

water quality conditions of over 500 California beaches through its annual Beach Report Card.

Dorothy's work did not stop with Heal the Bay. She went on to found the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council to preserve, restore, and enhance the economic, social, and environmental aspects of the local watersheds. She also went on to help establish the Public Officials for Water and Environmental Reform and the California Water Impact Network—both dedicated to water sustainability.

Even to the very last days of her life, when she was bedridden and under hospice care, Dorothy fought for positive change. She wrote an editorial for the Los Angeles Times, pleading for sensible water policy, and she even provided specific guidance on how to obtain it. Dorothy inspired others to take action on environmental issues through a life of dedicated leadership and service.

Green is survived by three sons, Joshua, Avrom and Herschel; two brothers, Morris and Gerald; and three granddaughters, Jessica, Katherine and Tara. I send my deepest condolences to them.

Our Nation lost an amazing environmental activist with the passing of Dorothy Green, but her legacy to the State of California and promotion of clean ocean water will live on.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALLENSWORTH, CALIFORNIA

● Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Town of Allensworth, a town located in California's San Joaquin Valley founded by COL Allen Allensworth.

After his retirement, COL Allen Allensworth, who escaped slavery during the Civil War to serve with the Union Army, arrived in California in hopes of developing a settlement where hard work and a strong sense of community would enable the town's residents and future generations to realize their full potential as free citizens and without discrimination.

In 1908, the settlers eventually settled on a region located between Fresno and Bakersfield in Tulare County, a site with an abundance of rich farm land, a site that they would name "Allensworth" in honor of the Colonel whose belief in self-determination and liberty led them to central California.

In just a few years after its founding, the town of Allensworth grew from a remote outpost to a vibrant community with a school, church, and a number of thriving businesses. The library in Allensworth was the first in Tulare County. Allensworth was a close-knit community where residents often came together to participate in formal debates, plays, and a number of social activities.

After Colonel Allensworth's passing in 1914, a number of families remained in pursuit of his vision, and their dedi-

cation to the principles of freedom and liberty earned the town the title "the town that refused to die."

In 1974, the California State Parks purchased the townsite of Allensworth, and it became the Colonel Allensworth Historic State Park, the first State park that highlights the contributions made by African-American pioneers to the State of California.

Today, the Allensworth Historic State Park, where many of the town's original buildings have been restored and reconstructed, provides a window for visitors to see the vision of COL Allen Allensworth, a true California pioneer.

The story of the town of Allensworth's years is a testament to the value of freedom and determination. As its many admirers gather to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Allensworth, I thank them for their support and wish them a successful and enjoyable visit.●

REMEMBERING BRADLEY MOODY

● Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of a dedicated law enforcement officer, Officer Bradley Alan Moody of the City of Richmond Police Department. For the past 8 years, Officer Moody worked tirelessly to provide the citizens of Richmond with safety and service. On October 4, 2008, Officer Moody was tragically injured in the line of duty, and passed away 3 days later.

Officer Moody, 29 years old, was deeply committed to the city of Richmond. Shortly before his accident, he had received a commendation for chasing down and arresting two suspects carrying concealed weapons in separate incidents in August 2008.

A K-9 officer and a member of the Richmond Police Department SWAT team, Officer Moody was renowned for his extraordinary work ethic among fellow officers. He was also extremely personable; able to both fight crime and interact with youth in the community. Throughout his career, Officer Moody demonstrated a passion for law enforcement and commitment to helping others, qualities that enabled him to become a respected and model member of the Richmond Police Department. Officer Moody's colleagues will always remember him for his professionalism and devotion to serving the public.

Officer Moody was a loving husband, proud father, and devoted friend. He is survived by his wife, Susan, a former Richmond police dispatcher, and two young children. Officer Moody served the city of Richmond with honor and dignity, and his contributions to his community and the many lives he touched will serve as a shining example of his legacy.

We will always be grateful for Officer Moody's service and the valor that he displayed while serving and protecting the people of Richmond.●

TRIBUTE TO BARBRA STREISAND

● Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I am pleased and honored to pay tribute to the legendary Barbra Streisand, one of the most talented and successful female entertainers in modern history. For more than 40 years, Barbra's wildly successful career in music, television, film, and theater has enamored fans across America and abroad. In recognition of her great achievements and contributions to American culture, Barbra has been named a Kennedy Center Honoree for 2008.

Barbra Streisand was born on April 24, 1942 in Brooklyn, NY. The daughter of Diana and Emanuel Streisand, Barbra passionately pursued her dream of a career in show business from a young age. After getting her start in New York City night clubs, Barbra signed a contract with Columbia Records in 1962.

In 1963, the 21-year-old singer won two Grammy Awards, including Album of the Year. At that time, Barbra was the youngest artist to have ever received that award. Barbra has now recorded 60 albums, sold over 148 million albums worldwide, and is one of the highest-selling female artists of all time.

In 1965, "My Name is Barbra," her first television special, earned five Emmys and the distinguished Peabody Award. In 1968, she earned the Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance in her very first motion picture, "Funny Girl." In 1976, Barbra became the first female composer to win an Academy Award, for her song "Evergreen" from the film "A Star Is Born."

Barbra continued smashing glass ceilings when she became the first woman ever to direct, write, and star in a major motion picture. "Yentl" received five Academy Award nominations. She also directed, wrote, and starred in "Prince of Tides," which received even more nominations, including one for Best Picture. Barbra is one of a very few individuals who has won an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar, and a Tony award.

As her career continues to rise to unfathomable heights, Barbra never shies away from an opportunity to improve the lives of others. She has worked tirelessly on issues of national and international importance. Her commitment to social justice is demonstrated by the work of the Streisand Foundation—which benefits national organizations working on the protection of civil rights, environmental preservation, voter education, nuclear disarmament, and women's health. Barbra received the Humanitarian Award from the Human Rights Campaign in 2004.

Barbra's unparalleled talent, enthusiasm and commitment are reflected by the millions of individuals whose lives she has touched. We are grateful for Barbra's innumerable gifts, and I hope you will all join me in celebrating the remarkable Barbra Streisand.●

TRIBUTE TO VALERIE WOODRUFF

• Mr. CARPER. Madam President, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Valerie Woodruff—like me a native of West Virginia—upon her retirement as secretary of the Delaware Department of Education. Valerie, known to her many admirers in the First State as Val, has dedicated the past 43 years of her career to education and served the last 10 as Delaware's secretary of education, a position I was privileged to nominated her to when I served as Delaware's Governor from 1993–2001.

After receiving her bachelor's degree in secondary education from the Alderson Broaddus College in Philippi, WV, Val began her career in education as an English and social studies teacher at Bohemia Manor High School. She taught for 3 years before becoming a guidance counselor and beginning to work towards her master's degree.

After receiving her master's degree in 1971 from the University of Delaware in guidance and counseling, Val moved to Delaware and became a guidance counselor at Delcastle Technical High School near Wilmington. Five years later, she became the school's assistant principal. During her time at Delcastle, she also served on the Governor's Advisory Council for Career and Vocational Education.

Val worked on her doctorate degree in vocational education and curriculum development at Temple University while serving as assistant principal, then went on to become the principal at Middletown High School in 1984. She was an excellent principal, and her work did not go unnoticed. In June of 1990, she was selected as Principal of the Year by the Delaware Association of Secondary School Principals. During her watch at Middletown High School, the first school-based wellness center was established there. Today, in no small part because of her leadership, every public high school has a wellness center where students receive help and support to enable them to succeed in school and in life.

Later, Dr. Woodruff served as the associate secretary for improvement and assistance in the areas of curriculum and instruction at the department of education for 7 years. In 1999, I nominated her be secretary of education, overseeing the implementation of our State's education improvement plan which focuses on rigorous academic standards; objectively measuring student progress toward those standards; and holding schools, school districts, students, educators and parents accountable for improving student achievement. Val has emerged as a national leader among our Nation's chief school officers and has worked closely with her peers and with the U.S. Department of Education to develop and modify the Leave No Student Behind law and to narrow the achievement in Delaware and across America.

Val has a long list of accomplishments and is leaving big shoes to fill for the next secretary of education.

She is a member of many prestigious boards including the board of directors of the Council of Chief State School Officers on which she was president from 2005–2006, the Southern Regional Education Board on which she was the first K–12 educator to be elected vice-chair, and the Delaware Workforce Investment Board.

Dr. Woodruff also currently serves on the Vision 2015 Steering and Implementation Committee and is on the President's Policy Council for the Alliance for Excellent Education. In addition, she is a valued member of the Delaware Mentoring Council and of the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce Partnership.

Through her tireless efforts, Valerie Woodruff has made a positive difference in the lives of tens of thousands of students in Delaware and, in doing so, has enhanced the quality of life in our State for years to come. Upon her retirement, she will leave behind a legacy of commitment to education and to public service for generations to follow. I thank her for the friendship that we share, and I congratulate her on a truly remarkable and distinguished career. In closing, on behalf of the people of Delaware, I want to wish Val and her family the very best in all that lies ahead for each of them.●

RECOGNIZING MERCY CLINICS, INC.

• Mr. HARKIN. Madam President, I wish to extend my warm congratulations to Mercy Clinics, Inc., based in Des Moines, for earning the prestigious 2008 Acclaim Award from the American Medical Group Association. This award is an extraordinary honor, given annually to the medical group that best exemplifies delivery of the highest quality health care in the United States.

Mercy Clinics, Inc. operates health care facilities throughout the greater Des Moines area, and has a long history of innovation. The 2008 Acclaim Award is just the latest national recognition of Mercy's exceptional commitment to high-quality patient care—something we deeply appreciate in Iowa.

I prize my long-standing relationship with Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, the partner of Mercy Clinics. I will be forever grateful to the Sisters of Mercy for providing care to my chronically ill father, many years ago, at a time when my family could not afford the costs of hospitalization. He received not only quality medical attention at Mercy, but also a generous measure of caring and kindness that remain the signature of Mercy Medical Center and Mercy Clinics to this day. The way that Mercy has retained these traditional human factors while providing state-of-the-art, 21st century clinical practice is obviously a winning formula—indeed, an award-winning formula.

In presenting the award, the American Medical Group Association cited

Mercy Clinics' pioneering research into the best ways to care for people with chronic conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure. The staff at Mercy Clinics created a program called "Medical Home," which includes a team of "Health Coaches" who review patients' medical records and provide ongoing support for patients both face-to-face and over the phone, including advice on nutrition, exercise, and treatment management. Outcomes showed significant improvement in patient blood sugar and blood pressure control.

I salute the visionary leadership of Dr. David Swieskowski, vice president for quality improvement for Mercy Clinics along with the partners who collaborated to make this project, not only successful, but a national award winner: Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield provided grant funding to hire the first health coaches and whose "pay for performance" program rewards population based care; the Iowa Foundation for Medical Care who provided the Care Measures Disease Registry; Des Moines University who collaborated on health coach education and certification; Pfizer who provided initial health coach training in patient self-management support; the Institute for Healthcare Improvement whose IMPACT program model helped Mercy Clinics shape their program; and New Health Partnerships who also provided grant assistance. I also commend the commitment to quality and excellence that pervades the entire family of Mercy health care professionals.

I congratulate all of them for a job well done. I look forward to working with them—and benefiting from their counsel—as the new 111th Congress addresses health care reform, with a strong emphasis on wellness and prevention.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN J. LEONE, JR.

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Madam President, today I wish to honor Mr. John J. Leone, Jr. of Bristol, CT. A dedicated public servant who has served his community for over 40 years, John will retire from his position as president and CEO of the Greater Bristol Chamber of Commerce at the end of the year.

John has been head of the Greater Bristol Chamber of Commerce, the third largest chamber in Connecticut, for 18 years. Under his leadership, the chamber grew immensely, going from 450 members to 1,820. John demonstrated a remarkable ability to bring people from all walks of life together behind a project. He played an integral role in securing State and Federal funding for the extension of route 72, which will help commuters in central Connecticut and provide a significant boost to merchants in downtown Bristol.

John's tenure with the chamber was the capstone of a lifetime spent serving Bristol. He was the mayor from 1984–1991, where he was elected to four terms. Before being elected mayor, he