

This year all of the IndyCars will race on a 10-percent ethanol blend before switching to a 100-percent ethanol fuel next year. With this change, the corn harvested on farms across the country will power the fastest cars in the world.

The ethanol that will power its race cars will deliver the same high-performance capabilities that drivers rely on, only without harmful air pollution. It also represents an important step toward reducing America's dependence on foreign oil, by providing a renewable energy source grown in our own fields. By tapping the energy potential of America's farm fields, we can ensure a reliable domestic energy supply to meet our Nation's needs while ending our reliance on unstable countries such as Saudi Arabia, Russia, and Venezuela for their oil and creating thousands of jobs for Hoosier farmers.

Every Memorial Day weekend, millions of Americans and sports fans from around the world watch the Indy 500. But this year, when they tune in to see who wins the Brickyard, they will also be watching the future of American energy unfold at 220 miles per hour.

With its decision to use ethanol as the fuel for the IndyCar series, the IRL is leading the way to encourage greater public use of renewable fuels. After all, if a high-performance vehicle can win the Brickyard running on ethanol, then surely ethanol is good enough for the family minivan, too.

I have introduced a bipartisan bill that will promote the use of ethanol and other biofuels, and I will continue to support efforts to find new ways to use ethanol in the future. I applaud the Indy Racing League for leading the way in this effort and, along with thousands of other Hoosiers, look forward to this year's ethanol-powered races.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 51 OF EAST POINT, GA

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize in the RECORD American Legion Post 51 of East Point, GA, for its unselfish efforts on behalf of our brave soldiers serving in Iraq. The Post 51 family has adopted Charlie Company 324th Signal Battalion from East Point, GA. This Reserve unit made up of 144 service men and women is in the process of deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The post held a barbecue for the soldiers' families, planned a Christmas party for the soldiers, and Post 51 members attended the deployment ceremony for nine members of Charlie Company. Post 51 has also dedicated countless hours supporting the families of deployed members by helping with home repairs and offering financial advice.

Mr. President, I am very proud of our troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, and I am equally proud of organizations such as American Legion Post 51 for all it is doing to support our soldiers and their families here at home.

THE LEGACY OF CHIC HECHT

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the life of Chic Hecht, a friend, a leader, and a great Nevadan. Chic served my home State and this country with honor, humility, and great devotion. He leaves behind the legacy of a true statesman, an intelligence officer, a successful businessman, and most importantly, a committed husband and father.

For me, Chic's legacy is that of a public servant who was fiercely loyal, unwavering in his principles, and an all-around decent human being.

Chic was drafted into the Army after college and served as an intelligence officer in Berlin during the Korean war. Chic retained a lifelong membership in the National Military Intelligence Association, and in 1988, was inducted into the Army Intelligence Hall of Fame.

Chic served in the Nevada State Senate for more than a decade before winning a U.S. Senate seat in what has been called the biggest political upset in our State's history. During his term in the Senate, Chic served on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee; the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee; and the Select Committee on Intelligence. In the Senate, Chic worked with President Reagan in persuading the Soviet Union to lift restrictions on the emigration of Jews—a part of his legacy that will endure for generations. Chic went on to serve 4 years as the U.S. Ambassador to the Bahamas.

But it was Nevada that was always home to Chic. And Chic never lost that down-to-earth, man of the people charisma that won him friends wherever he went. While his charm helped him make friends throughout his life, it was his loyalty that made him a lifelong friend.

I will miss Chic. He was the first to step up when I was being criticized, and he believed in me when very few others did. In politics, you learn quickly who your real friends are, and Chic was a real friend.

He left the Senate more than a decade before I took office, but I am well aware of the impact he made. Chic was a great role model, and I hope to carry on his legacy and the lessons he taught me: to be fiercely loyal, unwavering in principles, and an all-around decent human being.

Chic will be missed, but he has set an example for us all to follow. God bless him.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

THE DEATH OF SISTER ROSE THERING

• Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, New Jersey and the Nation mourn the May 6, 2006, passing of Sister Rose Thering, a selfless luminary, who was a leader in stamping out bigotry and intolerance and who brought Christians and Jews

together for increased mutual understanding. We were indeed lucky to have Sister Rose live in New Jersey for so many years. From 1968, when she first came to Seton Hall in South Orange, New Jersey benefited greatly from her wisdom and her tenacity to act as a bridge between people of different faiths and backgrounds. Sister Rose has made many contributions to the New Jersey community. As a member of the New Jersey Holocaust Commission, she helped write a 1994 law mandating the teaching of the Holocaust and genocide in the schools in New Jersey. As a member of the Seton Hall community, she forged an educational outreach program in Christian-Jewish studies.

Last year, Sister Rose moved back to Racine, WI, to live with her Sisters in the convent in which she initially entered religious life. Many in the New Jersey community sent her off with heavy hearts, knowing she was ill and knowing that they might never see her again. But it was her wish to live her last remaining days with her Dominican Sisters in Racine. As her life went full circle, the path she took is an example to us all.

In her early years, Sister Rose was dismayed at the disparaging comments she heard about Jews. She learned from her teachers that Jews killed Jesus; she heard whisperings of other anti-Semitic statements in her close-knit community. Concerned that a people were being unfairly treated, Sister Rose made it her passion to fight anti-Semitism and to bring attention to the culprit Catholic texts in which anti-Semitism was perpetuated. She wrote her doctorate dissertation on this topic at St. Louis University. In 1965, the Vatican used her dissertation as a basis for *Nostra Aetate*, the declaration that forever changed the relations between Catholic and Jews.

