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Jeremy has proven to be a very able and competent student by winning this prestigious award. He will represent the graduates of Clay County High School very well when he enrolls at the University of Kentucky in the autumn. There he plans to study biology.

The citizens of Clay County should be proud to have a young man like Jeremy Todd Bowling in their community. His example of dedication and hard work should be an inspiration to the entire Commonwealth.

He has my most sincere admiration for this work and I look forward to his continued service to Kentucky.●

COLONEL ROBERT MORGAN

● Mrs. DOLE. Mr. President, I would like to reflect for a moment and explain why we should take a moment to honor Colonel Robert Morgan, a man of distinguished valor. Not only was he part of our Greatest Generation, he was a true hero, aptly defined as one who inspires through manners and actions, who leads through personal example and accomplishments requiring bravery, skill, and determination. As commander of the famed "Memphis Belle" during World War II, and at a time when German anti-aircraft fire brought down 8 in 10 bombers, Colonel Morgan repeatedly risked everything for his country. In this extremely dangerous environment he piloted the first heavy bomber to complete 25 combat missions in the European Theater, an unprecedented achievement and the magic number to be sent home.

Colonel Morgan's exceptional courage did not end in the European Theater. He continued his valiant service to his country in the Pacific Theater and again made history when his B-29 named "Dauntless Doty" was chosen to lead the first B-29 raid on Tokyo. A native of Asheville, NC, Colonel Morgan represented the American Spirit—courage in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds.●

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JESSE DUKE WELTE

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I pay tribute and congratulate Jesse Duke Welte of Maysville, KY on being awarded the Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company Scholarship from the Kentucky Farm Bureau Education Foundation. This academic scholarship will provide Jesse with \$2,000 toward his education.

Jesse has proven to be a very able and competent student by winning this prestigious award. He will represent the graduates of Maysville St. Patrick High School very well when he enrolls at the University of Louisville in the autumn. There he plans to study political science.

The citizens of Maysville should be proud to have a young man like Jesse Duke Welte in their community. His example of dedication and hard work should be an inspiration to the entire Commonwealth.

He has my most sincere admiration for this work and I look forward to his continued service to Kentucky.●

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF PAUL STABILE

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I publicly congratulate Paul Stabile on a very successful career helping individuals with disabilities obtain jobs. He is retiring from the Black Hills Workshop on September 13, 2004.

Over the years, Paul has been extraordinarily committed to exploring new roles for people with disabilities in the workforce throughout the United States. Paul began his career with the Black Hills Workshop in 1973 when philosophies about the people with disabilities were making dramatic changes. The de-institutionalization of people with disabilities in South Dakota was reflective of what was happening all over the United States. Paul's friends recall that Paul welcomed dozens of men and women to Black Hills Workshop and the Rapid City community who had spent their entire lives living in an institution in Redfield. Paul offered them support in living, working and assuming a quality of life that people with disabilities had never before known.

In 1996, a separate corporation, Black Hills Services, was formed to provide services to the Department of Defense and employment opportunities at Ellsworth Air Force Base. Paul was selected to lead the new corporation.

Paul's association with the U.S. Air Force has provided thousands of job opportunities to people with disabilities and provided the Air Force with much-needed support. Paul's partnership with the Air Force has been a shining example to Human Service Agencies around the country for people with disabilities.

During Paul's tenure, Black Hills Services, and the people with disabilities that it serves, has been recognized with some of the highest honors that can be bestowed by the Air Force. These awards include Best Large Commissary in the United States, Best Large Merchandise Department-Commissary, R.T. Riney Award, Best Food Services and the prestigious Hennessy Award for Best Air Force Dining Facility Worldwide.

Paul also served on the Rapid City Mayor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. Paul's leadership has gone beyond South Dakota. From 1996 to 2003, Paul was a member of the NISH Board of Directors where he served as treasurer and secretary. NISH is the nonprofit organization that assists work centers in obtaining and maintaining contracts with the Federal Government. In March 2004, in

recognition of Paul's years of service on behalf of NISH, the Javits-Wagner-O'Day, JWOD, Program and people with disabilities, the NISH Board of Directors granted him the status of emeritus Board member.

Paul was recently honored with the prestigious Milton "Milt" Cohen Leadership Award, which recognizes an individual from a Community Rehabilitation Program, CRP, working within the JWOD Program. The honoree must have demonstrated national leadership qualities leading to enhanced employment opportunities for people with severe disabilities. Milton Cohen was a respected national leader in the field of vocational rehabilitation.

I've appreciated Paul's insight, advice and counsel on issues of importance to people with disabilities in South Dakota. His undying commitment and dedication have helped open countless doors of opportunities to people with disabilities. Paul's efforts have helped tear down barriers—barriers set for those set in attitudes. I wish nothing but the best for him and his family. It is with great honor that I share his impressive accomplishments with my colleagues.●

RECOGNIZING HAWAII PARTICIPANTS IN 2004 ECONOMICS CHALLENGE

● Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, today I congratulate the team of students from Iolani School of Honolulu, HI, for logging a national accomplishment in the National Economics Challenge recently held in New York City. The team traveled over 5,000 miles to represent not only Hawaii, but the western region in the competition, at which they achieved a second-place finish in their category, the David Ricardo division, which is for students enrolled in single-semester economics courses.

The National Economics Challenge is sponsored by the National Council on Economic Education, NCEE, and the Goldman Sachs Foundation, which created the Challenge in 2000 to promote student interest in economics, reinforce classroom instruction, advance academics, and reward scholarship. Preliminary rounds began in April with more than 3,600 students on over 700 teams participating in 33 State and 4 regional competitions. I commend the Hawaii Council on Economic Education for sponsoring the State-level competition in my State and, on a constant basis, training teachers and working to improve economic and financial literacy in Hawaii's schools. Student teams in the final round at the national level faced difficult questions on complex economic concepts and theories involving microeconomics, macroeconomics, international economics, and current events. The final round of the competition was held before a crowd of hundreds at the New York High School of Economics and Finance

in Manhattan. The Iolani team competed and placed second in their division, for which I congratulate them wholeheartedly.

As a former teacher and principal, I am aware of the many hours of work that these students dedicated to develop the necessary knowledge to participate in this national competition. They have surmounted many challenges at the State, regional and national levels, and have emerged with not only a placing finish to show for it, but also the experiences and memories of all they have learned along the way. Economic and financial education are crucial components needed to build our future leaders, and I applaud all students who participate in this competition for their hard work.

I am pleased to enter the names of the Iolani team members for the RECORD: Stephani Le, Kimberlee Collins, Kyle Sombbrero, and Brando Inouye. I also take this opportunity to recognize their coach Richie Kibota for his contributions in helping the Iolani team prepare for the national competition. Of particular interest are their classmates and peers who rose to the same challenges, whose names I would also like to enter into the RECORD. This includes another Iolani School team who competed and placed at both State and regional levels in the Adam Smith division for advanced placement, international baccalaureate, and honors students, with team members Jeffrey Lawi, Brad Kawitaki, Ronald Kwok, Keone Nakoa, and Krystal Ching, and coach Dick Rankin. Also included are other Hawaii State participants: a third team from Iolani School and other teams from Kamehameha Schools, Maryknoll School, Kaimuki High School, and Nanakuli High and Intermediate School.

Again, I congratulate the students and the faculty of Iolani School, and I join the people of Hawaii in expressing my pride in their impressive achievements. It is these types of efforts that are supported by the Excellence in Economic Education Act, and these kinds of efforts that will ensure that our students and future leaders have the tools they need to make wise economic and financial decisions.

SALUTE TO HARRY AND DAVID

• Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, 70 years ago—in the fall of 1934—Harry Holmes from Medford, OR traveled to New York City armed with nothing more than a dream and 15 boxes of Royal Rivera pears, which had been grown on the orchard in the beautiful Rogue Valley owned by Harry and his brother David. Their goal—in the midst of an economic depression—was to convince New York business executives that a box of their pears was a perfect Christmas gift.

A week of meetings, however, yielded no success, and the pears were beginning to ripen. In an attempt to prolong the pears, Harry kept the window of his

hotel room wide open, transforming his room into a make-shift refrigerator.

With just 2 days left in his trip, Harry was introduced to G. Lynn Sumner, an advertising man. Sumner met with Harry that afternoon, and before business was discussed, Harry had Sumner tuck a towel into his shirt collar and taste one of the pears.

"I took a bite out of my pear and found that Harry had taken a wise precaution," said Sumner. "The juice burst . . . and poured down over me. . . . At the same time, I sensed the full flavor of the most luscious pear I had ever tasted."

Sumner was so impressed he immediately agreed to help Harry promote his product. That night he drafted a letter to be sent with each box of pears, asking the recipient just to taste a pear and imagining what a wonderful Christmas gift a box of them would make.

The next morning, each of the 15 boxes of pears, along with a copy of the letter, were sent to America's most prominent business leaders. Before Harry left New York to return to Oregon, he had 500 orders in hand.

Seven decades later, Harry and David is the Nation's largest and most well-known direct marketer of gourmet food and fruit gifts. It ships more than 7.5 million gifts per year, including 4 million during the Christmas holiday season. Harry and David's parent company, Bear Creek Corporation, is also a leading employer in Southern Oregon, providing 3,000 full-time and part-time jobs year around, and 11,000 jobs during the holiday season.

I am proud to congratulate the good folks at Harry and David for 70 years of providing millions and millions of families around the world with delicious food and countless Christmas memories.

I am also reminded of the words of Thomas Jefferson, who said, "Cultivators of the earth are the most valuable citizens. They are the most vigorous, the most independent, the most virtuous, and they are tied to their country and wedded to its liberty and interests by the most lasting bands."

In saluting Harry and David, I do more than salute a business. I also salute the "cultivators of the earth"—the farmers and orchardists who do the work necessary to make the land blossom with an abundance of treasures. I am confident that their hard work and the hard work of all those at Harry and David will help to ensure that the best days of this company are yet to come. •

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HATCH CHILE FESTIVAL AND NEW MEXICO CHILE GROWERS

• Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I recognize the Hatch Chile Festival and to recognize my home State of New Mexico as the largest chile growing State in the Nation. Soon it will be September. For those from the Land of Enchantment, that means the recently

harvested green chile is ready for roasting.

The chile pepper is thought to have originated in South America. During the 1500s, Spanish explorers and colonists introduced new crops, including chile, to the Southwest.

Although producers have been plagued by continuing drought conditions, agriculture continues to be a major contributor to our State's economy. Chile is one of New Mexico's most valuable commodities in terms of revenue, and is the State's most important agricultural crop both culturally and historically. New Mexico produced over 85,000 tons of chile in 2003, and planted acreage was estimated at 15,800 acres. Additionally, the value of the crop was estimated at around \$41 million in 2003.

The Hatch Chile Festival is an annual event which dates back 33 years. The festival celebrates the chile and its cultural influence on New Mexico and its people. The festival is held on Labor Day weekend and draws hundreds of participants to the small town of Hatch, located just west of the banks of the Rio Grande.

Chile harvest usually begins in late July or early August and continues through the red chile harvest or up through the first frost. After harvest, the chile arrives from the farms in almost every container imaginable from bushel baskets and burlap bags, to wooden crates and cardboard boxes—all filled with freshly picked green chile waiting to be roasted.

The roasting process brings out its robust flavor and is most commonly done using a cylindrical tumbler. During harvest season, these gas-powered chile roasters can be seen going almost nonstop—outside grocery stores, in backyards, and of course, at the Chile Festival in Hatch.

The festival spreads across the entire town, making room for visitors to take in the sights and smells of the Chile festival and all its activities. The smell of roasting green chile is subtle, but unmistakable. The flavor of roasted green chile, like that of any food, is hard to describe to someone who has never experienced it.

Chile, and its history, is as much a part of our New Mexico culture and heritage as hot dogs, hamburgers, and apple pie is to our national heritage. So much so, that we even have an official State question, "Red or Green?"

In the past, the Hatch Chile Festival was a small town event which attracted mostly native New Mexicans or people familiar with the town of Hatch. However, in 2003 the Festival was featured on cable television's Food Network, resulting in a significant jump in attendance.

Regardless of its new found fame, the festival has not lost its small town charm, and I expect it never will. The festival brings great recognition to Hatch valley locals, and much pride to native New Mexicans and visitors