

builders, basically gutting the two-story home and preparing it for renovation. A few months ago, they put a roof on the house.

Now, he said, the volunteer force he assembled is ready to rebuild the rest of the structure.

"We're going to try to do it in seven days," he said.

The companies that are sending workers are Pignatelli Electric (run by brother Scott) and Don Fitzgerald Carpentry of Lenox; Comalli Electric, Cardillo Plumbing electrician Jim Sorrentino and Fabino Drywall of Pittsfield; Doug Trombley Windows and Moran Mechanical of Lee; and carpenter Dan Sartori of West Stockbridge.

In addition, Granite City Electric of Pittsfield donated much of the electrical equipment, Scott's Carpet One of Pittsfield donated the kitchen cabinets and bathroom vanities, and Pam Sandler Architects of Stockbridge donated the blueprint.

All are volunteers, Pignatelli said.

Pignatelli himself sent a letter to many of his supporters asking that, instead of giving to his annual Aug. 31 fundraiser, they donate to the project. To date, he has raised \$25,000 for materials, lodging and transportation for the volunteer crew, he said.

"It's not often a politician puts aside political ambition like this," said one of his supporters, Rachel Fletcher of Great Barrington. "It's commendable."

Don Fitzgerald was one of the carpenters who went down the last time to help with the roof.

"I was on top of the roof, looking around at all the other houses in the neighborhood, and I thought, 'Man, these guys got whacked,'" he said.

He said he met Stewart, "and I want to help the guy. He's a good son of a gun."

As to whether or not the crew can finish the house in one week, Fitzgerald was confident.

"In a week? We're gonna kick the hell out of it," he said.

INCAN ARTIFACTS AGREEMENT

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to commend Yale University and the Government of Peru on their agreement to settle a 6-year-long dispute over Incan artifacts.

Nearly 100 years ago, Yale history professor Hiram Bingham made a historic archeological discovery near the famed Incan city of Machu Picchu. His find, which included over 300 artifacts, featuring rare examples of jewelry and ceramic pottery, helped bring worldwide attention to the rich culture of the Incan peoples. For the past 95 years, these artifacts, which were claimed by the Peruvian Government, have been in the possession of Yale University.

The landmark agreement, reached on September 14, 2007, between Yale University and the Government of Peru, which includes the creation of a traveling international exhibition featuring these priceless historical artifacts, is a symbol of both parties' dedication to international cooperation and scholarship. I applaud Yale University and the Peruvian Government for finding a compromise that will allow scholars, students, and interested people from across the globe and from all walks of life to enjoy these splendid cultural artifacts for generations to come.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DR. MARTIN D. ABELOFF

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I wish to commemorate the life of Dr. Martin Abelloff, a leader in Maryland's health care community who passed away last Thursday, September 14, 2007. Our State and our Nation have lost a phenomenally gifted doctor who was also a pioneer in the fight against cancer. Tragically, his life was taken by the disease he dedicated his career to fighting.

Dr. Martin Abelloff was an internationally recognized oncologist who for 15 years led the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center, one of America's premier cancer research and treatment centers.

During his tenure as cancer center director, Dr. Abelloff doubled the size of the center's facility, helped increase research funding sixfold, and expanded facilities to nearly 1 million square feet of treatment and research space. Under his leadership, some of the most salient findings in cancer genetics and cancer cell biology were realized and have begun to be translated into patient care.

Foremost a humanitarian, Dr. Abelloff was an activist who worked diligently to get clinical trials legislation passed in Maryland to ensure that cancer patients have access to state-of-the-art therapies. A staunch advocate for tobacco control, he led the Maryland Cigarette Restitution Fund initiatives at Johns Hopkins supporting research and cancer prevention outreach to benefit poor and underserved communities burdened by disproportionately high cancer death rates.

A trusted authority and adviser, Abelloff had served as president of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, ASCO, chairman of the FDA Oncology Drug Advisory Committee, and he had been a member of the National Cancer Institute Executive Committee.

He is remembered by his colleagues and friends across the globe for his characteristic humility, wry sense of humor, extraordinary devotion to his patients and students, and the collaborative spirit he nurtured in his long tenure at Johns Hopkins, where he spent most of his career.

Dr. Edward Miller, the CEO of Johns Hopkins Medicine, described Abelloff as an "iconic Hopkins physician, scientist, educator, leader, and good citizen rolled into one."

I wish to express my condolences to Dr. Abelloff's family and to the Johns Hopkins community, which will also miss him greatly. I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering him today.●

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY-ROSWELL

• Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Eastern New Mexico Uni-

versity-Roswell for reaching its gold anniversary of 50 years. When the branch was established 50 years ago, founders probably only dreamed it would still be thriving well into the 21st century.

ENMU-R started out as Roswell Community College, only offering night classes 50 years ago. Through the last half century, they have continued to grow and expand into an established branch of Eastern New Mexico University. Most recently, they have opened an expansive housing complex with dormitory rooms as well as apartments for students. The university branch is adding program offerings every year. To date, they offer 70 different certificate and associate degrees. ENMU-R continues to be a great place to learn and experience the college life.

To celebrate the anniversary, the university has planned several events throughout the fall. Events include free concerts, parades, festivals, and even a golf tournament, with the kick off event being a hot air balloon rally held in late August.

I join with ENMU-R in celebrating this momentous milestone. I look forward to at least 50 more years of providing quality education to thousands of students.●

• Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I wish to encourage my colleagues to join Senator ISAKSON and me in support of the 2007 Senior League World Series Champions, the Senior League team of Cartersville, GA.

On August 18, 2007, the Senior League team from Cartersville, GA, defeated the defending World Series champions of Falcon, Venezuela, by a score of 9 to 0 after Chris Huth pitched a complete game one-hitter. This victory concluded their impressive season with a record of 30 wins and only 2 losses.

I would like to recognize the 14 young men of the Cartersville Senior League team individually for their great accomplishment: Garison Boston, Ben Bridges, Trey Dickson, Brad Green, Taylor Greene, Tyler Higgins, Chris Huth, Tyler Linn, Levi Mauldin, Colton Montgomery, Cole Payne, Zack Philliber, Hank Stewart, and Tyler Williams. Their manager Eric Stewart and coaches Jeff Payne and Mark Montgomery each deserve strong recognition for guiding these young players to victory.

Moreover, I would be remiss if I did not recognize the teachers and students of these young men's schools, the fans who represented their community, and the State of Georgia for their enthusiasm and support.

It is with great pride that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Cartersville Senior League team and their families. I am extremely proud of each of them and their accomplishments. I wish them great success in the future and urge my colleagues to join Senator ISAKSON and me in congratulating them on this great accomplishment.●

LOSS OF RAUL HILBERG

• Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, the State of Vermont has lost one of its greatest scholars, Raul Hilberg. I wish to honor this remarkable man, the central figure in the founding and establishment of Holocaust studies, not just in the United States, but in the world. It is fitting that he was also a central contributor to the establishment and development of the U.S. Holocaust Museum.

So horrific were the events of the Holocaust that for many years scholars avoided the subject. Not Raul Hilberg. Born in Vienna, Austria, he and his family fled the Anschluss of Hitler and the Nazis to emigrate, first to Cuba, and ultimately to the United States. While in Cuba, he saw the fate of the S.S. St. Louis, a ship full of Jews who had fled Germany seeking asylum. The ship was denied permission to land in Havana, and only after a long voyage from port to port were its 936 Jewish passengers finally allowed to disembark in several European countries.

In the United States, Hilberg served in the Infantry of the U.S. Army. Upon his return to this country he did graduate work at Columbia University, where he received a Ph.D. under the tutelage of Franz Neumann. His doctoral thesis was on the Holocaust: he took careful and copious notes on Nazi documents seized by the U.S. Army, transcribing the information he uncovered on index cards. Then he sat at a small table in his parents' apartment and wrote his thesis on the basis of those cards. That thesis was the kernel of the greatest scholarly work ever written on the Holocaust.

In 1956, Raul Hilberg became an assistant professor of political science at the University of Vermont. He later became professor and chairman of that department. He remained at U.V.M. for the rest of his career until his retirement in 1991, despite many enticements to go to major research universities, sustained in his academic life by his friends Jay Gould, Stan Staron, and Sam Bogorad. He was a great teacher. One of his colleagues remembers attending his course on the Holocaust: "His words came out in perfectly structured paragraphs, eloquent with a quiet gravity, so compelling that every student in the class was transfixed from the moment Raul began speaking until the bell rang for the end of class."

In 1961, Raul Hilberg's magisterial "The Destruction of the European Jews" was published, but only after rejections from many publishers. Even Yad Vashem rejected the manuscript because some scholars disagreed with Hilberg's perspective. Thereafter revised and updated in succeeding editions, the book was then, and has remained, the most important, the most seminal, work on the Holocaust. It, more than any other scholarly work, was responsible for the creation of what we know today as the field of Holocaust Studies.

