

known as the University of Maryland Baltimore Foundation, which has grown its assets to just under \$200 million since 2000. She is the foundation's president and chief executive officer. Through it all, Sue has also managed to serve as an adjunct clinical associate professor at the University of Maryland School of Social Work.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Sue Gladhill for her dedicated service and consummate leadership at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. She has contributed greatly to the success of the excellent education and services provided by the University of Maryland's prestigious graduate schools and medical center, and she will be missed. Please join me in wishing her well in her retirement. She certainly has earned it.●

#### AROOSTOOK COUNTY, MAINE

● Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, Aroostook County in far northern Maine has long been a thriving center of farming and logging. In the early years of the 20th century, it seemed that the only barrier to growth and prosperity was a shortage of modern health care facilities and trained medical professionals.

Two local citizens took it upon themselves to remove this barrier. By horse and wagon, Frank White, an attorney, and Charles E. Hussey, a farmer, traveled through the countryside calling on their neighbors and collected \$2,500 to establish a center for health care. In the spring of 1912, Presque Isle General Hospital opened with 20 beds, an operating theater with the latest equipment, four physicians, and a training school for nurses.

Much has changed during the past 100 years. What began in one three-story converted house as Presque Isle General is known today as the Aroostook Medical Center, TAMC, with facilities in Presque Isle, Mars Hill, and Fort Fairfield, an ambulance service, and outreach services, such as a dialysis center and primary care clinics, throughout the northern part of the largest county east of the Mississippi. It has a medical staff of more than 60 trained professionals and a workforce of more than 1,000, making it the region's largest employer.

What has not changed is the spirit of service that is the foundation of this remarkable organization. As one who was born and raised in Aroostook County, I am proud of what has been accomplished there and grateful for the contributions and dedication over the generations that have made this invaluable community resource possible.

The commitment that established the region's first public hospital in 1912 was not a one-time event. Less than a decade later, the growing population created the need for a larger hospital. Another, even more successful fund drive led to the opening in 1921 of a facility with more than twice the beds and vastly expanded services. In 1960, a capital campaign of unprecedented size

for this area established the A.R. Gould Memorial Hospital that continues to grow and serve Aroostook residents.

The namesake of today's hospital is of special significance to my Senate colleagues. Arthur Robinson Gould was a Presque Isle entrepreneur who built a lumber mill, powerplants, and an electric railroad. In 1926, he was elected to the U.S. Senate to fill the term of Senator Bert M. Fernald, who died in office. Senator Gould is best remembered for the courageous stand he took against the Ku Klux Klan at a time when that hateful group was gaining prominence in American politics. Despite the esteem in which he was held, Senator Gould chose not to run for reelection in 1930, saying, "I want to get back to my railroad and the pine forests of Maine."

That simple statement describes the affection the people of Aroostook County have for their home and helps to explain how they could join together to create, sustain, and grow a modern health care organization. By proclamation of the Governor of Maine and the city of Presque Isle, June 9, 2012, is the official day of celebration for this great centennial. I am honored to commemorate the occasion by congratulating the men and women of the Aroostook Medical Center and the people of Aroostook County for 100 years of accomplishment, and I wish them the best in the years to come.●

#### 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE B-52

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the men and women of our United States Air Force on the 60th anniversary of the B-52 Stratofortress strategic bomber.

On April 15, 1952, 60 years ago, America's first B-52 lifted off on its maiden flight. This year also marks 50 years since the last B-52, tail number 61-040, rolled off the assembly line in Wichita, KS, and was delivered to Minot Air Force Base in the great state of North Dakota. Through its unwavering service during and after the Cold War, the B-52 has shown itself as a time-tested and proven solution for the long-range strike and nuclear deterrence missions and become an iconic symbol around the world of America's dedication to "peace through strength." Half a century after this jet was developed and fielded to guarantee nuclear deterrence of the Soviet Union, it played a critical role in military operations after September 11. No other airframe in the history of the Nation has done more to keep this country strong and safe than the B-52.

The Boeing Company originally built 744 B-52s. As the global environment evolved, many of these have since been retired. Nonetheless, 74 aircraft remain in the fleet—more than any other bomber. I sponsored legislation, later signed into law, which requires the B-52 fleet to be maintained at no less than 74 aircraft and preserves the fleet

through 2018. With appropriate funding, we expect the remaining 74 B-52s to serve the Nation honorably until 2045.

The fact that the B-52 is still serving the United States today is a testament to the innovation and dedication of the men and women all around this Nation who designed, built, maintained, supported and employed the B-52 for over 50 years. In fact, these aircraft have been so thoroughly and effectively upgraded and modernized that they are projected to continue to play a critical role defending our country for the foreseeable future and beyond.

During this time of ever-tighter budgets, the B-52 is more important than ever, because it is the most cost effective bomber in our inventory. Or, as the military would say, the B-52 provides great "economy of force," which means the B-52 brings a tremendous amount of "bang" for the taxpayer's dollar. B-52 modernization must be a top priority to ensure that "the best bomb truck for the buck" and its airmen can continue to meet emerging strategic challenges now and well into the future.

The longevity, cost-effectiveness, and adaptability of the B-52 are a testament to the quality of its design and procurement. In many ways, the B-52 is the last great success story of American bomber design and procurement. As the development of the new Long Range Strike Bomber moves forward, we must demand the same innovative thought and dedication that led to the development of the B-52 in the 1950s. Our new bomber must be cost-effective, reliable, and versatile. And it must be produced on schedule, on budget and in quantity. Anything less would be mismanagement we cannot afford, either fiscally or strategically.

2012 has been coined the "Year of the B-52." This year, more than ever, we celebrate the American innovation and dedication that produced this time-tested and tireless workhorse for the Nation. We also celebrate and give our whole-hearted thanks to the men and women who keep these great aircraft flying and keep our Nation safe.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE 2011 SLOAN AWARD RECIPIENTS

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, my colleague Senator HERB KOHL joins me today in congratulating the 2011 winners of the Alfred P. Sloan Award for Excellence in Workplace Effectiveness and Flexibility, which recognizes companies that have successfully used flexibility to enhance both business results and employee goals. The Sloan Awards are presented by the When Work Works initiative, which is a project of the Families and Work Institute and the Society for Human Resource Management. In 2011, the When Work Works initiative was sponsored by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

We want to draw your attention to the Sloan Awards because these organizations are to be commended for their

excellence in providing workplace flexibility practices that benefit both employees and employers. Achieving greater flexibility in the workplace, to maximize productivity while attracting and retaining talented individuals, is one of the key challenges facing organizations in the 21st century.

Organizations in the following 25 communities were eligible for recognition through the 2011 Sloan Awards: Arizona, statewide; Aurora, CO; Boise, ID; Charleston, SC; Chicago, IL; Dallas, TX; Dayton, OH; Durham, NC; Georgia, statewide; Houston, TX; Long Beach, CA; Long Island, NY; Louisville, KY; Melbourne-Palm Bay, FL; Michigan, statewide; Milwaukee, WI; Morris County, NJ; New Hampshire, statewide; Oregon, statewide; Providence, RI; Richmond, VA; Rochester, MN; Salt Lake City, UT; Twin Cities and St. Cloud, MN; and Winona, MN. In addition, there are several winners recognized in the at-large category. In these communities, organizations applied for, and winners were selected for, the Sloan Awards through a process that included employees' views as well as employer practices.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the 2011 winners of the Alfred P. Sloan Award for Excellence in Workplace Effectiveness and Flexibility. These organizations are to be commended for their excellence in providing workplace flexibility.

In Arizona, the winners are Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education; Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, AHCCCS; Autohaus Arizona, Inc.; Children's Dental Village; Custom Accounting & Tax-Cave Creek; Henry & Horne, LLP; Infincom; Keats, Connelly and Associates LLC; Microchip Technology Inc.; Omega Legal Systems, Inc.; Point B; Rio Salado College; Scottsdale Healthcare; Southwest Institute of Healing Arts, SWIHA; Verde Valley Sanctuary; and Wist Office Products.

In Aurora, CO, the winners are Arapahoe/Douglas Works! and Aurora Mental Health Center.

In Boise, ID, the winners are Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.; American Geotechnics; Givens Pursley LLP; Mountain States Group, Inc.; Red Sky Public Relations; and TitleOne Corporation.

In Charleston, SC, the winners are Barling Bay, LLC; Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce; Community Management Group; McKesson Corporation; and MMP School, Inc.

In Chicago, IL, the winners are AzulaySelden Law Group; Bryan Cave, LLP; Frost, Ruttenberg & Rothblatt, P.C.; Manpower; NCH Marketing Services-A Valassis Company; Ocean Tomo, LLC; Ounce of Prevention Fund; Perspectives, Ltd.; Recruit Training Command Great Lakes; Sanchez Daniels & Hoffman LLP; The Habitat Company; True Partners Consulting; Turner Construction Company; and Verizon Wireless.

In Dallas, TX, the winners are A. Miller Consulting Services, Inc.;

Abernethy Media Professionals; Aguirre Roden Inc.; Dallas Convention & Visitor's Bureau; Delta Dallas; MHB T Inc.; Operation Kindness; and The Center for American and International Law.

In Dayton, OH, the winners are Azimuth Corporation; Barco, Inc.; Brower Insurance Agency LLC; Cornerstone Research Group; EAGLE Registrations Inc.; Eastway Behavioral Healthcare; Evanhoe & Associates Inc.; Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association; Macaulay-Brown; Premier Community Health; Radiance Technologies Inc.; Sebaly Shillito + Dyer; and Shumsky Enterprises, Inc.

In Durham, NC, the winners are American Institute for Certified Public Accountants (AICPA); American Journal Experts, LLC; Durham Convention & Visitor's Bureau; Hill, Chesson & Woody Employee Benefit Services; ICF International; McKinney, Rho, Inc.; Shodor Education Foundation, Inc.; and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-RTP.

In Georgia, the winners are Hancock Askew & Co., LLP; Mom Corps; Synergis; and WellStar Health System.

In Houston, TX, the winners are Abel Design Group, Ltd.; Binkley & Barfield, Inc.; ContentActive, LLC; Fronterra Integrated Geosciences; Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library; Klotz Associates Inc.; McDonald's USA LLC; Memorial Hermann Healthcare System; Null-Lairson, P.C.; PKF Texas; Skylla Engineering Ltd.; The Dow Chemical Company; The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston; The VIA Group; University of Phoenix-Houston Campus; Vinson and Elkins; and Xvand Technology Corporation Provider of ISUtility.

In Long Beach, CA, the winners are Bryson Financial Group; La Strada; Molina Healthcare (Arco Location); and Molina Healthcare (Hughes Way Location).

In Long Island, NY, the winners are Albrecht, Viggiano, Zureck & Company, P.C.; America Institute of Physics; American Heart Association; Brookhaven Science Associates, LLC; Cerini & Associates, LLP; Creative Plan Designs, Ltd.; Jackson Lewis; P.W. Grosser Consulting, Inc.; and YES Community Counseling Center.

In Louisville, KY, the winners are Autodemo LLC; Emergint Technologies; Greater Louisville Inc.; Harding Shymanski and Company PSC; KIZAN Technologies LLC; Louis T. Roth & Co.; Lyndon Fire Protection District; McCauley Nicolas, CPAs & Advisors; Mediaura; Prestige Healthcare; Strothman & Company; The Tellennium Group; and Valassis Communication Inc.

In Melbourne-Palm Bay, FL, the winners are Courtyard by Marriott Melbourne; Early Learning Coalition of Brevard County, Inc.; Hoyman Dobson; Residence Inn by Marriott; and SunGuard Public Sector.

In Michigan, the winners are Altair Engineering; Brown & Brown of De-

troit; Educational Data Systems, Inc.; E-IT Professionals Corp.; Farbman Group; Frank Haron Weiner; Kapnick Insurance Group; Menlo Innovations LLC; Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration; National Multiple Sclerosis Society; Peckham, Inc.; Public Policy Associates Inc.; Visteon Corporation; and Work Skills Corporation.

In Milwaukee, WI, the winners are Kforce Inc.; Kolb+Co SC; ManpowerGroup; Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce; MGIC; and Robert W. Baird & Co.

In Morris County, NJ, the winners are Piemonte & Liebhauser, LLC and Solix, Inc.

In New Hampshire, the winners are Families in Transition and MeetingMatrix International.

In Oregon, the winners are FMYI, Inc.; Full Access; gDiapers; Innovative Care Management, Inc.; Isler CPA; Mercy Corps; Metropolitan Family Service; NPC Research; Oregon Environmental Council; Oregon Research Institute; Our House; Portland State University; PREM Group, Inc.; Ride Connection; River Network; Rose City Mortgage; Stoel Rives LLP; and Swift Collective.

In Providence, RI, the winner is Rhode Island Housing.

In Richmond, VA, the winners are Heritage Wealth Advisors; Vaco Richmond; and VCU Health System.

In Rochester, MN, the winners are Cardinal of Minnesota, Ltd.; Custom Alarm/Custom Communications, Inc.; Express Employment Professionals; markit; Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce; Rochester Community and Technical College; Rochester Public Library; Southeast Service Cooperative; United Way of Olmsted County Inc; University of Minnesota Rochester; and Xylo Technologies.

In Salt Lake City, UT, the winners are 1-800 CONTACTS; AAA Fair Credit Foundation; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Utah; Cafe Rio Mexican Grill; Christopherson Business Travel; DigiCert; Equitable Life & Casualty Insurance Company; Futura Industries; Intermountain Healthcare; McKinnon-Mulherin, Inc.; Software Technology Group; Thompson Ostler & Olsen; and Vivint, Inc.

In Twin Cities and St. Cloud, MN, the winners are Dorsey & Whitney LLP; Health Dimensions Group; LaBreche; Mahoney Ulbrich Christiansen Russ PA; Netgain; Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota; TURCK Inc.; and Western National Mutual Insurance Company.

In Winona, MN, the winners are Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Winona; Eastwood Bank; Hiawatha Broadband Communications, Inc.; Home and Community Options; Mediascope, Inc.; Merchants Bank; Sport & Spine Physical Therapy of Winona Inc.; and Winona Work-force Center.

The At-large winners are ACS-Madison, WI; Anneken Huey & Moser PLLC; Averett Warmus Durkee Osburn

Henning; Bader Martin P.S.; Bottom Line Systems, Inc.; Career Path Services; Cascadia Consulting Group, Inc.; Center for Seabees & Facilities Engineering; Cornell University; cSubs; Decision Toolbox; Fesnak and Associates; Frankfort Regional Medical Center; Gallagher, Flynn & Company, LLP; George Mason University; Humanix; JA Counter & Associates, Inc.; Lexmark International; Miklos Systems, Inc.; MorganFranklin Corporation-McLean, VA; Navy Air Logistics Office; Next Wave Systems LLC; Northeast Editing, Inc.; NPower Northwest; OCLC; OpenEye Scientific Software Inc; PatchPlus Consulting, Inc.; People for Puget Sound; Personnel Detachment Afloat West; Pride, Inc.; Social Dynamics, LLC; Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, PLLC; Technology Transfer Services; Technomics, Inc.; Training Squadron Ten; U.S. Navy EODTEU TWO; and WithinReach.

Organizations with winners in multiple cities are BDO; Bon Secours; Booz Allen Hamilton; Capital One; Clifton Gunderson; Deloitte, Ernst & Young; GoDaddy.com; Intel Corporation; KPMG; Laughlin Constable; McGladrey; Microsoft; PricewaterhouseCoopers; Ryan LLC; Service Express Inc.; and The Novo Group.

Again, we congratulate the 2011 winners of the Sloan Award and encourage their community leaders to recognize these best practices.●

#### BICENTENNIAL OF THE WAR OF 1812

● Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, today I wish to commemorate the bicentennial of the beginning of the War of 1812, on June 18, 2012, in the RECORD.

President James Madison signed a declaration of war against Great Britain on June 18, 1812. The sacrifices by those soldiers, citizens, and their families who fought in the War of 1812 further defended the liberties previously won in the American Revolution. These sacrifices include heroic efforts by Dolley Madison to save some of our national treasures from destruction during the burning of the White House by the British on August 24, 1814. The conflict and bravery shown during this conflict would inspire Francis Scott Key to write a poem describing the bombardment of Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor, and this would later become our country's national anthem, known as the "Star Spangled Banner."

The War of 1812 further solidified the independence of the United States from Great Britain, and the Treaty of Ghent was signed on December 24, 1814, to end the War of 1812. Many Georgia residents can trace their lineages back to these patriotic early settlers.

Descendants of the veterans of the War of 1812 chartered the Georgia State Society within the General Society of the United States Daughters of 1812 on June 18, 1901, to promote a general awareness of the history of the War of 1812 among the citizens of Georgia and

the Nation. As we observe the bicentennial of the War of 1812, I urge all citizens to become more knowledgeable of the role the War of 1812 played in the history of our great Nation and the State of Georgia.●

#### 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to my alma mater, the University of South Dakota, on their 150th anniversary. Throughout its history, USD has been a shining example of excellence in education, research, and service. USD consistently produces extraordinary graduates, prepared for the complex challenges of modern-day society.

Founded in 1862 in Vermillion, USD has the distinction of being South Dakota's oldest university. Since its founding, the campus has grown from one building to 63, serving a student population of nearly 10,000. USD offers a complete range of undergraduate and graduate programs of study, as well as the only schools of law and medicine in South Dakota. Students are well-served by USD's liberal arts tradition, which encourages interdisciplinary study. This produces adaptable, well-rounded graduates, prepared for the ever-changing world.

USD students have been awarded some of the most prestigious honors in academia including Rhodes, Fulbright, Truman, Udall, and Goldwater Scholarships. Graduate and undergraduate students frequently collaborate one-on-one with USD's dedicated faculty to conduct research. This high degree of collaboration is enabled by the university's 15-1 student-faculty ratio.

Athletics are an important part of university life, and USD is no exception. The iconic DakotaDome is the cornerstone of USD Coyote athletics. This multipurpose 145,000 square foot structure has brought fans and athletes together for more than 30 years. The Coyotes have made the jump to division I, bringing increased exposure and a higher level of competition to the athletic program.

It is a great pleasure to have this opportunity to honor the University of South Dakota for 150 years of academic success. USD is a family tradition; it is where I met my wife, Barbara, and when it was time for our three children to attend college they all chose USD. The world-class education I received at USD gave me skills and knowledge that serve me well to this today. I congratulate my good friend, President Jim Abbott, and the entire USD community on this milestone in the rich history of the university. As an alumnus, I would be remiss if I didn't close my statement with, "Go Yotes!"●

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROYAL ROSARIANS

● Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, today I wish to commemorate the 100-year

anniversary of the founding of the Royal Rosarians. The Royal Rosarians serve as Portland's official greeters and ambassadors by charter from the mayor's office. They also serve as ambassadors of goodwill for the Portland Rose Festival.

For the last century, the Royal Rosarians have represented the city of Portland at events around the world. They have planted roses in Buckingham Palace and knighted mayors of major international cities. Founded by Portland business and civic leaders, their official dress is white suits and straw hats, same as it was 100 years ago.

To Prime Minister Robert H. Hungerford and all Rosarians, past and present, thank you for your service to the city of Portland. You continue a proud tradition.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:12 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5743. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5854. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5743. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5854. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):