

town-site and railroad station, naming the town Kindred after William S. Kindred, a Fargo real-estate pioneer. Kindred was incorporated in 1920 and became a city in 1949. Today, Kindred is a rapidly growing community bolstered by a variety of thriving businesses including, Cass County Electric Cooperative, Dakota Ag Cooperative, and Odegaard Aviation.

I ask the U.S. Senate to join me in congratulating Kindred, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Kindred and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Kindred that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why the fine community of Kindred is deserving of our recognition.

Kindred has a proud past and a bright future.●

#### 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF DAWSON, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a community in North Dakota that is celebrating its 125th anniversary. On July 2, the residents of Dawson, ND, gathered to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Dawson is a small town in south central North Dakota with a population of approximately 75. Despite its small size, Dawson holds an important place in North Dakota's history. The Sibley Expedition helped begin the settlement of this area, but it was the railroad's expansion that was responsible for Dawson's birth. J. Dawson Thompson, along with Fredrick D. Hager and Robert E. Wallace established the city of Dawson in 1880. This town started with a windmill and a water tower and later developed into an important city. As a railroad center, it was responsible for welcoming early settlers.

As the first established city of Kidder County, Dawson has experienced many changes over the years. Today, Mayor Rand Loveness leads this great city. Known for its excellent hunting and fishing, Dawson attracts a wide variety of sportsmen. Although small in size, Dawson has found ways to touch the lives of many people. Dawson has served thousands of children and adults through Camp Grassick. This camp specializes in giving people with disabilities and special needs a wonderful summer camp experience. The Veterans Memorial Wall in Dawson is another example of how this town has given back to its community. This wall honors 1,010 veterans serving from the Crimean War to the gulf war.

I ask the U.S. Senate to join me in congratulating Dawson, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Dawson and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the pioneering fron-

tier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Dawson that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Dawson has a proud past and a bright future.●

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF LANKIN, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a community in North Dakota that is celebrating its 100th anniversary. On July 8-10, the residents of Lankin, ND, celebrated their community's history and founding.

Lankin is a small town in the northeast part of North Dakota. Despite its small size, Lankin holds an important place in North Dakota's history. The site was originally named "Young" for G.W. Young, a Park River lawyer and former teacher. He established the post office on April 7, 1898, and John Matajeck became the first postmaster. The name was changed to Lankin on July 27, 1905, when John Lankin became postmaster and the townsite was established on the Soo Line Railroad. Lankin was officially incorporated as a village in 1908. Among the town's residents were Jack McDonald, a trumpet player with Philip Sousa's famous band and Herman Witasek, a member of Lankin's 1930 State Class C High School basketball champions, who is considered to be North Dakota's first professional player of the sport.

Today Lankin is a delightful community in which to live and work. Lankin is home to a number of businesses, including a grain elevator, post office, bank, restaurant and an American Legion Club. There is also an active volunteer fire department and EMS squad. The community hosted a variety of festivities during its centennial celebration. On Friday, it held an all-school reunion, banquet and dance. Saturday kicked off with a parade and that will be followed by a day of entertainment featuring games, music, a three-on-three basketball tournament and a fireworks display that evening. The weekend will close with a church service and picnic on Sunday.

I ask the U.S. Senate to join me in congratulating Lankin, ND, and its residents on their first 100 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Lankin and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the pioneering tradition spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Lankin that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why Lankin is deserving of our recognition.

Lankin has a proud past and a bright future.●

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MCCLUSKY, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a community in North Dakota that is celebrating its 100th an-

niversary. On July 8-10, 2005, the residents of McClusky, ND, celebrated their community's history and founding.

The community of McClusky is located at the geographic center of North Dakota, approximately 65 miles north-east of the State capital, Bismarck, and 50 miles east of beautiful Lake Sakakawea, a manmade lake formed by the Garrison Dam on the Missouri River. Within 45 miles of 18 lakes, McClusky is home to some of the world's premier hunting and fishing.

Founded in 1905 as the result of railroad expansion into the area, McClusky became a bustling farming community. Farming was, and continues to be, the mainstay of McClusky. In fact, the community received its name from William Henderson McClusky, a local farmer responsible for the town's establishment. In addition to farming, however, at this time McClusky's 500 residents are also vital to the continued existence of numerous organizations and businesses, including 6 churches and a bed and breakfast.

I ask the U.S. Senate to join me in congratulating McClusky, ND, and its residents on their first 100 years. By honoring McClusky and all of the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as McClusky that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is worthy of our recognition.

McClusky possesses a proud past and a bright future.●

#### RETIREMENT OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL VERNON SIMMONS

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to extend my best wishes to LTC Vernon Simmons who recently retired as deputy to the Director of Budget and Appropriations Liaison in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller. Vern's career as an Air Force officer defines service to one's country, and I know that Vern's dedication and leadership will be sorely missed by me and my staff, as well as his colleagues at the Air Force and the Department of Defense.

Lieutenant Colonel Simmons' career exemplifies hard work and commitment to excellence. In 1983, he graduated with honors from Northeastern University in Boston with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. It was there that he also completed his 4-year ROTC program, prior to entering active duty. He also earned a master of arts degree in economics from the University of Oklahoma in 1994.

Vern's first assignment was in Air Force Systems Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH. He was assigned to the program control office as a program control integrator on the F-15E aircraft. It was there that he

also met his wonderful wife the former Celeste Aida Adams of Dayton, OH.