The great documentary filmmaker, Claude Lanzmann, spoke recently of his discovery of Hilberg's book, which occurred as he was considering making the film that was to become "Shoah." "It took me months to get through this formidable, magnificent, monstrous book. Hilberg was a man of details, and that is what I especially liked. The first time he appears in "Shoah" he says, 'All along, during my work, I never began with the big questions because I feared inadequate answers.'" Lanzmann continues, "He laid bare the implacable mechanism of what he held to be a bureaucratic process of destruction. From the moment the German bureaucracy made its object, it could only go all the way, as through carried by its own logic."

Hilberg published other important books, among them "Perpetrators, Victims, Bystanders" and a memoir, "The Politics of Memory." He edited "The Warsaw Diaries of Adam Czerniakov," which was translated by his colleague, Stanislaw Staron.

But he was not just a scholar in an archive. As one of the Senate's representatives on the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, I am very aware of his work in the public sphere, work which richly supplemented his great contributions as an academic scholar. An original member of the President's Commission on the Holocaust, Raul Hilberg, played a central role in the founding of the U.S. Holocaust Museum. He then served on the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council from 1980 through 1988, and further served on the Museum's Academic Committee from its inception through 2005.

His friend, Michael Berenbaum recently wrote this about his involvement with our Nation's great memorial to the "Shoah": "For his work with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Hilberg never once accepted remuneration, even when others were paid for their work. He was a consistent, gracious and insistent presence demanding the highest of standards of others and measuring up to them himself." In his honor, the museum has established the Raul Hilberg Scholarship.

For his great scholarly and public accomplishments, Raul Hilberg was named a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2005.

An enthralling and inspiring teacher, Raul Hilberg will be missed by many generations of students at the University of Vermont. The absence of his deep knowledge and unsparing honesty leaves the world of Holocaust studies bereft of its presiding genius. And his passing leaves a great loss in the lives of his wife, Gwendolyn and his children, David and Deborah.

Raul Hilberg's work, however, which so carefully details the bureaucracy of annihilation, will live on to serve as a constant reminder of the responsibilities that we have, as citizens and as individuals, for the sufferings of others. ●

COMMEMORATING THE RETIREMENT OF HANSEL PORTERFIELD

• Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Mr. Hancel Porterfield on his retirement from Federal service on September 30, 2007, as the Corrosion Prevention and Control Program Manager for the Marine Corps. Hank, as he is known, along with a handful of staff, has been instrumental in giving new direction and cohesion to the Marine Corps' efforts to combat corrosion. Since being hired as the first Program Manager for USMC CPAC, Mr. Porterfield has been instrumental in completely changing the direction of CPAC from a study program administered by the Naval Surface Warfare Command, NSWC, to a program serving the warfighter at the Marine Expeditionary Force, MEF, level.

Not only has Mr. Porterfield created a full service program with a workforce of 95 people from Camp Lejeune to Okinawa in just 3½ years, Mr. Porterfield also established a research and development arm to examine new products, procedures, and methods for reducing corrosion. Recently, I had occasion to participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a U.S. Marines Corps corrosion prevention and control complex in Kaneohe Bay, HI, and had the privilege of meeting Mr. Porterfield in person. I was impressed by his dedication to duty and his service and leadership in launching the USMC CPAC Program.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation and warmest aloha to Mr. Porterfield. In government we all hope one person can make a difference. I think Mr. Porterfield is one person who has made a difference and leaves behind a legacy of success. Best wishes Hank for a long and enjoyable retirement. ●

TRIBUTE TO COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL

• Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, on October 1, 2007, the Cobb Chamber of Commerce will hold its Public Safety Recognition Awards breakfast, and I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for all public safety personnel in my home county of Cobb.

Our public safety officers and personnel make the difference in ensuring that we are able to go about our daily routines, get a good night's sleep, and enjoy the many freedoms we have in our country today because we don't have to constantly fear for our well-being. For this, I believe I am representing not only my Cobb County constituents, but all Georgians when I say thank you to all of our public safety personnel.

Whether they are the dispatcher answering the telephone, an officer on the street, an undercover agent living in dirty and dangerous conditions to obtain needed information or an assistant at a desk, they all work as a team to keep me safe, my family safe, and Cobb County safe.