

million youth involved globally in what is the world's largest youth organization. Though 4-H maintains its rural and agricultural roots, its leadership development activities have shown even broader influence as the organization has adapted to changing times. I am proud of the unique and remarkable way New Mexico's 4-H clubs teach responsibility, decision-making, communication skills and citizenship, all key ingredients to purposeful lives and strong communities. Through hands-on experience, 4-Hers learn what it takes to follow a project through to completion, keep records, and make presentations to others about their work. Whether it is baking, showing or judging livestock at the fair, sewing or public speaking, club members are challenged to set and achieve goals, find creative solutions to problems, overcome obstacles along the way, and demonstrate their progress to others.

I would also like to take this opportunity to commend the parents and community leaders of 4-H. Those who donate time, expertise and assistance to 4-H are often alumni who appreciate the lessons they learned in their clubs, and this has created the legacy of involvement that makes the organization so strong after 100 years. The mentorship and wealth of experience these leaders provide produce the tangible results we see in exhibits at the fair and community projects. However, they also sow the seeds of confident leadership and citizenship that may not reach full bloom until later in a member's life. I am also extremely proud to continue supporting 4-H's Share/Care afterschool program and the Rio Arriba County Clover Club, which have proven invaluable in giving young people the chance to get involved in fun, educational activities instead of drugs.

The long, proud record of 4-H in New Mexico, the United States, and around the world is testimony to the enduring viability of this organization and its central values, firmly rooted in our hard-working rural and agricultural communities. I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm the valuable contribution of 4-H's "head, heart, health and hands," to New Mexico's youth and the very fabric of our society. It is a great pleasure to celebrate the national centennial of 4-H, and I congratulate this organization on beginning another century of "making the best better."

THE ELDER JUSTICE ACT OF 2002

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I rise today to support a bipartisan bill to end the longstanding and pervasive problem of elder abuse, the Elder Justice Act of 2002. To care for the aging population in this Nation has been pushed aside for too long. This comprehensive measure centralizes the oversight of elder justice in one Federal office; all while listening to the differing needs of States and localities.

To take proactive steps to prevent abuse from occurring, this bill calls for widespread training and maintenance of a national clearinghouse of information. This includes studies, statistics, and a broad review of State practices to ensure adequate protection of our aging population. This bill also deals with abuse after it has occurred, and significantly reforms the security, prosecution, and safe-havens available for seniors.

Most importantly, this bill sets an important precedent: the unspeakable and innumerable accounts of violence against seniors will finally have a long-overdue response from the U.S. Senate. Once again, I appreciate the work and leadership of Senators BREAUX and HATCH, and I am proud to join as a cosponsor of this legislation.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CALDWELL COUNTY FFA

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Caldwell County High School Future Farmers of America, FFA, chapter.

The Caldwell chapter has been selected as one of 10 finalists in the country for student development and will compete to be one of three top Models of Innovation at the 75th National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY.

Across the Nation, FFA chapters are rated according to a star system. The Caldwell High School FFA chapter was one of only 103 FFA chapters across the entire United States to receive the highest rating of three stars. This was the first time this chapter ever achieved a three star rating.

All 122 FFA students at Caldwell County High School deserve special recognition for their hard work and innovative spirit. The agricultural industry today needs and deserves folks like the ones at Caldwell County High School. I am confident that this group of young men and women will help further transform the agricultural industry and take innovation to a new level.

RECOGNIZING SPORTSMEN'S IMPACT ON OUR ECONOMY

• Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, earlier this week I was proud to represent the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus in a press conference to announce the results of the 2001 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife Associated Recreation. This report confirms something that many of us have believed for some time, that hunting and fishing are an integral part of the fabric of this Nation and an essential part of our economy.

I was joined in this announcement by Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton; Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Steve Williams; Melinda Gable with the Congressional Sportsmen's

Foundation; Brent Manning with the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; Mike Nussman with the American Sportfishing Association; and Doug Painter with National Shooting Sports Foundation.

Hunting and fishing are an important part of people's lives in my home State of Arkansas and all around the country. It is an activity that brings friends and families together and the impressive statistics that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is releasing today are hard for those of us in Congress to ignore. As an avid sportswoman myself, I understand first-hand the importance that should be placed on promoting and preserving our ability to hunt, fish, and pursue outdoor activities. In fact, one of my fondest memories is of sitting with my father, brother, and sisters in a duck blind as the sun rose over the Arkansas Delta. And now, I get the joy of taking my boys outdoors to go fishing and hunting.

I first joined the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus because of my lifelong love of the outdoors and my commitment that as sportsmen, we have a duty to protect and provide for sustainable uses of America's renewable wildlife resources. And now as the cochair of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, I, along with my colleagues, am working to enact legislation to provide ample resources to conserve wildlife and America's rich tradition of outdoor recreation.

Wildlife and our Nation's lands and waters are the foundation for our outdoor recreation as well as the ecosystems in which we survive. A perfect example of this is Arkansas' RICE, Rice Industry Caring for the Environment, project, where farmers voluntarily set aside 171,000 acres of farmland to provide for waterfowl habitat which in turn provides enormous environmental benefits.

The survey shows that last year over 1.4 million Arkansans and 38 million Americans went hunting, fishing, or wildlife watching. And that translated into over \$1 billion to Arkansas' economy and a whopping \$108 billion impact on this Nation's economy. It also shows that over 20,000 Arkansans and well over 1 million nationally are employed directly in hunting and fishing related businesses.

Those numbers show that hunting and fishing are not just worthwhile pastimes, they're big business, too.

On top of that, in 2001 Arkansas' sportsmen paid over \$112 million in State and federal taxes. And nationwide, sportsmen paid in over \$11.4 billion. That's \$11.4 billion going to fund many of our most pressing national priorities such as our national defense, education, highway construction, and conservation programs.

We must continue to recognize the American sportsman's impact on this nation's economy and protect our outdoor legacy for future generations. And I look forward to continued work with

my colleagues in the Senate to promote and preserve our ability to hunt, fish, and pursue outdoor activities.

I encourage each of my colleagues to take note of this survey's results and the direct impact of sportsmen and sportswomen on his or her State's economy.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO HUNT DOWNER

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Hunt Downer of Houma, LA, for his Senate confirmation to the rank of Brigadier General in the Army National Guard. I have known General Downer for years, and I know he will make an excellent member of the general officer corps. Moreover, he will serve with great competence, skill, and leadership in the Louisiana Army National Guard.

General Hunt Downer epitomizes the Citizen Soldier and has dedicated his life to public service. Not only has Hunt had a long and successful career in the Louisiana National Guard, but Hunt has served in the Louisiana House of Representatives since 1975. During that time, he has always been an advocate for his constituents and the entire State of Louisiana. I served with Hunt in the House of Representatives, where I gained great respect for him. Moreover, he was respected by his peers because they chose him to serve as the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Despite the pressures on his time stemming from his commitments to the Louisiana National Guard and his duties as an elected official, Hunt also runs a successful legal practice in Houma, LA.

Most importantly, Hunt Downer has a wonderful family. I know they must be proud of Hunt. So today, I also want to congratulate Hunt's wife, Linda Lee, and his children, Mary and Blair.●

TRIBUTE TO DEBBIE FOWLER

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to recognize a woman who last week went to work like she does every day, but returned home as a hero.

Debbie Fowler serves at the Veterans Administration Medical Clinic in Colorado Springs as the Homeless Program Assistant. On Tuesday, September 24, Debbie made a call to a VA clinic in Arizona trying to locate some hospital records of a gentleman who had just checked into Debbie's place of work. Her phone call confirmed that the man who had just entered the clinic was wanted for at least 14 sexual assaults in Arizona, California, Oklahoma, and Nevada.

Knowing the type of criminal that was in her midst, Debbie was told by U.S. Marshals over the telephone to keep him in the clinic. With remarkable poise, Ms. Fowler was able to persuade the man to stay. Local police soon arrived at the clinic and apprehended the man, and commended

Debbie for a job well done. Families of the victims have called Debbie a hero for what she did, and I concur. Although this woman humbly declined that title, I would like to thank Ms. Fowler for her efforts and her bravery.●

IN CELEBRATION OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I wish to take this opportunity to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the city of Mountain View in my home State of California.

The city of Mountain View began as a stagecoach stop and agricultural center for the Santa Clara Valley. Like other areas in the Santa Clara Valley, Mountain View was once filled with bountiful orchards and vineyards. When Mountain View was incorporated as a city in 1902, there were fewer than one thousand residents living there; today there are 72,200. The population grew after World War II alongside the electronic and aerospace industries. Today, Mountain View is located in the heart of California's Silicon Valley, the technology capital of the world. From orchard and vineyard country to high tech mecca, Mountain View has been part of the rich history of California.

Mountain View combines innovative development efforts with a commitment to strong and diverse neighborhoods and resident involvement. In recent years, Mountain View has received three awards for outstanding city planning, including two at the national level. The American Planning Association, APA, gave Mountain View the "Outstanding Planning Award for Implementation" in honor of the city's Integrated Transit Oriented Development. Mountain View received a wonderful honor when these transit projects were selected to be part of a special exhibit at the Winter Olympics. The exhibit highlighted state-of-the-art architecture, urban design and transportation projects from cities throughout the world. And California's Local Government Commission awarded Mountain View the 2001-2002 Ahwahnee Award Certificate of Merit for Integrated Transit Oriented Development that "reflects the continued evolution toward more livable and sustainable communities."

I am delighted that Mountain View has been recognized around the nation as an outstanding place to live. While the city receives national attention, it also has been recognized around the San Francisco Bay Area for a wide array of neighborhood parks, the Shoreline at Mountain View regional park created from reclaimed landfill, a civic center that includes the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, a state-of-the-art library and the Shoreline Amphitheatre. Mountain View's community pride is also evident by the locally organized neighborhood associations that exist to address resident needs. This local pride is one of

the things that makes this city such a California treasure.

I am thrilled that the city of Mountain View, its local government and its residents maintain such a strong community spirit while its high-tech companies provide new products to change the way we live. The city's mission statement, to "provide quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner," could not be more appropriate. I hope the people of Mountain View enjoy this community-wide centennial celebration, and I wish them another 100 years of success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 112. A joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 476. Concurrent resolution expressing support for the goals and ideas of a day of tribute to all firefighters who have died in the line of duty and recognizing the important mission of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation in assisting family members to overcome the loss of their fallen heroes.

At 4:57 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4628) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 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, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as managers of the conference on the part of the House: From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GOSS, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. EVERETT, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. BISHOP, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. REYES, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Mr. CRAMER. From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of defense tactical intelligence and related activities: Mr. STUMP, Mr. HUNTER, and Mr. SKELTON.

The message also announced that the Speaker appoints the following Member as an additional conferee in the