

to her family and the Hazel community. She has demonstrated this dedication through her involvement in her church, her work as an extension coordinator in Codington County and Hamlin County, and her service to the local 4H chapter. In addition to all this, June and her husband run the family's century farm. Clearly June reflects the qualities that make her deserving of this year's 2007 Spirit of South Dakota award.

I am proud to honor June James, along with her friends and family, in celebrating her 50 years of selfless dedication and service to the city of Hazel.●

#### HONORING THOMAS "EMMETT" KUEHL

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Thomas "Emmett" Kuehl. Thomas was a volunteer firefighter for the Elkton Fire Department. He served for 17 years and was an EMT for 16 years with the Elkton ambulance crew. He died at 38 years old on April 11, 2006, from injuries sustained while operating at the scene of a fire. The 26th National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service is honoring Emmett as a fallen hero.

Emmett was not only a brave firefighter, he was a man dedicated to his local community. As a supporter of Elkton athletics, Emmett could be counted on to drive the ambulance for the Elkton football team. For his 16 years of dedication to the team, the Elks dedicated their 2006 season to Emmett and finished runner-up in the class 9AA championships at the State tournament.

Emmett was a great American, and his commitment to the people of Elkton was truly honorable. Today I rise with Emmett Kuehl's family and friends to remember his selfless dedication and service to the Elkton community and the State of South Dakota.●

#### RECOGNIZING KIM LARSON

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Kim Larson for receiving the Supporter of the Year Award from the South Dakota Habitat for Humanity. This is a prestigious award that reflects her hard work and dedication to eliminating poverty around the world. It is also a reflection of the valuable role she has played in giving back to her local community.

Kim Larson with Oahe Habitat for Humanity is Executive Assistant for the CEO of BankWest in Pierre where she is instrumental in providing servicing on loans and facilitating the documentation for the partner families. Always available, Kim is able to keep Oahe Habitat representatives and the partner families informed. Kim has proven to be an integral part of the Oahe affiliate of Habitat for Humanity.

It gives me great pleasure to recognize Kim Larson and to congratulate her on receiving this well-earned award

and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### RECOGNIZING JERI LEMKE

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Jeri Lemke for receiving the Supporter of the Year Award from the South Dakota Habitat for Humanity. This is a prestigious award that reflects her hard work and dedication to eliminating poverty around the world. It is also a reflection of the valuable role she has played in giving back to her local community.

Jeri Lemke with Okiciyapi Tipi Habitat for Humanity has worked to increase Habitat's influence in her local community. She is always available to assist Habitat and provides helpful guidance. Okiciyapi Tipi, of the Eagle Butte community, has been transformed by Jeri and her fine leadership.

It gives me great pleasure to recognize Jeri Lemke and to congratulate her on receiving this well-earned award and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### RECOGNIZING LOYOLA ACADEMY

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Loyola Academy for receiving the Supporter of the Year Award from the South Dakota Habitat for Humanity. This is a prestigious award that reflects their hard work and dedication to eliminating poverty around the world. It is also a reflection of the valuable role they have played in giving back to their local community.

Loyola is a Jesuit High School in Wilmette, IL. They have a long-standing relationship with the Sicangu Tikanga Okiciyapi Habitat for Humanity. For 6 years, Loyola Academy has supported this affiliate, and this past year they provided three groups of volunteers. Loyola Academy's support has been instrumental in making progress in the area that is far reaching.

It gives me great pleasure to recognize Loyola Academy and to congratulate them on receiving this well-earned award and wish them continued success in the years to come.●

#### RECOGNIZING ARMOND 'RED' OLSON

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Armond 'Red' Olson for receiving the Supporter of the Year Award from the South Dakota Habitat for Humanity. This is a prestigious award that reflects his hard work and dedication to eliminating poverty around the world. It is also a reflection of the valuable role he has played in giving back to his local community.

Armond Olson, known as Red, is with Dacotah Tipis Habitat for Humanity. He has served on the affiliate's Board of Directors for 2 years and has been a volunteer for every phase of the construction process. Since the beginning

of the Dacotah Tipis Habitat affiliate program, Red has been an ambitious and inspiring supporter. He is a family man, and has been married for 37 years and has 3 children and 10 grandchildren.

It gives me great pleasure to recognize Armond 'Red' Olson and to congratulate him on receiving this well-earned award and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### RECOGNIZING LARRY PETERSON

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Larry Peterson for receiving the Supporter of the Year Award from the South Dakota Habitat for Humanity. This is a prestigious award that reflects his hard work and dedication to eliminating poverty around the world. It is also a reflection of the valuable role he has played in giving back to his local community.

Larry Peterson is a valued volunteer with the Wiohanble Yuwita Habitat for Humanity. In Lakota, Wiohanble Yuwita translates into "Building Dreams" and Larry plays a vital role in building these dreams for the Habitat for Humanity recipients.

It gives me great pleasure to recognize Larry Peterson and to congratulate him on receiving this well-earned award and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### THRIVENT AID FOR LUTHERANS

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Thrivent Aid for Lutherans for receiving the Supporter of the Year Award from the South Dakota Habitat for Humanity. This is a prestigious award that reflects their hard work and dedication to eliminating poverty around the world. It is also a reflection of the valuable role they have played in giving back to their local community.

Thrivent Aid for Lutherans is partnered with the Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity. With the support of innumerable meals and volunteer support, Thrivent, as well as all Lutheran churches in Brookings, has been responsible for great gains in Habitat goals. They have even enlisted the support of Lutheran churches outside of the county. Over the past year, two homes were funded and constructed using Thrivent resources. This continued support has greatly expanded the success of the Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity.

