

J.J. Bollinger's property. This community park, a cherished Bridgewater amenity, is host to countless family picnics and outdoor activities.

In the twelve and a half decades since its founding, Bridgewater has provided its citizens with a rich and diverse atmosphere. Bridgewater's 600 proud residents will celebrate the town's 125th anniversary on July 4, 2005, and it is with great honor that I share with my colleagues this community's unique past.●

#### HONORING THE CITY OF SALEM, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and publicly recognize the 125th anniversary of the city of Salem, SD. I would like to recognize this outstanding prairie community as an example of the extraordinary work ethic and perseverance of the remarkable people all across the state of South Dakota.

Salem, the county seat of McCook County in southeastern South Dakota, was named by Oliver S. Pendar. Pendar, the town's first postmaster, named the town for his former home of Salem, Massachusetts. Pendar first moved to McCook County in 1878 and eventually settled in Salem in 1880. Platted in July of that year, Salem's location was chosen by the railroad companies, as it provided an excellent spot for trains to stop and reload supplies as they made their way west. The town was incorporated in 1885, which is the same year residents chose W.D. Roberts as Salem's first mayor.

Early Salem experienced a great deal of economic prosperity during the peak railroad years of the late nineteenth century. The town grew rapidly in its first decade and boasted a number of businesses, including several hotels, a lumberyard, a furniture store, several banks, real estate brokers, livery barns, and other services vital to a growing community on the frontier.

At its zenith, Salem was home to five fine hotels, including the Lewis House, the Commercial Hotel, the Irish House of Parliament, the Depot Hotel, and the Lucerne, all of which flourished during the railroad years. Sadly, many of these hotels have come and gone, but their legacy remains.

Salem's first school, a two-story frame building located on the site of the present high school, was built by J.E. Miller in 1881 and opened in 1882. The first floor consisted of county administrative offices and classrooms. The building's second floor accommodated church services, a courthouse, and a public hall.

Since its founding, Salem has been home to three newspapers, the first of which was the Pioneer Register, started by Mr. Jonas Rutan in 1880. In 1883, Mr. C.F.M. Schenckler established Salem's second paper, the McCook County News, which Mr. J.E. Patten purchased three years later and renamed the Salem Special. This semi-weekly

paper, published on Wednesdays and Saturdays, kept the community informed of important events in the area.

Through the years, the residents of Salem have demonstrated great flexibility and perseverance in their ability to flourish despite overwhelming heartbreak. Since Salem's founding in the late nineteenth century, the town experienced several destructive fires and floods, destroying grain elevators, hundreds of homes, and numerous businesses. Still, this resilient community always managed to recover, rebuild and prosper.

The pioneer men and women of early Salem also exhibited a remarkable propensity for using the resources and riches of the frontier to make a wonderful life for themselves on the plains of the Dakotas. Richard F. Kneip was a local milk equipment businessman who went on to serve as Governor of South Dakota, and later as Ambassador to Singapore. The sense of community, moral fortitude, perseverance, and enduring work ethic that is evident in the people and the history of Salem, stands as a testament to the integrity of South Dakotans. It is my honor to acknowledge the proud residents of Salem, SD as they celebrate 125 years of vibrant history on July 2-4, 2005.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY ATHANAS

• Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, today I recognize and celebrate the life of a great American and a gracious host to all who crossed his threshold, Mr. Anthony Athanas. Everyone in Massachusetts, along with restaurateurs and past patrons across the country, was saddened to learn of his passing earlier this month.

Today, however, I am honored to join with the countless people who were touched by his graciousness and charm in celebrating Anthony's unique American journey. Anthony Athanas came to the United States in 1915 to pursue a dream and through hard work and perseverance, along with his instinctual hospitality and keen business sense; Anthony came to embody that dream.

His entry into the world of restaurants was by way of working on lighting and the maintenance of stoves. With a rapidly growing love of the pace and hustle of the hospitality business, Anthony opened his first restaurant, "Anthony of Hawthorn," in Lynn, MA, in 1937. This endeavor was quickly followed by four more restaurants; Hawthorne by the Sea, General Glover House, Anthony's Cummaquid Inn and Pier 4. Of the 5, Anthony's Pier 4, opened in 1963, would be his most famous and enduring.

Anthony's Pier 4 became famous for serving quality New England seafood to visitors from all over the world and by the late-1960's Anthony's Pier 4 was the port of call for movie stars, signers, performers of all sorts and athletes. Irrespective of name recognition or social standing, every guest received the same gracious reception from Anthony.

To walk in his door was to be regarded and treated as someone special. This hospitable approach had practical applications as well, proven by the restaurant's ranking as the fifth most successful restaurant in the country in 1984.

The embrace he received from his peers in the restaurant community was complete and sustained. He received the Silver Plate Award from the International Foodservice Manufacturers Association, the Ivy Award of Distinction from Institutions/VFM Magazine, the Golden Door Award from the International Institute of Boston, the Restaurant of the Year Award in 1976 from the National Restaurant Association amongst many others.

The best business leaders in our country are people who not only excel in commerce but also embrace the larger needs of their community. Anthony embraced this notion with the same passion and determination that defined his professional life. He contributed time, energy and resources to preserving our national history at the USS Constitution Museum Foundation, reached out to other entrepreneurs through the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, brought comfort to suffering families through his work with the American Cancer Society, and helped create the next generation of restaurateurs through his support of the American Institute of Food and Wine.

Anthony breathed real life and meaning into the American Dream by not only maximizing its possibilities for him and his family but by expanding those very same opportunities for others.

The last time I walked into Anthony's Pier 4 I was greeted in the same way I have been for years; with a smile and handshake from a true gentleman. Anthony Athanas was a great man, one who sought the American Dream and through hard work and his love of people ended up defining it. We mourn his passing, but we are deeply grateful for his time on earth.●

#### ARIZONA STUDENT'S HISTORY PROJECT CHOSEN FOR WHITE HOUSE VISITOR'S DISPLAY

• Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I congratulate Miriam Strauss of Apache Middle School in Sierra Vista, AZ for her National History Day Project entitled, "Franklin D. Roosevelt's Fireside Chats." Miriam's project, along with seven others from around the Nation, was chosen from among more than 2,000 finalists for presentation and display at the White House Visitor's Center on June 15, 2005. Her project was part of this year's National History Day theme, "Communication: The Key to Understanding." The National History Day program includes half a million students in grades six through twelve in all 50 States and the District of Columbia, so the selection of Miriam's project for presentation is a

tremendous honor. I wish this budding historian the best of luck in the future.●

#### ANDREW IVY

• Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Mr. Andrew Ivy, an exceptional history teacher and role model from Kirkland, WA. Mr. Ivy has been named Teacher of the Year by the Richard T. Farrell Teacher of Merit Award for outstanding success in teaching history. This national award is presented every year to an educator who develops and uses innovative and creative teaching methods that interest students in history and help them make exciting discoveries about the past. As a teacher at International Community School in Kirkland, WA, Mr. Ivy has shown exemplary commitment to making history education engaging and exciting, while involving his students in the National History Day Program.

National History Day is a yearlong program in which students explore historical topics related to an annual theme. Participants qualify for national competition after competing in several local and State competitions. In preparing his students for the program, Mr. Ivy's work ethic and research skills provided students with the tools necessary to be successful in competition.

Teachers like Mr. Ivy play an important role in education. By teaching about the nations past they keep our history a part of our current lives. When children question, and discuss our history, teachers are doing something profoundly patriotic; they are helping students understand who we are as a nation—the importance of our common heritage and the values that make us unique.

Andrew Ivy has proven exceptional. His drive to offer his students the best education possible has led him to invest a great deal of personal study in his curriculum. He regularly attends training classes to ensure that the material he teaches is accurate and current. Additionally, Mr. Ivy often tries new approaches to his teaching method in order to keep his classroom interested and challenged. His curriculum often changes to meet his very own high standards and his students greatly benefit from all of his efforts.

Mr. President, I find it heartening that there are educators in this country who devote so much time and effort to shaping the minds of our young people. I hope you and our colleagues will join me in recognizing Mr. Andrew Ivy for his dedication to educating the potential leaders of tomorrow.●

#### AMERICAN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION STAR OF LIFE AWARD RECIPIENTS

• Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I am pleased to rise today to announce seven Star of Life award recipients from the State of Oregon.

The Star of Life is awarded each year by the American Ambulance Association recognizing America's top paramedics.

The reliable responsiveness and medical and safety expertise performed by paramedics throughout the neighborhoods and communities of our country deserves high recognition and praise.

Paramedics are the first to respond to the urgent health and safety needs of our Nation's citizens, providing an invaluable contribution to our society. The men and women of this profession truly are dedicated to helping others as they perform a myriad of vital services from delivering babies to rescuing the lives of individuals in harm's way.

Mr. President, I would like to recognize the following Oregonians who received the 2005 Star of Life Award: Victor Hoffer, Elizabeth Fullmer, Greg Sorenson, Michael Beaulieu, Shelly Solum, David Landstrom, and Brett LaCroix.

I want to congratulate each of these individuals for their esteemed service and recognition in receiving this prestigious award.

Oregon is proud and privileged to call Victor, Elizabeth, Greg, Michael, Shelly, David and Brett its own.

These Star of Life award recipients exemplify their extraordinary performance among a profession that provides critical services to our communities and our Nation. I am most grateful for their service.●

#### TRIBUTE TO HAZEL HANON AND GRACE SIERS

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I rise in honor of two exceptional women. Hazel Hanon and Grace Siers, both of Britton, SD, are the last two active charter members of Marshall Post No. 3507 Ladies Auxiliary in Britton for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Lady Auxiliary.

Hazel, now 87 years old, joined for her husband and brother who both served during World War II in the U.S. Navy and Air Force respectively.

Grace, now 90 years old, has many family members who served in the military. Her husband served in World War I, and her three brothers in World War II. She has also had five sons, a grandson, and a granddaughter serve our country.

Hazel and Grace have devoted their time and energy to the group by holding banquets, selling poppies, and even compiling a dessert cookbook. It is a privilege for me to honor them today for their past dedication and their continuing support of our veterans of foreign wars.●

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2626. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of

the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2627. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving exports to Qatar; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2628. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation NMS" ((RIN3235-AJ18) (Release No. 34-51808) received on June 14, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2629. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Equal Opportunity and Administrative Law, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Housing/Federal Housing Commissioner, received on June 14, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2630. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Equal Opportunity and Administrative Law, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of President, Government National Mortgage Association, received on June 14, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2631. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel (Banking and Finance), Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Terrorism Risk Insurance Program—Additional Claims Issues; Insurer Affiliates" (RIN1505-AB09) received on June 8, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2632. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations (70 FR 29633)" (Docket No. FEMA-D-7571) (44 CFR 65) received on June 14, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2633. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Communities Eligible for the Sale of Flood Insurance (70 FR 21159)" (Docket No. FEMA-7776) (44 CFR 64) received on June 14, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2634. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility (70 FR 25787)" (Docket No. FEMA-7877) (44 CFR 64) received on June 14, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2635. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility (70 FR 20299)" ((Docket No. FEMA-7875) (44 CFR Part 64)) received on June 14, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2636. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations (70 FR 29637)" (44 CFR