

Hague has a proud past and a bright future.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF KIEF, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased today to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. On June 21–22, the residents of Kief will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Kief is a small town located in the center of North Dakota with a population of 16. The land upon which Kief was founded was first homesteaded by a Ukrainian immigrant named Anton Bokovoy. In 1908, he sold half of his land to the Tri-State Land Company, which then sold the land to other settlers from Scandinavia, Russia, and Germany, effectively establishing the town of Kief. It was customary to give the first settler the opportunity to name the town. Anton Bokovoy chose to name the settlement after his birthplace of Kiev, Ukraine.

Kief grew throughout the years. In 1910, the town was able to construct a schoolhouse, which served the community's students until it was closed in 1959. Kief officially became a village in 1918. At that time, the town had about 300 inhabitants. The many businesses that opened in Kief made the town a pleasant place to live. Multiple grain elevators and businesses related to agriculture offered a livelihood to many of the town's residents. In their free time, residents of Kief could be found enjoying themselves at the outdoor theater, pool hall, and bowling alley.

Today, Kief supports three businesses. Krueger's Standard Grocery has been in operation since 1982. Recently, a long haul trucking company and a truck freight brokerage have been established.

Current and former residents of Kief will gather to celebrate the 100th anniversary. They will enjoy a parade, an ice cream social, and a street dance. Children and adults will play horseshoes, tug o' war, and other games throughout the weekend. Horse and buggy rides will remind celebrants of the conveyances of yesteryear.

Mr. President, I ask the United States Senate to join me in congratulating Kief, ND, and its residents on their first 100 years and in wishing them well through the next century. I believe that by honoring Kief and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places like Kief that have helped to shape this country into what it is today. I believe that the community of Kief is deserving of our recognition.

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125TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAKOTA, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I wish to recognize a community in North Da-

kota that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. During this year's July 4th celebration, the residents of Lakota will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

In 1882, Lakota, a Great Northern Railroad site, was founded. Lakota was named by Gov. Nehemiah G. Ordway for the Sioux word meaning "allies." Lakota's post office was established in 1883, and it was designated as the county seat in 1883. Lakota officially became a city in 1889.

Today, Lakota remains a small, proud farming community. Lakota residents enjoy many outdoor activities, from hunting to fishing in nearby Devils and Stump Lakes. Many residents take pride in the local golf course, Lakota Rock Creek Golf Course, saying that it is the "best course around." The community is home to the A. M. Tofthagen Library and Museum, which was recognized in 1991 as a North Dakota historical site by the National Register of Historic Places.

To celebrate the 125th anniversary, the residents of Lakota will gather for a wide range of events. An All School Reunion will be held during the same weekend of the anniversary celebration. Lakota will also celebrate with a variety show, banquet, craft show, parade, BBQ, a dance, car and motorcycle show, and lots of activities for the kids.

I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Lakota, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and wishing them well in the future. By honoring Lakota 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 Lakota that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Lakota has a proud past and a bright future.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW ROCKFORD, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize a community in Eddy County, ND, that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. From July 3–6, the residents of New Rockford will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

The Eddy County region was populated mainly by settlers of Scandinavian origin. The first pioneers followed the trail blazed by earlier Red River buffalo hunters. Later, they came by way of the Northern Pacific Railway.

In 1882, Captain Walter G. Dunn established his merchandise store and post office just to the south of present-day New Rockford. As the railroads stretched northward, townsites promoters appeared a year later. These advocates sited the settlement along the James River and initially called it Garrison. Since Garrison was the name of another post office, the settlers decided

upon the name New Rockford, derived from the area's river crossing.

Today, New Rockford is a quiet, scenic place of 1,463 people. The township anchors a dynamic farm economy and contains a 117-acre industrial park. New Rockford is renowned for holding the Central North Dakota Steam Thresher's Reunion every third weekend of September, where a unique collection of antique operational steam engines is displayed. In addition, the community's rugged pioneering tradition persists and has been passed on to hometown son James Buchli, an astronaut and American hero.

New Rockford boasts a vibrant natural heritage and offers some of North Dakota's finest wildlife habitats. Blessed to be near the Sheyenne and James Rivers, the town is a prime locale for fishing. New Rockford is also a hub for hunters because of the waterfowl, whitetail deer, and upland game that populate the area.

To celebrate their 125th anniversary, the people of New Rockford have planned a number of events, including pitchfork fondues, dances, children's games, and a fireworks display.

Mr. President, I ask the United States Senate to join me in congratulating New Rockford, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring New Rockford 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 North Rockford that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

New Rockford has a proud past and a bright future.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF REEDER, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased today to honor a community in North Dakota that is celebrating its 100th anniversary. On June 20–22, the residents of Reeder will gather to celebrate their community's founding and history.

Reeder is located in the scenic southwestern part of North Dakota with a population of about 181. The town was named after E.O. Reeder, an assistant chief engineer with the Milwaukee Road Railroad, which established a station in Reeder in 1908. By the end of 1908, it was a thriving prairie town with numerous businesses.

In celebration of the community's centennial, there are many activities planned for entertainment and to remember the town's history. Events will include a parade, variety show, bike races, dances, and plenty of food.

The centennial celebration will also serve as a high school reunion for the graduates of Reeder High School. The school closed in 2000, but the town has

turned it into the Dakota Prairie Enrichment Center. The community center is now used for receptions, basketball games, dances, and benefits. It also provides lodging for those who travel to the area to hunt, a popular activity in Reeder.

Mr. President, I ask the United States Senate to join me in congratulating Reeder, ND, and its residents on their first 100 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Reeder and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the pioneering tradition alive for future generations. Places such as Reeder shaped this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community deserves our recognition.

Reeder has a proud past and a bright future.●

HONORING FREDERICKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

● Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, today I highlight an innovative and incredible education program started by science teacher Brett Williams from Fredericksburg High School in Fredericksburg, TX. The SystemsGo Aerospace program promotes engineering, strong workforce skills, and improved academic performance by teaching high school students how to design, develop and launch rockets.

The program is a 2-year, junior/senior program in which first-year students design and develop remotely operated vehicles and unmanned aerial vehicles for research or industrial applications. Second-year students design and fabricate rockets for testing at altitudes from 80,000 feet to 100,000 feet. Through successes and failures, students picked up valuable life skills such as problem solving, testing, analysis, documentation, reporting, project management, teamwork, and communication.

We are facing shortages of high-skilled workers in our country. The S&P, Standard & Poor's, top 500 companies alone report over 140,000 vacancies for these positions. By developing workforce skills in tandem with engineering studies, the SystemsGo Aerospace programs is training the next generation of scientists that will keep our country globally competitive.

More than a decade after Mr. Williams and his students launched their first rocket, Fredericksburg High School has received many accolades including being the first high school to design and develop rockets exceeding Mach 2. However, the statistic I find most impressive is that 80 percent of students in the aerospace program continue to pursue degrees in engineering in college.

By inspiring the next generation of scientists, we are not only investing in individual students' success but also to the overall wellbeing of our economy. America's most valuable asset is her human capital. It is critical that we continue to encourage exceptional teachers like Mr. Williams, and pro-

grams such as the SystemsGo Aerospace in order to maintain our global leadership in innovation.●

REMEMBERING CARL KULCZYK

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I was deeply saddened by the death of Carl Kulczyk last week.

I knew Carl the way many other Iowans did—through his passionate commitment to the work of bringing hope and health care to underserved communities in our State. When Carl began his work with the Iowa Department of Public Health 14 years ago, there were just four community health centers in Iowa; today there are three times as many health centers, a migrant program, and yet another community health center well on its way to getting permanent funding. Carl never cut a ribbon or spoke at a groundbreaking, but let me say this: The expansion of affordable, accessible health care services across Iowa would not have happened without Carl's hard work.

But that is not all. Carl worked to support Critical Access Hospitals. He brought physicians from overseas to care for Iowa's sick and elderly. He nurtured the psychiatric physician assistant training program. And, in his final days, he was working to get Iowans better access to dental care.

There is an old expression that we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. By that measure, Carl lived a very good life, indeed. He gave his time and talents to securing quality health care for tens of thousands of Iowans, most of them children—people who otherwise would have gone without any health care. And though he was dedicated to his work, his first priority was always his family.

In my book, the highest praise for Carl—for any person—is that he was a good and decent man. He dedicated himself to serving others. He had a mighty heart and was beloved by those of us who had the honor of calling him friend, colleague, husband, father, brother, or uncle.

Carl had a very special blend of passion, humor, determination, high intelligence, and a sense of adventure. He worked miracles for people who so desperately needed a miracle. He took care of the least among us, while never neglecting his family. I, for one, will always be in his debt and grateful for his service to the people of Iowa. I extend my deepest condolences to his wife Pam, to his children, Caleb and Ezra, and to his entire family.●

TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK DAY

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, on April 24, 2008, 25 young men and women from Louisiana and the Washington area took part in Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day. I am going to submit all of their names for the

RECORD to show that they spent a day working the Senate with me and with some of the other Senators and have seen firsthand the work that goes on.

I want to acknowledge the MS Magazine Foundation that started Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day to thank them for organizing this effort where there are thousands, maybe perhaps millions, of young people who have taken a day out of their school work to go to the various places where Americans are working to contribute to making this country of ours a better country and this world a better place.

I ask to have the names printed in the RECORD for these young men and women and thank them for being a part of this special day and taking their time to come and learn about the workings of the Senate.

The list follows.

From The Bryn Mawr School: Alexandra Argo, Baltimore, MD; from Ursuline Academy: Kelly Francis Antrum, New Orleans, LA; from Ursuline Academy: Jennifer Baker, New Orleans, LA; from Lake Castle School: Anna Campbell, Abita Springs, LA; from St. Angela Merici School: Margret Domingo, Metairie, LA; from St. James Episcopal School: Ashton Eymard, Baton Rouge, LA; from St. Margaret Mary: Cameron Gerhold, Slidell, LA; from Georgetown Day School: Cleo Gill, Washington, DC; from Georgetown Day School: Camilla Herrera, Washington, DC; from Grace Episcopal School: Mary Snellings Inabnett, Monroe, LA; from LSU Lab School: Jeremy Jetson, Baton Rouge, LA; from St. Peter's: Marlena Jones, Washington, DC; from St. Dominic School: Ashley Landrieu, New Orleans, LA; from St. Dominic School: Claire Landrieu, New Orleans, LA; from St. Dominic School: Katie Landrieu, New Orleans, LA; from Our Lady of Prompt Succor: Alyse Lemoine, Dryprong, LA; from St. Dominic School: Sarah Mayer, New Orleans, LA; from Academy of the Sacred Heart: Natalie Lindon, St. Martinville, LA; from T.S. Cooley Magnate School: Hanaiah Morris, Lake Charles, LA; from LSU Lab School: McKenzie Prudhomme, Baton Rouge, LA; from St. Dominic School: Alexandra Sensenbrenner, New Orleans, LA; from St. Ignatius School: Mary Francis Seiter, Mobile, AL; from Georgetown Day School: Mary Shannon Snellings, Washington DC; from Ursuline Academy: Gabrielle Terrebonne, Gretna, LA; from St. Margaret Catholic School: Brooke Walker, Lake Charles, LA.●

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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by