Next up for Vern was an assignment at Misawa Air Base Japan where he worked in the 432nd Tactical Fighter Wing. Vern's leadership abilities shined through as he performed a wide variety of cost and management analyses while also serving as the wing's budget officer. For his efforts he was named Best Base Level Cost Officer of 1986 and in 1988 was the Pacific Air Force's nominee to Ten Outstanding Young Men of America.

Upon completing 4 years in Japan, Vern once again answered the call to duty and moved to Hickam Air Force Base, HI, in June of 1990. There he joined the Pacific Air Force Headquarters staff as lead analyst for the command's flying hours, ranges and training programs. He also served there as Chief of the mission support section, overseeing civilian pay, civil engineering, and communications and base support programs.

Following subsequent assignments at the Pentagon, Seymour Johnson AFB and Headquarters AFMC, Lieutenant Colonel Simmons returned to Washington, DC, where he assumed the duties in the Budget and Appropriations Liaison Division for congressional matters. It was during this assignment that my staff and I came to know and rely on Vern. As a Senator from a State with three diverse Air Force bases, it is critical that I have the most current and reliable information about policies affecting the airmen and women from my State. Vern always came through for me and my staff. Whether sacrificing his own time to travel with us to Cannon, Holloman or Kirtland Air Force Base, or providing us with important answers to questions concerning the Air Force budget, Vern was always extremely professional, courteous and responsive. Indeed, LTC Vern Simmons has been a friend to my office, and I consider him a credit to the uniform of the U.S. Air Force.

Now, as Vern moves on to a new career, I wish the best for him, Celeste and their two children, Alessandra and Chad. It is with great pleasure that I recognize him and his accomplishments. LTC Vernon Simmons, I thank you for a job well done.

#### RETIREMENT OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL LON PRIBBLE

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I wish to recognize and pay tribute to LTC Lon Pribble, Deputy Chief of the Army Senate Liaison Division, Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison who will retire on 30 August 2005. Lieutenant Colonel Pribble's career spans over 22 years during which he has distinguished himself as a soldier, leader and friend of the U.S. Senate.

A native of Kansas, Lieutenant Colonel Pribble graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1983 and was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Armor Branch of the U.S. Army. During his

career he commanded at the platoon and company levels where he ably trained and led America's soldiers at home and overseas. In Kirchgoens, Germany he commanded D Company and Headquarters and Headquarters Company 2nd Battalion 32nd Armor Regiment. He served in Southwest Asia as an Intelligence and Operations Officer with the 503rd Forward Support Battalion during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Lieutenant Colonel Pribble also served in staff and instructor positions in the United States at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, CA, and the Army Staff Management College at Fort Belvoir, VA. Prior to assuming his current duties he served as a U.S. Army Military fellow for the U.S. Senate and a congressional liaison for the House of Representatives. Since January 2003 Lon Pribble has served with distinction as the Deputy Chief, Army Senate Liaison Division where he has superbly represented the Chief of Legislative Liaison, the Chief of Staff of the Army and the Secretary of the Army, as well as promoting the interests of soldiers, their families and civilians of the Army. His professionalism, mature judgment, sage advice and interpersonal skills have earned him the respect and confidence of Members of Congress and congressional staffers with whom he has worked on a multitude of issues. In over 5 years on Capitol Hill, Lon Pribble has been a true friend of the U.S. Senate and the Congress. Serving as one the Army's primary points of contact for Senators and their staff he has assisted the Congress in understanding Army policies, actions and requirements. As a result he and the Army Senate Liaison staff have been extremely successful in providing prompt, coordinated and factual replies to all inquiries and matters involving Army issues. In addition he has provided invaluable assistance to Members and their staff while planning, coordinating and accompanying Senate delegations on official travel to numerous countries worldwide. His substantive knowledge of the key issues, keen legislative insight and ability to effectively advise senior members of the Army leadership directly contributed to the successful representation of the Army's interests before Congress.

Throughout his career, LTC Lon Pribble has demonstrated his profound commitment to our Nation, his selfless service to the Army, a deep concern for soldiers and their families and dedication to excellence. Lieutenant Colonel Pribble is a consummate professional whose performance in over 22 years of service has personified those traits of courage, competency and integrity that our Nation has come to expect from its professional Army officers.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Lieutenant Colonel Pribble for his honorable service to the people and the Army of the United States. We wish him and his family Godspeed and all the best in the future.●

#### BRIDGEWATER, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I offer my congratulations to the town of Bridgewater, located in McCook County, SD. The town will celebrate the 125th anniversary of its founding this year.

The town was originally named Nation City for its founders, Robert and John B. Nation. However, it was renamed Bridgewater and moved to the northern side of the railroad tracks in 1880.

Once again, I congratulate Bridgewater on their anniversary and wish them the best of luck in the years to come.●

#### STICKNEY, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Stickney, SD. The town of Stickney will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding this year.

Located in Aurora County, the land for Stickney was turned over to John O. Wallace and officially became a town on August 17, 1905. The town is named for the oldest railroad agent in the United States, John B. Stickney.

I offer my congratulations to Stickney on their anniversary and I wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:02 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3071. An act to permit the individuals currently serving as Executive Director, Deputy Executive Directors, and General Counsel of the Office of Compliance to serve one additional term.

At 2:47 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3058. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3058. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar: