

aid to Black Catholic Seminarians. She was also a member of the Cook Avenue Block Unit Association, and a strong force in her neighborhood—with her home often serving as a gathering place for youth and young adults. Perhaps Mrs. Cooney's greatest display of goodwill was in her frequent visits to Homer G. Phillips Hospital with the Helpers of the Holy Souls. For over forty years Mrs. Cooney visited the sick and hospitalized and would provide them with candy, toiletries, and prayer.

Mrs. Cooney has traveled the world extensively, and has brought goodwill to wherever she has been. She has remained true to her motto: "If I can help somebody as I travel on, then my living will not be in vain." On behalf of the people of St. Louis and the State of Missouri, I extend my most sincere gratitude to Mrs. Annie Lee Cooney for her years of dedicated community service and the goodwill. I wish her all the best on this most important occasion, her one-hundredth birthday.●

REMEMBERING ELROY "CRAZY LEGS" HIRSCH

● Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today I honor an incredible athlete and a hero of University of Wisconsin athletics, Elroy "Crazy Legs" Hirsch.

Not many Wisconsin Badger fans can forget the 1942 football season, the only season "Crazy Legs" spent playing for the University of Wisconsin football team. By running, passing, and catching for over 1,400 yards, the Wausauborn Hirsch led the Badgers to a second-place finish in the Big Ten with an 8-1-1 record and a No. 3 ranking in the final Associated Press poll.

Hirsch's football career at Wisconsin was cut short when he joined the Marines and was ordered to Michigan for basic training in 1943. Hirsch continued his illustrious career at the University of Michigan and then professionally with the Chicago Rockets of the All-American Football Conference and then the Los Angeles Rams of the NFL. Hirsch was instrumental in the Rams' 1951 championship season by leading the league in catches, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns. Hirsch was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame in 1968.

Hirsch's on-field legacy will forever be remembered, as his number 40 is one of only 4 numbers that has been retired by the Badgers. But his legacy off the field at the University of Wisconsin was just as important. He served as athletic director from 1969 to 1987. His tenure saw a rise in football attendance and a hockey program that reached national prominence.

The University of Wisconsin and fans from all over the State will be forever grateful for Elroy's devotion to UW athletics. My thoughts go out to his wife Ruth and his family. "Crazy Legs" was a tremendous asset to the University of Wisconsin, both on and off the field, and he will be greatly missed.●

ELLEN KAY YORK, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the exemplary career of Ellen Kay York, who retired in January after 28 years of public service and returning to her home in St. Robert, MO.

Since November 2000, Ellen has served as the executive secretary to the Army's Chief of Engineers and Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. As the senior office manager for the Executive Office, Ellen has been a valuable member of the Corps' team. In addition to her outstanding management of the Chief of Engineers' schedule, correspondence, and daily office operations, Ellen responded to a variety of requests for information from the public and the Congress, providing answers and information on behalf of the Chief of Engineers. Her skill and sensitivity have gained the respect, gratitude, and confidence of the senior leaders throughout the worldwide, 36,000-person organization.

Throughout her tenure with the Corps, Ellen Kay York has been a mentor to junior employees, spending countless hours and personal time to advise and counsel them. She has been active as well with Toastmasters International, as the Area 13 governor and as the president of the Corps' chapter, the Castle Toastmasters.

I know that the team at the Corps will miss her, particularly the so-called superior officers. I am sure that she managed and protected on too many occasions to site. But we are delighted that she is returning to God's country where she will be rewarded for and liberated from her dedicated public service. Today I congratulate this outstanding public servant for her many years of selfless and faithful service to the Nation.●

RECOGNITION OF COLONEL ROBERT C. KING

● Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to commend a remarkable Iowan. COL Robert C. King retired from his duties as Public Affairs Officer for the Iowa National Guard in December 2003 and will retire from the National Guard at the end of the year. Colonel King has been a member of the Iowa National Guard since 1968 and has worked tirelessly to break new ground in the area of communication between the Iowa National Guard and outside media outlets. It goes without saying, his service is appreciated beyond words.

