

the "Mother Theresa for the veterans," and noted that Molokai needed more psychologists, because the demand to see Dr. McNamara was just so great.

I humbly offer Dr. McNamara my gratitude for what she has done for veterans, for Hawaii, and for our Nation.●

#### TRIBUTE TO TERESA KIRKEENG-KINCAID

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Teresa Kirkeeng-Kincaid, a remarkable civil servant who dedicated her entire career to making her community, the Upper Mississippi River Region and our Nation a better place. Teresa passed away last week at the young age of 48, after a courageous battle against cancer. Her legacy, however, will continue long into the future. Teresa dedicated her entire professional life to working for the Federal Government. Teresa joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a civil engineer with the Rock Island District in 1981, and continued with the Corps for 26 years. In that time, she served in many roles, including assistant chief of the planning, program and project management division.

During her two and a half decades of service, Teresa earned a reputation on the Upper Mississippi Region and across the Nation as a person of great dedication and integrity. She played a leadership role in important projects including formulating navigation, flood damage, and ecosystem restoration projects throughout the entire Upper Mississippi River basin. She was the "go to person" throughout the Corps of Engineers on numerous planning issues. The team she led reestablished the Corps' Planning Associates program to train future planners for the Corps, a legacy that will last for many decades.

I had the occasion to meet Teresa several times, and know the very high regard in which she was held by her co-workers, her countless friends, and her loving family. She will be missed.●

#### RECOGNIZING MONROE CITY, MISSOURI

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Monroe City, MO, on the 150th Anniversary of its founding.

Monroe City has had a long and proud history. The city was founded on July 4, 1857, by E.B. Talcott and John Duff at a picnic where town lots were sold. In 1869 Monroe City became an incorporated town, owing its existence to the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad and the Wabash Railroad. Due to the drive of the community's many entrepreneurs Monroe City enjoyed continued economic, agricultural, and structural growth.

In the early 1870s an educational system was created with both public and parochial schools. In 1918, a Carnegie Library was built that is still owned and supported by the city of Monroe City.

Throughout its 150-year history, Monroe City has continued to flourish and has striven to maintain its concern for, and involvement in, the lives of its citizens. Members of this community have often assumed leadership positions in the community through participation in fire, police, and administration departments, as well as with their work with a variety of civic and church groups.

I am pleased to join with the State of Missouri in congratulating Monroe City on this important milestone and wishing them continued growth and success for the next 150 years.●

#### RETIREMENT OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL DONALD WETEKAM

● Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to a great military leader, officer, and good friend, LTG Donald Wetekam. After 34 years of distinguished and honorable service, General Wetekam, the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Air Force for Installations and Logistics, will retire from the U.S. Air Force.

General Wetekam began his active duty service in 1973 after graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy. As a career logistics officer, he commanded three maintenance squadrons, a logistics group and a logistics center, and has served staff tours at both the major command and air staff levels.

General Wetekam's noteworthy service and responsibilities have been widely recognized. He received the Distinguished Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Legion of Merit with an oak leaf cluster, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with an oak leaf cluster.

Prior to serving as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics, General Wetekam served as Commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, at Robins Air Force Base, GA. He also served both as Director of Maintenance and Logistics and Deputy Director of Combat Weapon Systems at Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, VA; and as Director of Logistics, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, HI. Prior to that he served as Vice Commander and Director, Aircraft Management Directorate at the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Tinker Air Force Base, OK; and commanded the 49th Logistics Group at Holloman Air Force Base, NM.

General Wetekam has been a visionary leader, and among his most significant accomplishments, championed initiatives including Repair Enterprise 21, establishing a single enterprise-wide maintenance repair network. He was a driving force behind the Global Logistics Support Center moving from a base centric supply process to a centrally responsive approach to improving supply chain management. During General Wetekam's tenure, the Air Force saw the implementation of Cen-

tralized Asset Management, culminating in a \$14 billion savings and the elimination of complex and redundant financial processes. General Wetekam worked extensively to increase the number of Security Forces available for deployment and through this effort provided much needed support to our warfighters. He was successful in reducing career field operations tempo, and forged a ground breaking path for both privatized housing and joint basing.

General Wetekam's leadership was instrumental to air and space forces engaged across a breadth of support activities in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. As the prime architect of Lean implementation, his guidance enabled the Air Force to increase efficiency in a resource constrained, high operations tempo environment. His efforts provided the foundation for Air Force Smart Operations 21 and the ability to fund the recapitalization of an aging fleet and build the Air Force of tomorrow while fighting today's war.

The Nation will miss General Wetekam's commitment to duty, ceaseless drive for improvement, and unwavering support to the U.S. Air Force. I will miss having him in the U.S. Air Force, although I know he will continue to serve his Nation wherever he goes. I know I speak on behalf of a grateful Nation in saying thank you to General Wetekam for his years of service and sacrifice. I hope my colleagues will join me in wishing him well in all his future endeavors and hope that those who follow in his footsteps will continue his legacy of unprecedented support to our great Nation. Good luck and Godspeed.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JONESBORO HIGH SCHOOL

● Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, today I congratulate the Jonesboro High School Mock Trial team of Clayton County, GA, for winning the 2007 National High School Mock Trial Championships in Dallas, TX. The championship consisted of 44 teams representing 40 States, South Korea, and the North Mariana Islands.

