader to not only the University of Montevallo, but all the citizens of Alabama. I, too, want to honor Mr. Stephen's example of strength, vision, courage and community spirit. On behalf of my wife, Annette, an alumna of the University of Montevallo, we wish Michael Stephens our sincerest thanks and congratulations for his dedication to making a difference.●

#### ELLEN BENNETT KANTROWITZ: A REMARKABLE NEW YORKER

● Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, a milestone will occur on Tuesday, July 7th, which I do not want to go unacknowledged: Ellen Bennett Kantrowitz, a remarkable New Yorker, will celebrate her 80th birthday.

Mrs. Bennett Kantrowitz is a native of Queens, New York. She married Matt Bennett of Brooklyn, New York and had four children: daughter Pat, and sons Bill, Mike and Matt. Today they all have achieved much success which they attribute to the guidance provided by their strong mother. Pat is a program assistant with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in Reston, Virginia. Bill is a Long Island businessman. Mike is News Director of WHUD/WLNA in Peekskill, New York. Matt is a partner in a Go-shen, New York law firm.

Forty years ago, a tragic accident claimed the life of Matt Bennett. The lawsuit which followed led Mrs. Bennett Kantrowitz to enlist the help of New York lawyer Moses Kantrowitz. Seven years later, the pair were married. For twenty three years this cou-

ple lived happily, continuing to promote and sustain the strong family bonds which characterize the Bennett Kantrowitz family, until Moses Kantrowitz's death in 1989.

Mrs. Bennett Kantrowitz is the matriarch of a large and loving family, one which extends throughout the state of New York from Huntington, North Babylon, Massapequa, Selden, Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island to Upstate, Monroe, Highland Mills, Central Valley, Newburgh and Beacon. She remains steadfast in her dedication to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, undeterred by age and ailment.

As Ellen Bennett Kantrowitz turns 80 she will be surrounded by family at a celebration July 4th weekend in Monroe, New York. With appreciation and admiration I take this opportunity to congratulate her on her 80th birthday, and wish her many more.●

#### READJUSTING GLOBAL MILITARY FORCE POLICY

● Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, debate concerning drugs and drug policy has reached new levels. The letters and phone calls which my office receive are a constant reminder that the influx of drugs into this country are at the top of constituents' concerns. Our fight against drugs exists on two fronts. Within our border we must educate our young about the dangers of drugs in an effort to reduce demand.

Along our borders there exists another battle. This battle, to keep drugs from entering the U.S. has become increasingly difficult as drug runners have been employing more sophisticated technologies and techniques. Small planes are using remote landing strips to ferry drugs across the border. In the Caribbean traffickers are using high-speed boats to escape the Coast Guard. I need not reiterate how these preexisting conditions are straining the effort of our front-line law enforcement people on the border. As the methods which drug traffickers along the Mexican border continue to improve, we are beginning to lose ground in our "War on Drugs." This current predicament calls for an increasing and appropriate role for the U.S. military.

In recognition of this need, I am joining with Senator DEWINE and Senator GRAHAM in sponsoring an amendment which, has been accepted, to the Department of Defense reauthorization bill. This amendment calls upon the Secretary of Defense to add drug interdiction and counter-drug activities under military operations other than war, in the Global Military Force Policy. This would effectively give counter-drug efforts greater priority than military exercises. In addition, it would come at no extra cost to the taxpayer. Military resources such as AWAC's and other military hardware would be reallocated and instead of being sent out on exercises, they would be used to detect and intercept drug traffickers.

Elevating the priority of drug interdiction within the Global Military Force Policy is necessary in helping stem the flow of illegal drugs into this country. In conclusion, if we are to "get tough on drugs" in the face of increasingly modernizing drug trade, we must seek to incorporate the U.S. military in our effort.●

#### 81ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC COMMISSIONED CORPS

● Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, this year marks the 81st anniversary of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps, one of the seven uniformed services of the United States. The officers of the NOAA corps play an integral role in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and serve this multidisciplinary scientific organization and our nation with distinction.

The roots of the NOAA Corps can be found in 1807, when our third President, Thomas Jefferson, created the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey. Directed by Congress, the Department of War and the Department of the Navy provided the Survey with commissioned officers to chart the coastlines and map the shores of our nation, allowing for the expansion of maritime commerce. On May 22, 1917, an Act of Congress formally established a uniformed service, patterned after the military, to meet the growing responsibilities and unique needs of the Survey. This commissioned service of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey (C&GS) served with distinction in both world wars.

Since its inception, the NOAA Corps has enabled its members to perform remote, sometimes hazardous and otherwise arduous duties in a wide range of environmental measurement and stewardship responsibilities. Indeed, the NOAA Corps is truly on the front line of NOAA's operations. Today's corp officers combine unique qualifications as research ship and aircraft operators; as technical experts with advanced academic backgrounds in hydrography, geodesy, fisheries sciences, meteorology, and oceanography; and as leaders in technical program and data management contributing to the coherence, integrity, and effectiveness of the administrative structure of NOAA.

In order to discharge the responsibilities of NOAA, the NOAA Corps continues to provide a highly effective interface with other branches of the armed forces, most notably the Coast Guard, Navy, Air Force, and Army Corps of Engineers. Additionally, the Corps, our nation's experts in nautical charting, ensure the safe navigation of foreign trade, 98% of which travels in U.S. coastal waters.

In recent years, the NOAA Corps has contributed its valuable scientific and engineering skills to the Armed Services and to the Nation, particularly during times of national emergency.