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GUEST CHAPLAIN RABBI BERNHARDT

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I express to Senator Biden my appreciation for his inviting a wonderful woman, a rabbi from Delaware, to come here to be our guest Chaplain, and to say how pleased we are, all of us, to welcome Ellen Bernhardt. She gave the invocation about 40 minutes ago. I told her it was one of the best invocations I have heard in the 3 years I have been privileged to be a Senator. It was as good as any I have heard. We thank you for not only coming to bring the blessing of that invocation, but to remind us about what really matters.

I also thank her for just what she does in Delaware. She has been a rabbi, I think, about 17 years. She is a native of Philadelphia. For the last 11 years or so, she has run a school in Delaware which is, I believe, the only Jewish day school in our State. We have a lot of schools, but only one Jewish day school—Albert Einstein Academy. There are youngsters in kindergarten, from age 5, up to the sixth grade. While it is a Jewish day school, it is nondenominational because whether the students happen to be Jewish or not, they can attend that school. I was kidding earlier about how most of them are Baptists. Actually, I don't think that is the case. That gives you the flavor of the nondenominational school. I have been privileged to know a number of the kids who go there. They get a wonderful education

and start for their lives and go on to do great work.

We have been joined today not only by Rabbi Bernhardt, but also by three of her children and her husband. We are so privileged that she lives in Delaware and that she provides great leadership on the educational side, and also for a lot of us on the spiritual side, whether we happen to be Jewish or not. Welcome.

Again, to my friend, JOE BIDEN, I thank him for making it possible for her to be here today.