The mock trial program is an excellent experience for students, allowing them to further their understanding of court procedure and the legal system; to improve proficiency in basic skills such as listening, speaking, reading and reasoning; to promote better communication and cooperation between the educational and legal community; to provide a competitive event in an academic atmosphere; and to promote cooperation among young people of various abilities and interests.

Jonesboro's long journey to the national championships began by practicing 3 days a week under the tutelage of prominent judges and lawyers in Clayton County. The team qualified for the National High School Mock Trial Championships by winning their fifth

Georgia State Championship, and their fourth in the last 6 years, defeating a very talented Grady High School team from Atlanta. After winning the State championship, the team turned its focus to the national championship, where the students presented their case in front of legal professionals in a courtroom environment.

En route to the final round, Jonesboro defeated the State championship teams from Hawaii, Idaho, Colorado, and Illinois. In the finals, they played the defense side against Kalamazoo Central High School from Kalamazoo, MI, in a civil case based on the tragic events in Texas City, TX, in 1947. The team vigorously debated who was at fault for an accident that resulted in the sinking of several ships, along with injuries and fatalities. Jonesboro did not back down from the runners-up of the 2006 competition, and they defeated Kalamazoo to bring the national title back to the Peach State for the third time since 1995, and tying Georgia with Iowa for the most national titles in the Nation.

I would like to congratulate Kayla Delgado, Lindsay Hargis, Mathew Mitchell, Sandra Hagans, Kyle Skinner, Lindley Curtis, Laura Parkhouse, Braedon Orr, Brian Cunningham, Jayda Hazell, Tabias Kelly, Jurod James, Joe Strickland, and team captain Brittne Walden for their hard work and accomplishments. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the parents and supporters of the team for reaching out to these students and providing them with the leadership and guidance to reach their goal of a championship. The team's successes would not have been possible without the guidance of their teacher coaches, Anna and Andrew Cox, their attorney coaches, the Honorable John Carbo, the Honorable Deborah Benefield, and Tasha Mosely, and their student coach from Mercer Law School, Katie Powers.

They have all made the State of Georgia proud.

#### RECOGNIZING GALESBURG, NORTH DAKOTA

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. On June 23 to 24, the residents of Galesburg will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Galesburg is a community in Traill County, near the Elm River. Founded in 1882, Galesburg, like many small towns in North Dakota, began when the railroad stretched across the State. The residents share a rich Scandinavian background and celebrate their

heritage with an annual lutefisk and meatball supper. Galesburg is noted as being home to the world's largest standing structure, the KXJB-TV mast. Many individuals travel to Galesburg in the fall to take advantage of the excellent deer hunting available in that region.

The residents of Galesburg are proud of their bean plant, local softball team, and community-owned cafe. A yearly church bazaar and live auction brings the community together as the residents make homemade gifts and treats to auction. The residents are enthusiastic about their upcoming celebration and have made a Veterans Memorial for all individuals from Galesburg that have served the United States. An exciting weekend is planned that begins with a parade that will led by a resident of Galesburg who is 106 years old.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Galesburg, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Galesburg and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Galesburg that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Galesburg has a proud past and a bright future.●

#### RECOGNIZING WASHBURN, NORTH DAKOTA

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased today to honor a community in North Dakota that is celebrating its 125th anniversary. On June 14 to 17, the residents of Washburn, ND, will celebrate their community's history and founding.

Washburn is a small town in the central part of North Dakota with a population of 1,389. Despite its small size, Washburn holds an important place in North Dakota's history. The Lewis & Clark Expedition spent the winter at Fort Mandan, near where the town would eventually be located. Washburn was founded in 1882 along the Missouri River and named for Cadwallader Colden Washburn, a Civil War general, Congressman, and Governor of Wisconsin. "King" John Satterlund was one of the town's first leaders. Washburn was incorporated as a city in 1902 when the Soo Line Railroad came to town.

Over the last 125 years, Washburn has remained a strong community. The energy industry provides the driving

force in the local economy. Washburn's residents are very proud of their community and enjoy the beautiful Missouri River scenery and quiet rural lifestyle. They continue to support the school, churches, and many other small businesses in town.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Washburn, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well into the future. It is clear that Washburn has a proud past and a bright future. By honoring Washburn and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Washburn that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why it is deserving of our recognition.●

#### RECOGNIZING DAVENPORT, NORTH DAKOTA

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. On June 8 to 10, the residents of Davenport will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Davenport, a railroad town located in Cass County just 20 miles southwest of Fargo, is a community of about 261 people. The city was founded in 1882 and platted by G.F. Channing and Henry D. Cooke, Jr. The post office was established April 6, 1882, and Davenport was organized into a city in 1895. Channing named the town for Mary Buckland Davenport, a friend from Massachusetts and the second wife of William Claflin, who was the Governor of Massachusetts from 1869 to 1872.

Davenport has plenty to offer its residents and visitors. Young couples and families are drawn to Davenport as it offers an escape from the big city, more affordable housing, and an opportunity to raise children in a more rural setting. Businesses in Davenport include a bar and restaurant, a beauty shop, and additional home-based businesses. The town also has a park called Tuskind Park, named after the Davenport family that used to own the grocery store.

The 125th celebration in the town where Mayor Jason Lotzer notes, "everybody knows everybody," will include a "Wagon Train," karaoke, a parade, a silent auction, all school reunion, and a variety of activities in Tuskind Park.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Davenport, ND, and its residents on their first 125