In his job as Public Affairs Officer, Colonel King cultivated a media relationship with the National Guard when none existed before. He served during some of the highest profile activities since World War II including the crash of United Flight 232, Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, the floods of 1993, as well as Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Colonel King has represented the Iowa National Guard and its thousands of members at a variety of functions throughout the State. He has held several command-directed assignments and served as the commander of the State Area Readiness Command in addition to his role as Public Affairs Officer. He handled this dual assignment with remarkable ease and showed his dedication through his willingness to take on such a committed role. While under his command, the Iowa National Guard Headquarters received Superior Unit Awards every year. Colonel King served as the 34th Rear Area Operations Center training administrator and executive officer. Colonel King also served as the administrative-supply technician for the 186th Military Police Company. He has been a valuable connection for me personally, providing information for me to stay abreast of what is going on with the Iowa National Guard. I am proud of Colonel King and the contributions he has made to Iowa. He tapped previously underutilized or noticeably absent avenues within the media relations field for the Iowa National Guard. His devotion to the soldier, the National Guard, Iowa and this country is beyond reproach.

Again, I would like to congratulate Colonel King on his retirement as Public Affairs Officer for the Iowa National Guard. He has proven to be a remarkable officer and I thank him for his inexhaustible dedication to Iowa and to America.●

RECOGNIZING SANDPOINT, IDAHO AS A SUNSET MAGAZINE "BEST SMALL TOWN"

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, Idaho is known as the Gem State. I rise today to recognize a diamond among our community gems that has gained the attention of Sunset magazine. Every year, Sunset selects a group of neighborhoods, cities, and towns which readers have nominated as "best places to live." I am proud to say that Sandpoint, ID, a small community in the panhandle has earned the distinction of "Best Small Town" in January 2004.

Sandpoint sits tucked away in the Selkirk Mountain Range, approximately 50 miles south of the Canadian border. It borders Lake Pend Oreille, the largest freshwater lake in Idaho, and is 9 miles from the well-known ski resort, Schweitzer Basin. Sandpoint is a diverse community of about 7,500 people who have occupations ranging from retail businessperson, logger, doctor, attorney, vintner, millworker, herbalist, teacher, and builder. Tourism, timber, and a thriving arts community call attention to the complexity and wonderful character of Sandpoint.

This honor bestowed by the readers of Sunset magazine indicates the efforts Sandpoint residents have made to work together to create a warm, inviting community which upholds values of

family and prioritizes preservation of the incredible natural beauty that surrounds this precious gem of Idaho. I commend the community and its leaders for their continuing commitment to making Sandpoint "the best."●

RECOGNIZING LAKE CASCADE, IDAHO AS A WASHINGTON POST 2004 TRAVEL "HOT SPOT"

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize an up-and-coming resort community in my home State of Idaho. The Washington Post Travel Section recently chose the Top Ten domestic travel "Hot Spots" for 2004. Lake Cascade, ID was one of the destinations selected. With the construction of the first ski, golf, and lake resort in the Nation in over 20 years, the Tamarack, Lake Cascade is poised to join the ranks of Idaho's nationally renowned resort communities.

Lake Cascade will gain valuable jobs, nationwide notoriety, and welcome economic growth from the Tamarack. I commend the business and community leaders for their commitment to rural development. Lake Cascade is the gateway to the Frank Church Wilderness Area, a place of stunning beauty, largely undisturbed by man. The town has a wonderful history as a playground for outdoor enthusiasts of all types, and draws visitors from many places. I look forward to watching this burgeoning Idaho community as it embarks on a new chapter in its history.●

IN MEMORIAM OF JOHN "JACK" BURRIS

● Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I would like to set aside a moment to reflect on the life of Mr. John "Jack" Burris upon his passing late last month. Jack was a good friend and a man who made remarkable contributions to our State. He was a truly selfless man with a kind heart, diverse interests, great abilities and boundless energy.

Jack was born in Lincoln City, now part of Milford, DE, to the late John W. and Edna Vaughn Burris. After graduating from the Peddie School in Hightstown, NJ in 1938, he went on to study at the University of Pennsylvania in 1942.

After serving his country in World War II as a member of the United States Marine Corps, Jack returned to Delaware and began farming for several years. He then founded the Burris Poultry Business, which operated from 1948 until it was sold in 1971, at which time he founded Burris Logistics, a frozen-food warehousing and distribution company, which he ran until last year.