Sister Rose continued her commitment to Jewish-Christian relations by forging strong bonds with the Jewish community. She was unconventional, feisty, and strong-willed always wanting to make principled decisions in support of her cause. She wore a necklace of the Star of David fused to the cross. In 1986, she protested the inauguration of President Kurt Waldheim, former U.N. Secretary General, because he had served in a Nazi unit. In 1987, she went to the Soviet Union to protest the treatment of Russian Jews. She visited Israel frequently, often bringing students with her. At a particularly vulnerable time for Israel, Sister Rose decided to attend the Rally for Israel on April 15, 2002 on the Mall in Washington, DC. Despite her poor health, when she learned that there was no Catholic speaker on the program, she insisted on speaking to show her solidarity. And as no surprise, it was Sister Rose that was given the honor of giving the invocation.

Her legacy is great. It lives on in the documentary "Sister Rose's Passion" that won a Tribeca Film Festival

Award and nomination for an Academy Award for best documentary. It lives on the Sister Rose Thering Endowment for Christian-Jewish studies, which has provided scholarships for 350 teachers for graduate work on the Holocaust and other related topics. She will be missed for all her good work and for taking the difficult path toward greater understanding between peoples.●

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARY CAMPBELL CENTER

● Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Mary Campbell Center in serving people with disabilities in Delaware. Since opening in 1976, the Mary Campbell Center has touched the lives of literally thousands of people.

The center is located in Wilmington, DE, on 10 beautiful acres of land. The grounds were originally a farm owned by Amos and Mary Talley Campbell, whose daughter Evelyn had Down's syndrome. After his wife died, Amos Campbell donated their land so that a special long-term-care facility for Evelyn and other people with disabilities could be built. And that is how it came to be called the Mary Campbell Center.

The center was founded by a group of loving individuals—Marjorie M. Anderson, Richard P. DiSabatino, Sr., Barbara Z. Holmes, David W. Holmes, William H. Kelley, Joseph J. Picciotti, Jr., Marcia V. Raniere, Charles E. Welch, and Charma L. Welch. Each of these founders and their families has given unselfishly to make the Mary Campbell Center the success that it is today.

Since 1976, there have been many Mary Campbell Center milestones. The center has grown from having a handful of residents to 65 residents. They benefit from around-the-clock health care, case management, counseling, education, assistive technology, recreation, physician services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, massage therapy, speech and language therapy, hydrotherapy, exercise, nutritional services, and transportation. Local families have come to depend on the Mary Campbell Center for respite care. Residents and members of the community are also benefiting from the center's unique educational program. Furthermore, over 200 children and youths with special needs and their siblings participate in various programs and summer camp experiences. And the most recent venture, the day program, is expanding to serve even more families.

Physically, the Mary Campbell Center has gone from a compact building to a comfortable state-of-the-art and fully accessible facility with an indoor swimming pool, a learning center with the latest technologies, a greenhouse, and an adaptive playground. There is even an accessible nature trail that is an especially popular retreat during spring and summer. Today, more than ever, assistive technology is helping so

many reach new goals and communicate with family and friends all over the world. Community involvement is at an alltime high. Over 300 volunteers give their time and talent to make a difference there. As the Mary Campbell Center enters its third decade, it continues to grow. Another expansion to the building is about to get underway. The center is doubling the size of their community room, the All-Star Room, and constructing a basement. This will provide additional usable space.

I had the privilege of visiting the Mary Campbell Center earlier this year. I was able to see first hand the difference the center makes in people's lives. I rise today to thank the Mary Campbell Center community for all that they do in Delaware, and I wish them a very happy 30th anniversary.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:53 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1165. An act to provide for the expansion of the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge, Honolulu County, Hawaii.

S. 1869. An act to reauthorize the Coastal Barrier Resources Act, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 518. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to refine the Department of the Interior program for providing assistance for the conservation of neotropical migratory birds.

H.R. 586. An act to preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on public lands, including wilderness areas, national monuments, and other specifically designated areas, administered by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or the Forest Service where there is a historical tradition of such use, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2978. An act to allow the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation to enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights recognized under the Fort Peck-Montana Compact for the purpose of meeting the water needs of the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association, Incorporated, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3682. An act to redesignate the Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia as the Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 313 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2001 (2 U.S.C. 1151), amended by section 1401 of Public Law 108-7, the order of the House of December 18, 2005, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, the Speaker appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center for a term of 3 years: Mr. Roger F. Wicker of Tupelo, Mississippi.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 201 (b) of the Inter-

national Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431 note), amended by section 681(b) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (22 U.S.C. 2651 note), the order of the House of December 18, 2005, and upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, the Speaker reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a 2-year term ending May 14, 2008: Ms. Elizabeth H. Prodromou of Boston, Massachusetts, to succeed herself.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 586. An act to preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on public lands, including wilderness areas, national monuments, and other specifically designated areas, administered by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or the Forest Service where there is a historical tradition of such use, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2978. An act to allow the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation to enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights recognized under the Fort Peck-Montana Compact for the purpose of meeting the water needs of the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association, Incorporated, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3682. An act to redesignate the Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia as the Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 2810. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate months in 2006 from the calculation of any late enrollment penalty under the Medicare part D prescription drug program and to provide for additional funding for State health insurance counseling program and area agencies on aging, and for other purposes.

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 518. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to refine the Department of the Interior program for providing assistance for the conservation of neotropical migratory birds.

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-6858. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, the report of proposed legislation entitled "Child Pornography Amendments of 2006"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.