

a difference in the lives of others through his career in law enforcement. Deputy Villegas demonstrated a commitment to the highest standards of his profession and continually sought to distinguish his service to his community and country through hard work and perseverance. He serves as a shining example of the talent, bravery, and richness of our Nation's law enforcement officials and military personnel.

The impact of Deputy Villegas' loss will have an immeasurable impact on the lives of his loved ones. His wife Xochitl, four children, Stacie Lee, Ezequiel, Xavier and Israel, and his colleagues at the Riverside County Sheriff's Department have lost a beloved husband, devoted father, and cherished friend. I am saddened to lose this exceptional public servant, yet I am grateful for the heroic sacrifice that he made to protect his community. ●

#### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

● Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the University of Hawaii at Manoa's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, CTAHR, as they commemorate their upcoming centennial. I am pleased to join them in their celebration of a significant milestone that salutes their illustrious achievements in the past, and serves as an enduring foundation for many more in their future.

CTAHR was established as a land-grant institution in 1907, and at the time, it was known as the College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts. This nascent institution of higher education was dedicated to research, academic instruction, and community outreach. The first students that enrolled during the college's inaugural academic year received instruction in agriculture, household economics, science, and engineering, all of which are still offered to students by the University of Hawaii. Faculty members and students identified the necessity for a curriculum that focused on subtropical climates in order to assist Hawaii's farmers. Their initiative and perseverance subsequently led to the development of a tropical agriculture curriculum, a legacy that over the last century lent itself to CTAHR's name, and benefited people in Hawaii, the Pacific region, and around the world.

CTAHR's successes are numerous, and those in agriculture range from laying the basis of the macadamia nut industry world-wide, to cultivating Hawaii's robust anthurium cut-flower crop, and developing a seed corn crop export utilizing Hawaii's year-round growing season that was valued at \$70 million during the 2005-2006 crop year. In addition, their accomplishments include researching remedies to the environmental problems caused by invasive species such as fruit flies, termites, and the papaya ringspot virus. Originally, these pests were eliminated using toxic pesticides that inflicted damaged Ha-

waii's precious and beautiful environment. CTAHR's research and development led to nationally honored alternative nontoxic treatments used by farmers and residents.

This dedication to the health and well-being of Hawaii's residents extends beyond the laboratory and is demonstrated in their community outreach. In the 1920's CTAHR's Chair in the Home Economics Department was correct and prescient, when she advocated against the reliance on processed foods, and was essential in the nutritional assessment of readily available tropical and sub-tropical fruits and vegetables. World War II starkly highlighted Hawaii's precarious sustainability situation when ships once used to shuttle goods between the islands were serving our country in a wartime capacity. CTAHR stepped in to increase food production, analyze potable water, and help residents adapt to shortages and blackout conditions. Their outreach continues today, and it is exemplified by the 1991 establishment of "The Center on the Family." This Center bolsters Hawaii's families by gathering information on everything from child development to elder care using an interdisciplinary approach of research, education, and service. All of the information they compile is available to families, public servants, service providers, educators, and students via the award-winning online database maintained by the center.

None of these outstanding distinctions could have been reached if CTAHR did not promote and sustain their tradition of academic excellence. The element fundamental to all of their accolades since their beginning in 1907, and that continues to be at the heart of CTAHR's success is their commitment to meet the highest standards of their federally mandated charge to conduct academic instruction. I would like to thank Dean Andrew G. Hashimoto and his predecessors for their wisdom and leadership over the last 100 years. It is with great hope, and my best wishes for CTAHR to carry on their established legacy of achievement in all their future endeavors. ●

● Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I also wish to honor the centennial celebration of the University of Hawaii's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources. The College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, CTAHR, is the founding college of the University of Hawaii system and its flagship campus, the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

In 1907, the Hawaii Territorial Legislature established the College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts under the auspices of the Morrill Act as a land-grant college. The first year that classes were offered, in 1908, the college provided agriculture, household economics, science, and engineering classes, all of which remain part of CTAHR's academic programs to this day.

From its humble beginnings in 1907 to today, CTAHR continues to provide

an excellent education and career development opportunities for students. CTAHR has developed a solid foundation in research and educational programs that support tropical agricultural systems and in turn foster viable communities, a diversified economy, and a healthy environment. CTAHR's researchers, instructors, and extension personnel continue to research and develop new crops that will reduce our reliance on imported foods, improve food security, and diversify Hawaii's agriculture to explore alternative markets. In addition, the college has played an integral role in further enhancing our understanding of environmental science and advancing agricultural and resource management approaches that conserve and protect Hawaii's natural resources.

CTAHR offers a diverse curriculum that continues to prepare an educated and experienced workforce to meet the State of Hawaii's environmental, agricultural, animal science, dietetic, engineering, and human resource industry needs. CTAHR empowers both students and the public to learn about and proactively engage in better managing the limited resources of our islands. Research conducted by its faculty and through its undergraduate, master, and doctoral programs contribute not only to our local knowledge but in many cases represent field breakthroughs and establishment of cutting edge technologies. CTAHR will continue to not only enhance the physical landscape of our islands and improve the quality of life for all in Hawaii and across the Nation.

Again, I honor the University of Hawaii's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources for 100 years of service to the people of Hawaii, the Pacific region, and the Nation in its dedication to the development of sustainable agriculture and human resources programs to meet the needs of our changing communities. ●

#### WILLIAM O. "DOC" FARBER

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the passing of William O. "Doc" Farber of Vermillion, SD. Doc Farber passed away this week at the age of 96. He was a selfless educator who dedicated his time and energy to encouraging those around him to strive for success. He will be dearly missed by family, friends, and students, but his legacy will live on for generations to come.

William O. Farber was born in 1910 in Geneseo, IL, and graduated from Geneseo Public High School as valedictorian in 1928. He went on to receive his B.A. and M.A. from Northwestern University in Chicago, where he graduated with honors, was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and was a Harris Scholar. After earning his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, Farber came to the University of South Dakota, USD, as an assistant professor in 1935. He left USD for a department

chairmanship at North Dakota State in 1937, but returned a year later to serve as chair of the Department of Government, a position he held for 38 years. Along with teaching, Farber was heavily involved in state government and national service. He helped create USD's Government Research Bureau, served as the first director of the South Dakota Legislative Research Council, and was a member of South Dakota's Constitutional Revision and Local Government Study Commissions.

Throughout his 70 years at the University of South Dakota, Farber influenced numerous well-known graduates, including many state and national leaders. Six of his former students were Rhodes Scholars and two of his students, Larry Pressler and TIM JOHNSON, became U.S. Senators. NBC anchor Tom Brokaw, USA Today founder Al Neuharth, and media personality Pat O'Brien also took classes from the famed professor. Farber was not just an educator, but served as a friend and mentor to many of his students. According to Brokaw, the advice he received from Farber while in college helped him turn his life around. Always looking out for his students, Doc even drove Brokaw to a job interview in Omaha because the future newsman's car had broken down.

Doc Farber was an amazing teacher, a committed public servant, and an all-around remarkable person. South Dakota has lost a truly outstanding man who inspired countless students to broaden their horizons and to make a difference in the world. While Doc Farber will be greatly missed by all who knew him, he will forever be remembered for the life he led.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 12:24 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, without amendment:

S. 1002. An act to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to reinstate certain provisions relating to the nutrition services incentive program.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in

which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1538. An act to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the management of medical care, personnel actions, and quality of life issues for members of the Armed Forces who are receiving medical care in an outpatient status, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276th, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. PASTOR of Arizona, Chairman, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Vice Chairman, Mr. FILNER of California, Mr. REYES of Texas, Ms. SOLIS of California, Mr. RODRIGUEZ of Texas, and Ms. GIFFORDS of Arizona.

At 3:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, 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. 103. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1538. An act to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the management of medical care, personnel actions, and quality of life issues for members of the Armed Forces who are receiving medical care in an outpatient status, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, March 29, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 494. An act to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO, and for other purposes.

#### 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-1221. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gypsy Moth Generally Infested Areas; Addition of Areas in Virginia" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0171) received on March 27, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1222. A communication from the Secretary of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a breach in Average

Procurement Unit Cost for the Joint Primary Aircraft Training System; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1223. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Transportation Security Administration's Voluntary Provision of Emergency Services Program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1224. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary (Fish and Wildlife and Parks), National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dry Tortugas National Park—Special Regulations" (RIN1024-AD45) received on March 27, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1225. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary (Fish and Wildlife and Parks), National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Boating and Water Use Activities" (RIN1024-AD07) received on March 27, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1226. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary (Fish and Wildlife and Parks), National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Regulations—Future Applicability" (RIN1024-AD84) received on March 27, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1227. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary (Fish and Wildlife and Parks), National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Curecanti National Recreation Area, Personal Watercraft Use" (RIN1024-AC99) received on March 27, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1228. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary (Fish and Wildlife and Parks), National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cape Lookout National Seashore, Personal Watercraft Use" (RIN1024-AD44) received on March 27, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1229. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Missouri Regulatory Program" (MO-039-FOR) received on March 27, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1230. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana" (FRL No. 8284-5) received on March 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1231. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Arizona; Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Programs" (FRL No. 8284-2) received on March 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1232. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting,