

also am proud to say, that my wife, Fran, and I have had children go through the 4-H program for 24 straight years now, in fact, last year was our eighth and youngest child Anna's first year in 4-H.

4-H clubs have expanded from rural to urban areas, where they provide a new group of kids with essential leadership skills and community service involvement. National 4-H conferences have even become platforms for presidents and other national officials to voice their ideas for agriculture and other policies.

Although today's 4-H organization may be larger than the original 100 members and our communication has increased from town meetings to Internet chat rooms, the organization's principles of Head, Heart, Hands, and Health remain the same. Without question, the lessons and skills 4-H members learn will last a lifetime.

I am pleased to report that in Ohio, 4-H members, Nationwide Insurance, and the Ohio Farm Bureau have teamed together to create a brand new 4-H Center on the campus of The Ohio State University. The groundbreaking ceremony occurred just last month. This new Center will provide research, teaching resources, and service opportunities for youth, adult volunteers, and community organizations. The development of this Center is a result of partnerships, one of the many skills our youth learn through 4-H.

In closing, I take this opportunity to challenge other Senators to become involved in 4-H either as a parent or volunteer. I guarantee it will be one of the most rewarding experiences of their lives.

Mr. FITZGERALD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the week of October 6 as National 4-H Youth Development Program Week.

The need to provide a quality education and opportunities for our youth is ever-present. In order to ensure that our country continues to progress, we must encourage our youth to take active roles in their schools and their communities.

One hundred years ago, groups of concerned community members organized boys' and girls' agricultural clubs to provide better agricultural education to young people. These clubs adopted a model of learning by doing, and their popularity continued to grow. By addressing the needs of the local community, these small boys and girls clubs rapidly evolved into the National 4-H Program that now can be found in communities across America.

Today, 7 million youth and 50 million 4-H alumni participate in over 1,000 4-H programs, ranging from robotics and biotechnology to skateboarding and agriculture. These programs provide opportunities for youth to participate in innovative programs through which they can develop valuable, lifelong skills.

During my tenure as a U.S. Senator, I have enjoyed meeting with 4-H lead-

ers and members throughout the State of Illinois, and have seen first-hand how the 4-H program has changed the lives of our young people. I have also appreciated the extraordinary dedication that 4-H leaders bring to their clubs.

It was with pride that I cosponsored the resolution submitted by Senator INHOFE and Senator STABENOW declaring the week of October 6 as "National 4-H Youth Development Program Week." I hope that the 4-H program will build on the successes of the last one hundred years and hold true to the 4-H motto "to make the best better" in the years to come.

#### TRIBUTE TO ELECTION JUDGES

Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, I am pleased today to pay tribute to those Americans who play a very special role in our democracy, the citizens who volunteer to serve as election judges. They work at the polls on Election Day, safeguarding our most precious right as Americans, the right to choose our leaders whom we then trust to govern, legislate on our behalf, and protect our rights and freedoms. Having received training in election laws and rules, judges open and close the polls, making a formidable commitment of time, energy, and stamina to work all day, often from before dawn until after dark. Some judges must promise to remain inside the polling place all day. They distribute ballots, tend to ballot boxes, count ballots, strictly adhering to prescribed procedures to ensure secrecy and accuracy of election materials. The judges process absentee ballots, help voters who require assistance, register new voters, and make certain that only qualified voters are permitted to vote. Recent history has taught us, all too dramatically, how important this process of validation is.

To undertake this form of volunteer service is truly to exercise one's civic responsibility while also facilitating that right and duty for one's fellow citizens. While voters with strong party interests might be drawn to the position, a judge's job is not to influence voters. To be an election judge is to be a citizen-activist on a very basic, very human level. The activities of a judge, although routine, figure among the most rewarding and meaningful that an ordinary citizen can perform. Older Americans, especially retirees, regard it as a welcome way to keep in touch with what's happening in the broader community and to connect with their neighbors.

Election judges are people of character and dedication. The official functions they pledge to perform are honorable and indispensable to our society. On Election Day, November 5th, many thousands of fine Americans will invest their time by fulfilling the role of election judge. We are most fortunate to have these conscientious citizens. I am proud to express my appreciation for their valuable service which makes our form of government work.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### HEALTH CARE HERO

• Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, today I rise to salute Terry O. Finklein, a true healthcare and community hero for Oregon. Terry is the chief executive officer of Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria, OR. Columbia Memorial evolved from the north coast's oldest hospital in 1927, and has served the people of Clatsop County, OR for generations.

Not long ago, Columbia Memorial Hospital was on the brink of closing because of financial problems. Terry arrived at Columbia Memorial in late 1989 and promptly turned the financially troubled hospital around. When you lead a rural hospital, financial heroics are an ongoing necessity.

Over the last decade Terry's accomplishments include implementation of a \$3.5 million dollar hospital building project, successive 3-year JCAHO accreditations, creation of a Home Health Care program and the establishment of a Medicare certified hospice program.

Terry is counted among the pioneers of Oregon's statewide trauma system. He built a helipad on Columbia Memorial's front lawn, something everyone swore "couldn't be done", brought the hospital's Emergency Room and staff up to a standard of excellence that earned the hospital State designation as a Level III Trauma Center, and doubled the size of the ER.

Last year, Terry's community lost the services of five physicians in one week with the closure of a clinic. As most of my colleagues from rural States know, physician recruitment in rural communities is tough. So is the clinic business. In order to ensure that the residents of Clatsop County had access to stable health care, Terry took Columbia Memorial into the non-profit clinic business. He implemented the Columbia Memorial Hospital Women's Center, which is now staffed by three excellent physicians and a certified nurse midwife.

Statistically, Clatsop County's children are an at-risk population. Terry decided to tackle this issue at its roots by administering the Healthy Families program of Clatsop County. This program offers at-risk babies and parents a "how to" helping hand with regular home visits and access to other agencies as needed.

In Clatsop County, 45 percent of the population has incomes at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Combine that with a shortage of physicians, and access to health care becomes a major issue. About a year ago, Terry envisioned a federally funded clinic. "It can't be done," folks said. This time Terry went directly to his community partners for support. He received dozens of letters of support. He funded and implemented research and a grant proposal. He spent, and still spends, hours on project implementation.

In December of this year, the Coastal Family Health Center will open for business. It will provide general health care, dental care and mental health services in a community where these services are desperately needed.

For his service and dedication to the health of the people in Clatsop County, OR, I salute Terry O. Finklein, a true hero for Oregon.●

#### COMMENDING ISRAEL BROOKS

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I want to pay tribute to Israel Brooks, a native of Newberry County, SC, as he retires from a 35-year career in law enforcement, most recently as the U.S. Marshal for the District of South Carolina.

In March of 1994, I nominated Mr. Brooks to that important position, and I believe his record in the past eight years has proven what this Senator has long felt: it is one of the best nominations I ever made. He has served with such great distinction that in 1996 the District of South Carolina, under Mr. Brooks' leadership, earned the "Distinguished District of the Year Award" for being the best in the nation in efficiency, service, and work ethics.

Mr. Brooks served in the South Carolina Highway Patrol, being promoted through the ranks all the way up to Major. He served his country as a U.S. Marine. He also served his community, devoting an incredible amount of time and effort to helping elementary, junior high, and senior high students throughout the state.

We will miss Mr. Brooks. I know all the Senators in this body not only thank him for his many achievements, but wish him and his family all the best.●

#### MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following bill, which was placed on the calendar:

S. 2018. A bill to establish the T'uf Shur Bein Preservation Trust Area within the Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico to resolve a land claim involving the Sandia Mountain Wilderness, 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. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 3063. A bill to establish a Citizens Health Care Working Group to facilitate public debate about how to improve the health care system for Americans and to provide for a vote by Congress on the recommendations that are derived from this debate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 3064. A bill to prohibit the use of patient databases for marketing without the express

consent of the patient; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 3065. A bill to provide exceptions to empowerment zone eligibility criteria; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 3066. A bill to improve programs relating to Indian tribes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. THOMPSON:

S. 3067. A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to make Government information security reform permanent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 3068. A bill to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to use the price of feed grains and other cash expenses as factors to determine the basic formula price for milk under milk marketing orders; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. LOTT):

S. Res. 335. A resolution relative to the death of Jo-Anne Coe; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BOND:

S. Con. Res. 150. A concurrent resolution welcoming Her Majesty Queen Sirikit of Thailand on her visit to the United States, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 830

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 830, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 874

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 874, a bill to require health plans to include infertility benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 1129

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1129, a bill to increase the rate of pay for certain offices and positions within the executive and judicial branches of the Government, respectively, and for other purposes.

S. 2215

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2215, a bill to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation of Lebanon, stop its development of weapons

of mass destruction, cease its illegal importation of Iraqi oil, and by so doing hold Syria accountable for its role in the Middle East, and for other purposes.

S. 2562

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2562, a bill to expand research regarding inflammatory bowel disease, and for other purposes.

S. 2608

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2608, a bill to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize the acquisition of coastal areas in order better to ensure their protection from conversion or development.

S. 2903

At the request of Mr. SMITH of Oregon, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2903, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care.

S. 2943

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2943, a bill to amend title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to livestock and poultry contracts.

S. 3009

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3009, a bill to provide economic security for America's workers.

S. 3018

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3018, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to enhance beneficiary access to quality health care services under the medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 3049

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3049, a bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from issuing or renewing certain national pollutant discharge elimination system permits.

S.J. RES. 46

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 46, a joint resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against Iraq.

S. RES. 266

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 266, a resolution designating October 10, 2002, as "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day".