

of distinguished service to our Nation, protecting our freedoms of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness and wish him the best in his future endeavors. His departure is a great loss to our Navy, but we are markedly better for having had him aboard. He leaves us with a Defense agency that is indeed a national treasure and one that has been vastly improved on his watch. I honor this patriot and dedicated public servant, wishing him a fond farewell, fair winds for his sails and following seas.●

HONORING THE LIFE OF JERRY W. LEE

● Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, today I rise to pay tribute to the life of a distinguished civil servant and friend, Jerry W. Lee, who passed away on June 7. Jerry's dedication to the working families of our State kept him involved in public service up until his death, doing his part to help Hoosiers from all walks of life. I know that he will be greatly missed.

Jerry was a good and decent man who dedicated his life to serving others. From his work with organized labor to his involvement in the community, his career was filled with acts of conscientious service on behalf of friends, family members, and Hoosiers across Indiana. The contributions he made touched countless lives, and his presence and straight talk will be sorely missed.

For the past 20 years, Jerry served as secretary-treasurer and business manager of the Laborers' Indiana District Council, standing up for the working men and women of our State. He devoted all of his energy to ensuring good jobs at decent wages for his workers and helping take care of their families. He is survived by his mother; his wife, Benetta Jo Woodruff Lee; his son, Darren Lee; his three daughters, Stephanie Bean, Christina Brown and Connie Phillips; his two brothers, Sammy Joe Lee and Donald Dean Lee; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A lifelong Hoosier, he was also involved in numerous other labor associations and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. It is a rare man who can make such an impact on so many people over the course of one life. Hoosiers will miss Jerry as a friend, a community leader, and an advocate for working Hoosiers.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Jerry Lee in the official RECORD of the U.S. Senate for his service to the State of Indiana.●

CONGRATULATING NEWPORT POLICE CHIEF MICHAEL CAPRIGLIONE

● Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to commend Police Chief Michael Capriglione of the town of Newport, DE. Chief Capriglione has been recognized by the National Highway Traffic Safety Ad-

ministration with a Public Service Award for his outstanding dedication to the fight against drunken driving in the State of Delaware.

Chief Capriglione was nominated for this award by the mid-Atlantic office of the NHTSA, which began the Checkpoint Strikeforce Campaign in Delaware in 2001. The Checkpoint Strikeforce Campaign is an initiative that works to decrease the number of impaired driving crashes through increased police presence on the roads and statewide sobriety checkpoints on weekends and during holidays. The campaign has continued to grow since its inception, with increasing numbers of affiliated police agencies and officers joining the program each year. In 2003, county teams were created to pool resources and enhance the efficiency of the campaign in each of Delaware's three counties. Chief Capriglione was named the head of the New Castle County DUI Task Force and has served as the primary law enforcement advocate for the Checkpoint Strikeforce Campaign in Delaware.

The campaign had been highly successful; an increasing number of DUI arrests are made each year, with 685 intoxicated drivers arrested between July and December 2005 alone. This results in safer roads for our citizens to travel: 2004 saw the lowest number of alcohol-related highway deaths ever recorded in the State. The campaign has also expanded from its original half-year scope to become a year-round initiative. Under Chief Capriglione's leadership, the New Castle County DUI Task Force has established checkpoints during major holidays and other events typically associated with higher rates of impaired driving, including Super Bowl Sunday and St. Patrick's Day. During the recent Cinco de Mayo holiday, the county teams conducted checkpoints that resulted in 19 DUI arrests, as well as 7 drug arrests, 8 felony arrests, and the apprehension of 3 wanted individuals.

Chief Michael Capriglione has been instrumental in the development and success of the Checkpoint Strikeforce Campaign in Delaware. Through his exceptional leadership and commitment to public service, Delaware's roadways have become safer and its citizens more secure. He is the embodiment of public service and deserves all of the recognition he has received for his remarkable efforts, and more. We are fortunate to have committed, effective law enforcement professionals such as Chief Capriglione working to combat the problem of drunken driving throughout Delaware and the Nation, and I ask the Senate to join me in thanking Chief Capriglione for his dedicated service.●

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL DANIEL JAMES III, USAF

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to honor LTG Daniel James III who recently retired as Director, Air

National Guard. To say that General James has had a distinguished career at the National Guard Bureau would be an understatement due to his unmatched success in formulating, developing, and coordinating all policies, plans, and programs affecting more than 106,000 Guard members throughout the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

The general personifies the model commander with a career in the military that spanned almost four decades. He earned his commission as a distinguished graduate of the University of Arizona's ROTC program in 1968. The general is a command pilot with approximately 4,000 hours in fighter and trainer aircraft. A combat veteran with two Distinguished Flying Crosses, General James completed two Active-Duty tours in Southeast Asia, logging 500 combat hours as a forward air controller and F-4 Phantom aircraft commander. Prior to becoming ANG Director, General James was the Adjutant General for Texas National Guard headquarters. In June of 2002, he was appointed to the position as Director, Air National Guard.

In closing, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in expressing our deep appreciation for the numerous contributions Lieutenant General James has made on behalf of our brave service men and women. It is my honor to recognize the general for his distinguished service to our Nation. Recalling our national anthem, to our veterans and Armed Forces, I say, we would not be "the land of the free" if we were not also "the home of the brave." We wish Daniel and his family continued success as he closes out his service to the Air Force and the people of this grateful Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO JACK BANDY

● Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I wish today to honor in the RECORD of the Senate my friend, B. Jackson Bandy, a great Georgian, a great American, and a great citizen of Whitfield County. I honor Jack upon his induction into the Junior Achievement Northwest Georgia Business Hall of Fame.

Junior Achievement was founded in Dalton, GA, in 1964 and sends volunteers from the community into local schools to teach students about business, economics, and personal finance. Each year the local district serves more than 8,900 students in 44 schools, including more than 30 schools in Whitfield and Murray Counties. The district has more than 300 volunteers. Nominees from this community for this award were selected based on business excellence, inspiring leadership, community involvement, and innovation.

In addition, Jack was one of three founders in 1956 of the tufted carpet business Coronet Industries, which was eventually bought by Beaulieu. But Jack is more than just a businessman

and great golfer. He is a family man—a wonderful and devoted father and grandfather. He would do anything for his family and friends and has touched the lives of many who will never be able to meet or thank him.

Jack worked for many years as a volunteer on the Hamilton Healthcare System Board of Trustees in Dalton and is now an honorary trustee. For all of his charitable giving and hard work, the hospital named the “Bandy Parking Plaza” in honor of Jack. He is the backbone of his Methodist Church and has worked on the board of the United Way. With his Junior Achievement honor, it is clear that Jack is devoted to educating young people at all levels, but he has also endowed the Bandy Chair in Preaching at Emory University, and the gym at Dalton State College is named for him.

Jack Bandy is a class act who is well loved in work and at home. He is interested in the lives and achievements in others and will be embarrassed that I am honoring him today. But I feel I would be remiss if I did not honor him for his achievements and sacrifices. He has given a great deal of his time and money to make Dalton, the State of Georgia, and our Nation a better place to live.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF CHELSEA, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the founding of the town of Chelsea, SD. Chelsea is a rural community in Faulk County. Small towns like Chelsea are part of the backbone of our wonderful State.

Chelsea originally began in the middle of a wheat field, where extensions of the Minneapolis and St. Louis railroads met. There are competing stories for how the town was named. One says that Chelsea was named after the borough of London, one that it was named for a landowner in Chelsea, OK, and another that says it was named for someone from Chelsea, MA.

The first building to go up in Chelsea was two-story poolhall and saloon, built by H.E. Batteen. Other businesses soon followed. By 1909, there were 30 businesses in Chelsea, including a post office, weekly paper, bank, butcher, lumber yard, and drug store. There were at least three churches, including the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, which is still active today.

The area in which Chelsea is situated has both fertile farmland and excellent fishing and hunting. In particular, the area is known for its great pheasant shooting and the numerous hunting lodges that dot the landscape around Chelsea.

Small communities such as Chelsea do not always get the attention that they deserve, but it is places like Chelsea that help to maintain South Dakota's agricultural roots and deep-seated character. I am proud to honor Chelsea

on its 100th anniversary, and I am confident that the next 100 years will bring still more progress and prosperity.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 125th anniversary of the founding of one of South Dakota's great cities, Aberdeen. Aberdeen is the third largest city in the State, and the county seat of Brown County. Aberdeen boasts a robust economy, first-rate hospital, two 4-year universities, art, culture, shopping, and outdoor recreation. Taken all together, Aberdeen has an exceptional quality of life, and things are only getting better for this dynamic city.

Aberdeen was founded in July of 1881 with the arrival of the Milwaukee Railroad and takes its name from the home town of the Milwaukee Railroad's Scottish President, Alexander Mitchell. As more railroads came into the area, Aberdeen became known as the “Hub City,” referring to its role as a busy intersection for trainlines. Aberdeen's citizens are justly proud of their city's history, and they have undertaken numerous successful projects designed to preserve and celebrate this heritage. The city's many historic attractions include the Granary Rural Cultural Center, Dacotah Prairie Museum, and J.L. Zeitlow Telephone Pioneer Museum, among others. In addition, Aberdeen is home to and promotes a lively and renowned antique market.

Perhaps Aberdeen's most famous early resident was Lyman “Frank” Baum, who would eventually write “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz.” During his time in Aberdeen, Baum owned a store, Baum's Bazaar and later edited The Aberdeen Saturday Pioneer. Many believe that Baum's description of Kansas in “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz” was based on his time in Aberdeen. Storybook Land, a theme park based on “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz,” commemorates Baum. Another nationally known figure from Aberdeen in more recent times is former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle.

Other institutions in the Aberdeen area include two 4 year universities, Northern State University and Presentation College; a top flight medical center, Avera St. Luke's Hospital; Wylie Park recreational area; and of course plenty of good hunting and fishing.

Aberdeen combines the warmth and friendliness of a small town with the cosmopolitanism associated with larger communities. I am pleased to recognize the achievements of Aberdeen, and to offer my congratulations to the residents of the city on this historic milestone. As the city motto states, Aberdeen is indeed “A Great Place to Live.”●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF MELLETTE, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of the founding of the city of Mellette, SD.

Mellette was incorporated into South Dakota in 1881, with the first store opening the same year. The community was named after Arthur Mellette, the first governor of South Dakota. By 1882, Mellette was a thriving town with 39 businesses including doctors, lawyers, and other professionals. The Western Enterprise was the first newspaper in Mellette, and by the time publication ended in 1941, the newspaper was the oldest, continuous paper in Spink County.

Today, Mellette is the home of 240 residents, 8 businesses, churches, and other civic organizations. The Mellette Volunteer Fire Department, established in 1895, still keeps residents safe. Northwestern Elementary, Middle, and High Schools also call Mellette home.

I am pleased to announce that Mellette celebrated its 125th anniversary with a community celebration on May 26 to 27. There were numerous events, such as karaoke, a flea market, a parade, an antique tractor pull, a horseshoe tournament, kid's games, and a Harley motorcycle raffle, followed by a community supper. A historical display included “Old Time” Mellette videos. The festivities were a fitting celebration to honor a wonderful community.

I am proud to publicly honor Mellette on this memorable occasion. After 125 years, Mellette still exemplifies what it means to be a great South Dakota community.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I rise to honor the city of Groton, SD, and to recognize the 125th anniversary of its founding.

Groton was founded in 1881 in Brown County. Still standing from those early days is Trinity Episcopal Church which was built in 1884 as a place for the newly formed town to come together and gather as a community. Groton now has six churches and multiple gathering places to house its growing and thriving community.

Groton is home to the Granary Rural Cultural Center. Groton's commitment to fine arts and culture shines through in this establishment where art shows from artists from both North and South Dakota are on display. The Granary Rural Cultural Center not only promotes the arts, but also the heritage of those living in the Dakotas while celebrating and caring for the land.

One of the most notable pieces of Groton's history took place in 1923 when \$1,000 was stolen from the First