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PORTLAND, OREGON AWARDED DIGITAL TV ZONE

● Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the city of Portland for recently being awarded the "Digital TV Zone" distinction by the National Association of Broadcasters and the Consumers Electronics Association.

In Portland my constituents are already served by a number of free, over-the-air, digital signals. Portland stations broadcasting in digital include: KPDX, a Meredith Corporation owned FOX affiliate; KPTV, a FOX owned UPN affiliate; KGW, a Belo Corporation owned NBC affiliate; KOIN, an Emmis Communications owned CBS affiliate; KATU, a Fisher Broadcasting owned ABC affiliate and KOPB, Oregon's local PBS station.

The Digital TV Zone distinction, recognizes Portland as a technology leader for having all of its local network affiliated stations broadcasting in digital.

However, the distinction means more than just that. As part of the Digital TV Zone project, these local stations undertook an awareness campaign to educate Portland consumers about the digital television future. The stations pooled their resources to host digital watch parties in local restaurants and consumer outlets.

The stations posted digital sets in high traffic areas throughout the city like the Rose Garden Arena, the Oregon History Center, and the Portland City Hall. In these venues, Portlanders could see local digital signals displayed in all their glory on High-definition digital television sets.

The stations spent their own revenue airing an advertisement that explains the benefits of digital television to viewers. Some of you may have seen this advertisement. It was entitled "Time Marches On," a reference to how digital television and Portland's digital stations are looking towards the future.

All of these activities worked in tandem to spread the news of digital television among Portland consumers, my constituents.

I am proud of these stations for making the leap into the digital future. I know it is not an inexpensive undertaking. Stations converting to digital must purchase new transmission facilities and often, they must erect new broadcast towers. Once they are on the air in digital, they must broadcast two signals simultaneously: their new digital signal and an analog signal to continue serving viewers who can't yet receive digital signals. Despite the costs, these local Portland stations have invested in digital television and for that they should be commended.

For those who are not familiar with digital television, let me say that it is the next exciting step in TV. Digital television's capacity makes High Definition broadcasting possible, bringing viewers enhanced viewing resolution and sound. Moreover, the capacity can also allow stations to "multi-cast" or provide multiple programs simultaneously, giving viewers more programming options and allowing stations to convey even more information over the airwaves.

As with every other technological advance, there will be challenges before consumers can fully benefit from everything digital television offers. The American consumer will need to embrace digital television for it to catch on. That is why I am so proud of these Portland stations. Not only have they invested in the technology of digital television, they have invested to see that the technology takes hold among consumers. These stations are small businesses like any other. They have payroll to fulfill; they must pay overhead. I think it is commendable that they have shown such a commitment to the future of free, over-the-air television through the "Digital Television Zone" program.●

ON THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, on November 10, 2002, Third Baptist Church of San Francisco will celebrate 150 years of service to the community. I would like to take this opportunity to direct the Senate's attention to this remarkable milestone and reflect about the history of the church and what it means to the people of San Francisco.

Third Baptist Church, formally known as the First Colored Baptist Church of San Francisco, was founded in the home of William and Eliza Davis in August, 1852. Since then, the church has grown and thrived. Today it serves as place of worship for thousands of congregants. In addition, it provides a wide variety of ministries to people of all ages.

As the first black Baptist congregation established west of the Rocky Mountains, Third Baptist has developed into a great source of guidance and strength for the people of San Francisco, especially in the African American Community. It is a place of solace and sanctuary, a place where the spirit and soul can be rejuvenated. And it is a place where people gather to celebrate the great joys of life and share in the fellowship of other parishioners. Not just a part of the community, Third Baptist is a community unto itself.

During the past 150 years, thousands of people have found inspiration through Third Baptist's doors. The church has witnessed many pivotal moments in the history of our state, nation and the African-American community. And with each challenge, it has emerged as a stronger, more vibrant institution.

Third Baptist Church has been blessed with the leadership of many fine pastors. From Reverend Charles Satchell to Reverend Amos C. Brown, the current senior pastor, the Third Baptist Church continues to be a strong voice for those who too often have no voice at all.

I am aware that President Bill Clinton and other dignitaries will be present at this 150th anniversary event. I extend my personal congratulations and thanks for 150 years of devoted service.●

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise to commemorate the American Indian Heritage Celebration which took place at Frank Vaydik Line Creek Park in Kansas City, MO on October 5th and 6th of 2002, and to recognize the Otoe-Missouria nation. For over 10,000 years, the Kansas City area has been home to several ancient cultures with sites that are recorded with the Archaeological Survey of Missouri and the National Register of Historic Places.

In 1673, when French explorers traveled along what is now the Missouri River, they named the indigenous people living in the area, Oumessourit, meaning "people of the big wooden dug out canoes." Oumessourit, later became Missouri and the state of Missouri would subsequently be named after the natives.

The Missouria's main village was approximately 90 miles east of Kansas City. A related tribe, the Otoe, lived in the area of Kansas City, particularly the "Northland." Along with the Winnebago and Loway, the Otoe and Missouria were once part of a single nation living in the Great Lakes area. The Otoe and Missouria would later reunite to become the Otoe-Missouria nation and in the late 1800s were relocated to a reservation in Oklahoma.

Lewis and Clark once spoke of the Missouria as "a remnant of the most numerous nation inhabiting the Missouria". Today, there are no pure blood Missourias left, only distant decedents which have been absorbed into the Otoe tribe.●

TRIBUTE TO MARGARET CARTER

● Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, Former Oregon Governor Tom McCall once said, "Heroes are not giant statues framed against a red sky. They are people who say, 'This is my community, and it's my responsibility to make it better.'"

I rise today to pay tribute to Oregon State Senator Margaret Carter, a remarkable woman who truly is a hero, for she has devoted much of her life to making her community and state better.

Senator Carter was honored earlier this week at a dinner saluting her service as President of the Portland Urban

League. Nearly 300 civic and business leaders gathered in Portland to thank Margaret for the leadership she provided to the Urban League during a very crucial time.

I first got to know Margaret when I came to the Oregon State Senate in 1993. At that time, she was serving the fifth of her seven terms in the Oregon State House of Representatives, where she made history as the first African-American woman ever elected to the Oregon House.

Margaret was a Democrat representing inner-city Portland. I was a Republican representing rural Eastern Oregon. Yet, we quickly became friends and decided there were a number of projects on which we could unite our efforts. We have been working together ever since.

An educator by training, Margaret has worked as a youth counselor, the assistant director of a community action agency, and for 27 years she served on the faculty of Portland Community College, where she was a founder of the PCC Skills Center. While in the State Senate, I was proud to work with Margaret to preserve funding for the Skills Center, which is a center of hope for those looking for a better future.

In 2000, Margaret was elected to the Oregon State Senate, having won the nomination of both the Democrat and Republican parties. Her legislative achievements include helping to create a statewide Head Start program and the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps. She was also the chief sponsor of the law that created a state holiday to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Indeed, few Oregonians have done more to make Dr. King's dreams a reality than Margaret Carter.

Included among Margaret's many talents is the fact that she has one of the most remarkable singing voices I have ever heard. While I couldn't join in the dinner in her honor this week, I did want to raise my voice here on the Senate floor to pay tribute to a woman who I am honored to call my friend a woman who is a true Oregon hero.●

TRIBUTE TO MARY COX

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I congratulate Ms. Mary Cox for being honored as Missouri's Outstanding Older Worker by the Experience Works Senior Workforce Solutions. Mary was nominated by her employer at the Kansas City Public Library in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1997, Mary began working for the library as a trainee with the Jewish Vocational Services and has been there ever since. "I had no idea what I could do, but after only one week, I knew the library was a place I wanted to work," Mary stated. At the library, she entered a fast-paced, highly computerized, and customer service oriented world. Mary spent her first year learning how to shelve books, organize materials, and then received computer training. She loves her work as a library clerk because she continually

learns new information and enjoys helping library patrons complete research. Mary says, "working keeps me strong physically and mentally." I commend Mary for her dedication and the Kansas City Public Library's contribution to the Kansas City community.●

TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY LAMAR

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to the bravery and courage of Anthony Lamar who saved the life of his schoolmate, fifth grader Walter Britton. While working the tree house, Walter lost his balance and reached back to grab onto a branch, but instead he grabbed a live wire. Anthony pulled Walter off the live wire saving his life and helped Walter home. I commend Anthony for his bravery and courage and hope his example will encourage others to assist those in need.●

TRIBUTE TO MARSHAL JOHN WRIGHT

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to Marshal John Wright. On June 20, 2002 a minivan collided with a train killing three adults and the only survivor was a 5½-year-old child named Allison Seymour. Bucklin City Marshal John Wright observed the accident from his police car, about a block and a half away from the railroad tracks and rushed to the wreck. He found Allison Seymour belted in a car seat, crying but conscious and alert. Marshal Wright held Allison's hand and was able to keep her calm until the paramedics arrived to life flight her to Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. Allison's injuries consisted of a broken femur on her right leg and lacerations on her half calf. While at the crash scene, Marshal Wright was at personal risk from the threat of an explosion from leaking gasoline, but his concern was for Allison's welfare. I commend Marshal Wright for his selfless actions and hope his example will encourage others to assist those in need.●

TRIBUTE TO ERIC C. HURST

● Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I rise today to bring to your attention an outstanding individual, Eric C. Hurst of Minot, ND.

This young man tragically lost his life in an attempt to rescue one of my fellow Iowans. Mr. Hurst loved his job as a canoe guide in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Minnesota. While working on July 30, 2002, Mr. Hurst witnessed a young lady, Jamie Christenson, drowning in the boundary Waters near Basswood Falls. Without hesitation, Mr. Hurst dove in to rescue Ms. Christenson. Unfortunately, both Mr. Hurst and Ms. Christenson were pulled under water by the strong undercurrent. When they surfaced, revival attempts were futile.

Although this story has a tragic ending, we must not forget the heroism displayed by Eric Hurst. He was willing to try to save Ms. Christenson from the turbulent waters of Basswood Falls without regard to the danger it posed to his own life. This is truly the ultimate sacrifice one can make.

It is with deep respect and great sadness that I recognize Mr. Eric C. Hurst before this body of Congress and this nation for his unselfish act of heroism. Eric Hurst and Jamie Christenson will be missed by the many people they touched in their life and I express my sincere condolences to their families.●

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH R. DEVINE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Joseph R. Devine, Chief of Police in Merrimack, NH. Joseph has faithfully served our country for the past 28 years, first in the United States Army and then as a member of the Police Force.

Joseph began his career in law enforcement in 1956 with the Johnston, Rhode Island Police Department. During his tenure then, Joseph proved to be a valuable asset and was rewarded with numerous promotions. Hired originally as a Special officer, Joseph was promoted to Full Time Officer 2 years later, followed by another 3 promotions, eventually leaving him with the rank of Deputy Chief in 1970. His 14 years of dutiful service in Johnston prepared him for his future duties, giving him valuable experience and on the job training.

Joseph later served as the Chief of Police for both St. Johnsbury and Claremont, New Hampshire before settling in the Town of Merrimack. It was there that he has spent the past 21 years making the streets safe for children and adults, patrolling our neighborhoods, and faithfully serving the residents of Merrimack. He will be sorely missed by those who he protected for so many years. Throughout his career, Joseph received numerous awards celebrating his distinguished career, from the VFW Certificate of Appreciation for Community Service to the Life Membership Award from the International Association of Chief of Police to the Professionalism in Law Enforcement Award.

Joseph serves as a positive example to those in law enforcement and to all Granite Staters. He has served his country well and made his family proud. The Town of Merrimack has benefitted greatly from his expertise, and I am confident that in years to come, Joseph will make his expertise and knowledge readily available to the Police Department. It has been an honor and a privilege representing you in the United States Senate. I wish you continued happiness and success in the years to come.●