

on a bill that will make real progress in improving the safety of our most dangerous workplaces. If we are not allowed that opportunity today, I plan to keep pressing forward on this issue until we get that chance. It is far too important, and too many lives are at stake, to give up now.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HAWAII BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS

• Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, today I congratulate three Hawaii schools for being recognized as Blue Ribbon Schools for 2010 by the U.S. Department of Education. These schools, Ewa Beach Elementary School, Momilani Elementary School, and Royal School, serve as models of success and accomplishment.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools whose students achieve at very high levels or have made significant progress and helped close gaps in achievement, especially among disadvantaged and minority students.

The program is part of a larger Department of Education effort to identify and disseminate knowledge about best school leadership and teaching practices.

I wish to extend my aloha to the principals: Sherry Lee Kobayashi of Ewa Beach, Doreen Higa of Momilani, and Ann Sugibayashi of Royal. As a former principal, I know firsthand the dedication that goes into leading schools and staffs, and I commend them for their hard work on behalf of their students and communities. I also commend the students, families, teachers, and staff of all three schools for their contributions towards this recognition.

I am proud of all that our keiki, the children, can accomplish when they are given access to quality education. My sincere mahalo, thanks, again, to Ewa Beach Elementary School, Momilani Elementary School, and Royal School for their efforts to give our students the best education possible. I offer my congratulations to all 2010 Blue Ribbon Schools nationwide and my sincere wishes for success in their futures.●

BROOMFIELD COMPOSITE SQUADRON

• Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I congratulate the Broomfield Composite Squadron for being named the 2010 Civil Air Patrol Squadron of Distinction. This honor speaks to the dedication and hard work of each cadet and senior member, as well as the squadron's leadership in providing outstanding programs and recruitment.

The Broomfield Composite Squadron was selected as the squadron with the best performance from all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico for its excellence in cadet pro-

grams, rapid increase in membership, and high percentage of cadet progression through the program.

Communities across Colorado and the country have come to depend on the Civil Air Patrol in times of emergency for search and rescue expertise, but CAP's development and education of young leaders is equally important. The Broomfield Composite Squadron's success in this area, and its recognition as the best in the country, means that Colorado is especially lucky to have so many young people willing to serve their community, learn about aerospace technology, and prepare for their futures.

All of Colorado is proud and grateful for the Broomfield Composite Squadron's commitment to serving as a model for CAP squadrons across the country.●

TRIBUTE TO TERRY ALLEN PERL

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I would like my colleagues to join me today in honoring the work of Terry Allen Perl, who has served the Chimes Family of Services for 40 years.

The Chimes Family of Services is an international agency delivering a wide variety of support to more than 17,000 people. Chimes offers an extensive range of services from educational services to residential support and psychiatric services. It serves people of all ages and varying levels of ability, providing assistance to people with developmental disabilities, mental illness, and other specialized needs. It offers an important support network to people with disabilities and their families as they work to achieve their goals, aspirations, and dreams.

Terry Allen Perl started his career with Chimes, Inc. in January of 1971. He was the first director of a community-based residential facility in the State of Maryland for people with intellectual disabilities. His vision and leadership over the intervening years have led to the extraordinary success of the organization as he has helped to expand its educational, habilitation, employment, vocational, residential, and support services.

Under Mr. Perl's leadership, Chimes has moved from being a provider of services to one of the largest contractors employing people with disabilities. Chimes provides janitorial and facility services for the U.S. Government and for the State of Maryland.

Under Mr. Perl's guidance, Chimes has expanded from serving 200 people in the Baltimore area to more than 17,000 people from North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, the District of Columbia, and the State of Israel.

Mr. Pearl has received numerous awards and honors in recognition of his innovative and pioneering programs. He has been a leader and member of numerous professional organizations including: ANCOR, American Network of Community Options and Resources,

CARF, Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, AAMR, American Association on Mental Retardation, Maryland Works, Baltimore City Mayor's Commission on Disabilities, Developmental Disabilities Council, Baltimore County Workforce Investment Council, and the Baltimore County Commission on Disabilities. He is a frequent lecturer, consultant, and advisor to numerous provider agencies, advocacy groups, associations, and government entities. During his tenure as president and chief executive officer, Chimes has become nationally and internationally recognized as a provider of services and jobs for those with disabilities.

I hope my colleagues will join me in thanking Terry Allen Perl for his 40 years of dedicated service to the Chimes Family of Services organization and for his outstanding contributions to improving the lives of people with disabilities and their families and communities in Maryland, throughout our Nation, and in Israel.●

BALTIMORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES TASK FORCE

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I encourage my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the Job Opportunities Task Force, JOTF, an independent advocacy and monitoring organization in Baltimore, MD, that is celebrating 10 years of service.

JOTF was begun in 1996 by a handful of people who were concerned about job opportunities for low-skilled job seekers in the Baltimore area. They called themselves the Job Opportunities Task Force, and they hoped they could help unemployed and underemployed men and women. They had a short-term goal, which was to come up with ideas and recommendations that would break down barriers to better employment and to bring private and public partners together to implement these changes.

In 1997, the Abell Foundation gave JOTF a grant to prepare a report on the job gap that would present detailed information about what types of jobs were available in the Baltimore region, where they were located, what they paid, what levels of education and skills were required, and where the potential workers were. The report, entitled "Baltimore Area Jobs and Low Skill Job Seekers," was published in 1999 and revealed many gaps between the workforce and the jobs that were available—far too many impediments to be solved with a few meetings.

Since its incorporation in 2000, JOTF has become a leading voice on workforce issues in Maryland, supporting a range of State policy initiatives and budget decisions, including increased investment in adult education and job training in communities and in prisons. JOTF has lobbied to expand the earned income tax credit, reduce barriers to (re)employment for ex-offenders, and reform unemployment insurance.