It gives me great pleasure to recognize Thrivent Aid for Lutherans and to congratulate them on receiving this well-earned award and wish them continued success in the years to come.●

#### RECOGNIZING OKICIYAPI TIPI

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Okiciyapi Tipi for receiving the Supporter of the Year Award from the South Dakota Habitat

for Humanity. This is a prestigious award that reflects their hard work and dedication to eliminating poverty around the world. It is also a reflection of the valuable role they have played in giving back to their local community.

Okiciyapi Tipi works with the Midwest Region Habitat for Humanity International. By creating new progressive partnerships with local banks, Okiciyapi Tipi has helped to facilitate tremendous rehabbing projects for the past two seasons. These projects have drawn volunteers from across the world. Jerry Farlee, executive director of Okiciyapi Tipi, has been nominated for a 3-year term on the U.S. Advisory Council for Habitat for Humanity International in order to further support the goals of the affiliates servicing rural areas.

It gives me great pleasure to recognize Okiciyapi Tipi and to congratulate them on receiving this well-earned award and wish them continued success in the years to come.●

#### RECOGNIZING KELLI VAN STEENWYK

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Kelli Van Steenwyk for receiving the Supporter of the Year Award from the South Dakota Habitat for Humanity. This is a prestigious award that reflects her hard work and dedication to eliminating poverty around the world. It is also a reflection of the valuable role she has played in giving back to her local community.

Kelli Van Steenwyk with Hub Area Habitat for Humanity is employed by Wells Fargo Financial and gathered building and committee assistance for Hub Area Habitat for Humanity. Kelli recruited the support of 12 other co-workers. Working alongside Kirstie Hoon, Kelli has shown great leadership. Her fundraising committee has been successful at contributing greatly to Hub Area Habitat for Humanity activities. Kelli is a valuable supporter of the Aberdeen community.

It gives me great pleasure to recognize Kelli Van Steenwyk and to congratulate her on receiving this well-earned award and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### RECOGNIZING WELLS FARGO

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Wells Fargo for receiving the Supporter of the Year Award from the South Dakota Habitat for Humanity. This is a prestigious award that reflects their hard work and dedication to eliminating poverty around the world. It is also a reflection of the valuable role they have played in giving back to their local community.

Wells Fargo works with Habitat for Humanity of South Dakota. Wells Fargo has distributed donations to Habitat for Humanity affiliates across South Dakota. These generous donations have exceeded \$883,000. Wells Fargo employees have been a major asset to Habitat for Humanity of South Dakota by volunteering 16,000 hours of labor in the construction of 33 homes across the state. Wells Fargo's finan-

cial and volunteer support has allowed Habitat for Humanity to substantially expand its work throughout South Dakota.

It gives me great pleasure to recognize Wells Fargo and to congratulate them on receiving this well-earned award and wish them continued success in the years to come.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 4156. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

At 3:12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 719. An act to authorize additional appropriations for supervision of Internet access by sex offenders convicted under Federal law, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3320. An act to provide assistance for the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw, Poland.

H.R. 3845. An act to establish a Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction within the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to improve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to increase resources for regional computer forensic labs, and to make other improvements to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute child predators.

H.R. 4120. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for more effective prosecution of cases involving child pornography, and for other purposes.

At 3:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 259. Concurrent resolution providing for an adjournment or recess of the two Houses.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-247. A resolution adopted by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission at their annual meeting relative to the opinions of the oil and gas producing states on certain matters; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-248. A resolution adopted by the Atlanta World War II Round Table urging Congress to add words to the inscription on the World War II Memorial; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-249. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to reauthorize Amtrak funding and support states in their efforts to expand passenger rail service; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 107

Whereas, passenger rail service has historically focused on long distance routes. States may provide shorter, regional service if the state pays most of the cost. Fourteen states, including Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin, provide funding support to Amtrak to support in-state and regional passenger rail systems; and

Whereas, ridership on these shorter, regional routes has increased dramatically in the past two years. Ticket sales on Midwest intercity rail lines have reached record numbers. In Michigan, ridership has risen by 31 percent on the Blue Water passenger train and 20 percent on the Wolverine passenger train over the past two years. The state hopes to add passenger rail service between Detroit and Ann Arbor. Expanded passenger rail service is being promoted as a solution to rising oil prices, pollution, and increased highway congestion; and

Whereas, states would like federal assistance in funding the shorter passenger rail services. Federal matching dollars are provided for other transportation modes, and states would like to see a similar program for in-state and regional passenger rail projects. Senate Bill 294, currently before the United States Senate, would provide \$19.2 billion in reauthorization funds to Amtrak and provide grants to state projects: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize Congress to reauthorize Amtrak funding and support states in their efforts to expand passenger rail service; and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-250. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of New York urging Congress to eliminate the expiration period of the Federal Do Not Call Registry; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### SENATE NO. 3582

Whereas, the Do Not Call Registry was established in the State of New York in 2000 to protect citizens from unwanted sales calls; it was made more effective in 2003, when it merged with the National Do Not Call Registry; and

Whereas, the National Do Not Call Registry provides citizens across the state and country with the privacy they deserve and adequate penalties for businesses which violate that privacy by persisting with unwanted phone calls; and

Whereas, the merging of the two Do Not Call Registries has effectively protected New York State residents from bothersome and unwanted phone solicitations for the last five years; and

Whereas, due to the five year expiration of the National Do Not Call Registry, many of the first enrollees will soon again be vulnerable to telephone solicitations unless they re-enroll: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to urge the New York