Jack was an uncommonly active member of his community, serving on countless boards and committees. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Wilmington Trust Co. and was chairman of its Kent County Advisory Board. For 19 years, Jack was director of the Brandywine Fund. He contributed generously of his time and

energies to community, educational and service organizations.

For 35 years, he served on the Milford Memorial Hospital Board. During a portion of that time, he was the board's chairman. More recently, Jack was a member of the Bayhealth Foundation board. Annually for 37 years, he and his family cooked the chicken dinners for the Milford Hospital Fair to help support the community's hospital. For 19 years, he served as chairman of the State Integrity Commission and in 2000, he co-chaired—at my request—the committee that raised funds to remodel the State Archives Building and transform it into a state-of-the-art facility.

One of Jack's greatest joys, however, was supporting the efforts of the United Way in our State. For more than 20 years, he actively participated in Kent and Sussex Counties' United Way campaigns, serving as chairman for many years. Jack and his wife, Lillian, were honored as exceptional volunteers, receiving the United Way's Alexis de Tocqueville Society Award. He was also a charter member of the Milford Lions Club.

From 1976 to 1992, Jack was a trustee of the University of Delaware and co-chair of the search committee that recommended Dr. David Roselle as president. In 1992, he received a Doctor of Humane Letters from the University of Delaware and also served that same year on the Agriculture Advisory Committee of the University of Delaware Board of Trustees, as well as a trustee emeritus.

For more than 30 years, he was an active member of the Avenue United Methodist Church in Milford, where he served on the administrative board and was the Pastor-Parish Committee chairman for 18 years.

In 1998, Jack was inducted into the National Frozen Food Industries Hall of Fame. The Baltimore and Washington Frozen Food Association in 1993 and 1994 honored him as Man of the Year. He was inducted into the Delaware Business Leaders Hall of Fame and twice, with his wife, Lillian Marshall Burris, was named as Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Milford Chamber of Commerce. One of his greatest honors was receiving the Josiah Marvel Cup award from the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce in 1993.

Jack Burris also has received many prestigious awards for his dedication and service. Among them are the Dover Colonial Rotary's Paul Harris Service Award, the Lions International Melvin Jones Award for Dedicated Humanitarian Services, the Delmarva Poultry Citizen of the Year and Del-Mar-Va Boy Scout Council's Citizen of the Year.

Jack leaves behind his wife of 61 years Lillian, a remarkable woman in her own right, as well as four children, twelve grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind a legion

of friends, colleagues and several generations of Delawareans who are living more fulfilling, satisfying lives today because of Jack's extraordinary contributions.

Jack Burris' legacy will live on in the lives of those he helped to shape and in the hearts of those who were lucky enough to call him their friend. I rise today to commemorate Jack's life, to celebrate his life, and to offer his family our heartfelt thanks for sharing this remarkable human being with all of us. Jack embodied the best of Delaware. He was one of a kind. He will be sorely missed.●

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 2061. A bill to improve women's health access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the delivery of obstetrical and gynecological services.

S. 2062. A bill to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and for other purposes.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

POM-338. A memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Florida relative to National Forest System lands underlying the George Kirkpatrick Dam on the Oklawaha River near Palatka, Florida, and related lands to the State of Florida; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE MEMORIAL NO. 1669

Whereas, through the Water Resources Act of 1990, the United States Congress deauthorized the Cross Florida Barge Canal project located between the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean, and

Whereas, said act also transferred to the State of Florida all lands and interest in lands acquired and facilities completed for the project, and

Whereas, the State of Florida has established and maintained a greenway corridor which is open to the public for compatible recreation and conservation activities, and

Whereas, in order to continue these efforts it has become necessary to consolidate and collect these lands: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida, That the Congress of the United States is requested to provide for the conveyance of the National Forest System lands underlying the George Kirkpatrick Dam on the Oklawaha River near Palatka, Florida, and the National Forest System lands lying below the 21 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) underlying the Rodman Reservoir formed by such dam and National Forest Service Tract #C-615 to the State of Florida; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this memorial be dispatched to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-339. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Texas relative to the enforcement of food import restrictions on seafood imports; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.