

(Mr. SANDERS assumes the Chair.)

RUNNING IT OUT

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, a unique event occurred in a Philadelphia Phillies baseball game last week. The Philadelphia Phillies' shortstop, named Jimmy Rollins, who was the most valuable player in the league last year, hit a looping ball into left field—which was an easy ball to catch—and instead of running it out, he ran at a very leisurely pace down the first baseline. The left fielder on the defensive team moved in and, in a very unusual play, dropped the ball. Instead of Rollins getting to second base, he was left at first base.

The Phillies' manager, Charles Manuel, then immediately benched Jimmy Rollins, the most valuable player in the league. He put him right on the bench because he did not run it out. That took a lot of guts, and manager Charles Manuel has been complimented on that, and I renew the compliment here today. But it is a great lesson, in my opinion, about the way baseball players ought to act and Senators ought to act and everybody ought to act. We all ought to so-called run it out, with that kind of intensity.

I am an avid squash player, and one of the maxims I have developed over the years is that I am never too far ahead to lose and never too far behind to win. The game is always in play, if you run it out. I think it has some applicability to all facets of life in things that all people do, in terms of the intensity of their activity. And I think we need a lot more of that attitude in the Senate and a sense of urgency to deal with the people's business.

This relates directly to the presentation I made a few moments ago on going back to the rules of the Senate on open debate, open amendment offering, and not filling the tree. But it is a great lesson to have that rule stamped indelibly of "running it out." So I congratulate Charlie Manuel. He took out a key player, whose absence could have been decisive even in that game because of Rollins' hitting and fielding ability.

But I think it is a great message and a great symbol for all of us to "run it out."

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

CORPORAL CHRISTIAN SCOTT COTNER

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the memory of Marine Cpl Christian Scott Cotner of Waterbury, CT, who died last week while serving our Nation in Iraq. He was 20 years old.

On May 30, 2008, Corporal Cotner's life was tragically cut short as he served his first tour of duty with the Marines in Al-Anbar Province, Iraq. His heroic service is remembered today by a grateful nation.

Friends and loved ones remember Corporal Cotner for his positive atti-

tude, his great sense of humor and his pride in serving the country he loved. It was while in high school, where he volunteered to serve in the honor guards and the ROTC, that Corporal Cotner decided to serve his country, and shortly after graduating he joined the Marines.

All of us in the State of Connecticut and across the United States owe a deep and solemn debt of gratitude to Christian Cotner and to his family and friends for his tremendous service to our country. On behalf of the Senate, I offer my deepest condolences to Christian's parents Graham and Karen and to everyone who knew and loved him.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING HARP COTE

• Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I have had the privilege of calling Mr. John "Harp" Cote of Butte, MT, my friend for nearly 40 years.

In 1973 when I was running for my first congressional seat, not a whole lot of folks knew me from Adam and the only people I was sure would vote for me were my parents. But everywhere I went I heard the same thing: "Go see Harp." So I went.

Harp took his time sizing me up during that first meeting, and I remember vividly the moment when he said those magic words, "I'm with you." I know his support made all the difference. I owe my first political break to Harp Cote, and I don't know if anything I've accomplished since then would have happened if he hadn't been in my corner from the start.

Harp is a pillar in Montana politics and a great American. He's a model citizen and a model father and grandfather. He and his wife, Esther raised 8 children and have 14 grandchildren. From his many successful business ventures to his leadership roles in just about every charitable organization in town—Butte, and indeed Montana, is a better place because of Harp Cote.

Mark Twain once said "I have found out that there ain't no surer way to find out whether you like people or hate them than to travel with them." Well, a couple of years ago, I lead a delegation of Montanans, including Harp, to China and India to see what we could do to create more good-paying jobs and open doors for Montana businesses. After 10 days I can tell you, there is no one I like more than Harp. His familiar smile and easy personality made the trip a great success. And I'm proud of the doors we opened while we were there.

In April, I asked Harp to join me in Washington, DC, to hear Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern address a Joint Meeting of Congress. Each Member of Congress was allowed to bring one guest, and I invited Harp because of his unwavering dedication to Montana.

As a Butte native and proud Irish American, Harp's attendance has al-

lowed him to further the Mining city's deep seeded Irish connections and heritage.

Like most folks in Butte, Harp has Irish blood in his veins, but he is a Montanan through and through. He is dedicated, hard working and one heck of a sportsman. His optimism, resilience and pure grit define Montanans and embody the western spirit.

I am lucky to have him by my side as we work to do what is right for Montana, making sure Big Sky country remains the Last Best Place to live, work and raise a family.

In 2006, Harp was on hand to welcome Irish President Mary McAleese to Butte. McAleese was the first Irish leader to visit the Mining city since 1919. During the visit, McAleese told a crowd: "You can be assured that Butte matters to us as much as Ireland matters to Butte."

I would like to echo President McAleese's sentiment.

Harp Cote can be assured that he means as much to Butte, and to Montana, as Montana and Butte mean to him.

As for myself, I know when it's all said and done and I look back on my career and my friends, one thing will be certain—one of the greatest honors of my life is the privilege of calling Harp Cote my friend.●

TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR J. SCHUT

• Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize the service that Arthur (Art) J. Schut has provided to so many in my home State of Iowa. Art is an Iowan that has dedicated over 30 years of himself to the disenfranchised of our communities. He has worked tirelessly on a local, State, and national level to provide care, counseling, and education for families, the public, and lawmakers to minimize the negative stigma and to secure funding and resources for those with addiction and mental health issues.

Art began his distinguished career nearly 40 years ago as a program director for the Des Moines Metropolitan YMCA working with youth gangs. Since that time, Art has served in a variety of roles working on behalf of those who suffer from the scourge of addiction and other mental illness. Art has served as a member of the University of Iowa faculty and as a clinical and treatment director. During this period in Art's life, he supervised several drug treatment and education programs throughout southeast Iowa, and he provided vital education for future substance abuse professionals through his position with the University of Iowa.

Art will soon be leaving the position that he has dutifully served in for 25 years as President and CEO of the Mid-Eastern Council on Chemical Abuse, MECCA. Throughout his service as the President of MECCA, Art has overseen the administration of operations and programs in three regions throughout

Iowa. These operations include outpatient offices in 16 counties, a prevention unit, employee assistance program for regional businesses and industries, a residential treatment program, and a detoxification unit.

Sadly, Art will soon be leaving the great State of Iowa, but he will be continuing the good fight against addiction and abuse. Barbara and I want to extend our gratitude for all the years of service and for the positive impact on all the lives Art has had throughout his remarkable career. We wish Art all the best in his future endeavors.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF TULARE, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of the founding of the community of Tulare, SD. After 125 years, this progressive community will have a chance to reflect on its past and future, and I congratulate the people of Tulare for all they have accomplished.

Tulare is located in northeast South Dakota, within Spink County on Highway 281. Originally plotted by Charles Prior in 1883, the town quickly grew as an important railroad supply station. There is some disagreement about the naming of Tulare, which tends to follow three different stories. The first story tells that when riding the train to Tulare, Mr. Prior encountered two men entertaining the passengers with tall tales. He was so amused by the time he reached his destination, he decided to call the town site "Tulare" after the "two liars." The second story claims the town was named after the "Tulle" weed that grows in the swamps, and the third story names the city after a Native America chief.

Today, Tulare has come a long way from its days as a railroad supply center. The town now boasts a variety of businesses, including those in both the service and manufacturing sectors. Coupling with those parts of the economy are the rich natural resources including the plentiful pheasant population which further aids in the prosperity of this community. The town also continues their long tradition of high standards in education that began here with the first 4-year high school and continues to thrive as the Hitchcock-Tulare School District.

Tulare has become a credit to Spink County and the State of South Dakota. The people of Tulare will celebrate their achievements June 20–22, 2008, with a basketball tournament, parade, car and quilt show, and street dance. I am proud to join with the community members of Tulare in celebrating the last 125 years and look forward to a promising future.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF CANOVA, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I recognize the community of Canova,

SD, on reaching the 125th anniversary of its founding. Canova is a rural community located in Miner County, and will be celebrating its quasiquicquennial the weekend of July 4–6.

The combination of the Homestead Act of 1862, the opening of Government lands, and the influx of railroads through the State all added greatly to the development of Canova in the 19th century. L.W. Aldrich and H.W. Eddy, both from Watertown, NY, bought the land around Canova, while F.D. Woodbury registered Canova as a town in 1883.

The town of Canova was built on the pillars of farming, faith, and baseball, boasting 8 State titles and 11 runner-up finishes. These activities serve to bring this close-knit community even closer together. While the school has since closed, it did bring about the birth of the Canova Alumni and the promotion of community health with the CARE Center.

Most South Dakotans call small towns like Canova home. South Dakota's small communities are the bedrock of our economy and vital to the future of our State. It is especially because of our small communities, and the feelings of loyalty and familiarity that they engender, that I am proud to call South Dakota home. Towns like Canova and its citizens are no different and truly know what it means to be South Dakotan. Even 125 years after its founding, Canova continues to be a vibrant addition to our wonderful State, and I once again congratulate them on this achievement.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF WILLOW LAKE, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of the founding of the community of Willow Lake, SD. After 125 years, this progressive community will have a chance to reflect on its past and future, and I congratulate the people of Willow Lake for all they have accomplished.

Willow Lake, located in Clark County, was originally plotted on the northeast corner of the lake in 1883. When the Manitoba Railroad was surveyed to come about 2 miles south of the city, the decision was made to move the town to its present location. Willow Lake grew with the evolution of the Manitoba Railroad to the Great Northern in 1890. A tornado and several fires swept through the town during the turn of the 20th century, destroying most of the primarily wooden structures. Shortly thereafter, the town fathers mandated that all Main Street buildings were to be made of brick to withstand the elements of eastern South Dakota.

Today, Willow Lake has come a long way from the days of railroad commerce. The town now boasts a variety of businesses in both the service and manufacturing sectors, including a grain elevator, multiple construction

companies, and a K–12 public school. The people of Willow Lake will celebrate their achievements July 4–6, 2008, with a rodeo, car show, fireworks display, and parade as well as an all school reunion which, as reported by Paul Harvey, is held each and every year.

Willow Lake is a credit to Clark County and to the State of South Dakota. I am proud to join with the community members of Willow Lake in celebrating the last 125 years, and looking forward to a promising future.●

CONGRATULATING THE SNACKS 4 EDUCATION TEAM

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I am pleased to join the friends and families of four remarkable young Hoosiers in congratulating their team's success in the eCybermission science, math, and technology competition for sixth through ninth graders sponsored by the U.S. Army.

Having won the ninth grade Northwest Regional Competition, the Fort Wayne-based "Snacks 4 Education" team of Allie Dembar, Andrew Reichle, Amelia Roebuck, and Darcy Whitney will now face three other teams in the National Competition to be held in Washington, DC, on June 24. These four students have shown considerable insight and leadership in the execution of their project promoting proper school-time nutrition. The team is led by adviser, Larry Lesh.

Each member should be proud of their accomplishments. I am especially grateful for their advocacy and the effort these young leaders have put forth to demonstrate the benefits of proper nutrition and healthy snacks on classroom education.

I hope you will join me in offering congratulations to all the participants in this year's eCybermission competition and best wishes to the many finalists.

I ask to have the following statement further detailing the "Snacks 4 Education" project printed in the RECORD.

The material follows.

(By the members of Snacks 4 Education)

In American schools today, many students arrive ill-prepared to learn at their full potential. There are a multitude of reasons for this, including not getting enough rest, not eating a nourishing breakfast, and not coming from a home that values education. As a result, these students in particular, and probably all students, have a time during the school day when they experience a low energy point. Our team of four students, after noticing the same problem in our own schools, hypothesized that having a healthy snack at or near this low energy time would help students to be more alert, more energetic, and better able to concentrate.

For our project, the team experimented in eleven classrooms in four schools, covering each grade from one through six. The experiments were run during three separate time periods. The team first had to determine the low energy time of the class. This was accomplished by asking the students through a questionnaire, or by allowing the teacher to make the decision, or by a combination of these two methods. In two of the experiments, snacks approved by the Fort Wayne