

on both sides of the conflict who were killed and are now buried together in a cemetery on Main Street, or the cannon ball that remains lodged into the side of the Keeler Tavern, landmarks of this battle can still be found throughout Ridgefield.

This beautiful colonial town of approximately 24,000 people has historically been known as a farming community. Today it is regularly recognized not only for the high quality of its schools and tranquility but for its world class restaurants and inns. Considered right after World War II as a potential location for the United Nations secretariat building, Ridgefield has managed to retain its small town, New England charm to this day.

The residents of Ridgefield are rightfully proud of the town's rich cultural and agricultural heritage and have organized a number of activities to celebrate this momentous occasion. I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating my many friends among the good people of Ridgefield as they gather this year to celebrate their town's three centuries of history.●

TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR SCHUT

● Mr. HARKIN. Madam President, I would like to take this time to recognize Arthur J. Schut, a fellow Iowan who has dedicated more than 30 years of his life to serving the disfranchised in Iowa communities with his care, counsel and work to help individuals struggling with substance abuse. Arthur Schut, or Art as many people know him, has gone above and beyond the call of duty, devoting his life to substance abuse treatment in Iowa. And I would like to wish him all the best in his future endeavors as he moves on from Iowa to continue his efforts in other parts of the country.

Art has worked tirelessly to provide substance abuse care and council throughout the State of Iowa. He has fought to minimize the negative stigma surrounding those struggling to overcome their substance abuse by educating families, lawmakers, and the public. He has worked with great effort towards securing funding and resources for those with addiction and mental health issues. His deep passion for his vocation has led him to travel all across our great State and Nation for his cause, fighting on a local, State, and national level.

Art earned his psychology degree from Central College in Pella, IA, and obtained his master's in clinical psychology from the State University of New York at Albany. After obtaining his degrees, he devoted all his time to administering substance abuse care throughout Iowa. He has held positions as treatment director, clinical director, child psychologist, and community programming director in substance abuse agencies. He served as adjunct faculty at the University of Iowa, where he gave guest lectures and taught substance abuse courses. He ad-

ministers agency operations and programs in three regions of Iowa including outpatient offices in 16 Iowa counties, a prevention unit, an employee assistance program, residential treatment programs and a detoxification unit. In addition, Art has been the president and chief executive officer of the Mid-Eastern Council on Chemical Abuse, MECCA, in Iowa City and Des Moines for the past 16 years.

It is clear that Art Schut has a deep passion for treating and supporting those who struggle with substance abuse and deserves our recognition. His dedication and perseverance to his cause deserve immense respect and honor. Art will be deeply missed. He is an amazing role model, not only for his humanitarian efforts, but for his passion and zeal that can be seen in his devotion to his work.

Iowa is losing a great leader, but we can rest assured that Art's commitment to his cause will never waver and he will continue to make leaps and bounds to provide substance abuse care and treatment no matter what obstacles may stand in his way.●

HONORING HONOR GROUNDS LLC

● Ms. SNOWE. Madam President, today I celebrate an inventive Maine small business that is helping to support our country's National Guard and Reservist families. Honor Grounds LLC distributes its own brand of high-quality coffee to convenience stores and supermarkets, and a portion of the sales go to helping some of our country's most deserving citizens.

Honor Grounds LLC is an enormously innovative project of Dan Boudreau, who is a longtime coffee distributor, as well as Catherine and John Salterio, principals at Consolidated Services, a beverage distribution consulting firm in Minot. Several years ago, Mr. Boudreau, who is a Maine Army National Guard veteran himself, sought a unique avenue to give back to the Guard. Mr. Boudreau, together with the Salterios, developed a program to sell specially packaged Honor Grounds coffee and to donate some of the profits to assist military families.

They launched the company earlier this year and report that retailers have demonstrated immense support for the initiative. In fact, Hannaford Brothers, one of the supermarket chains participating in the program, generously waived its usual stocking fee for Honor Grounds in recognition of the program's significance. They offer three military-themed flavors of coffee—Reveille Dark, Five Star Joe, and D-Day Decaf.

All donated proceeds from Honor Grounds go specifically to The Patriot Fund, which was designed to concentrate money in the hands of groups that aid America's military personnel and their families. Already, Honor Grounds has succeeded in funding several organizations nationwide, including the Maine Department of Veterans

Affairs, as well as Tee It Up For The Troops, a golf fundraising nonprofit that supports the families of disabled and fallen servicemembers.

Honor Grounds coffee consists of choice 100 percent roasted Arabica beans, which translates to an exceptional cup of coffee. But more notably, each bag of Honor Grounds coffee includes the story of a member of the National Guard or Reserves. Each biography details the life of one of our Nation's defenders, the heroes among us. More than just a nice touch, these narratives provide a link between soldier and civilian, which makes the purchase of Honor Grounds coffee all the more meaningful.

To expand the scope of its reach, supplement its retail sales, and ultimately generate more funds for the Nation's military families, Honor Grounds recently implemented a fundraising partnership program. Schools, veterans and civic organizations, as well as other groups sell Honor Grounds coffee with their association's logo on the box, thereby promoting both the group and Honor Grounds. Notably, Honor Grounds donates an extra \$1.50 to that club's home State military families for each box sold.

Honor Grounds is not only a patriotic small business, but it also represents a truly creative approach to bolstering our Nation's support of those who serve. With the motto of "Helping Military Members and Their Families, One Cup at a Time," Honor Grounds is seeking to reinvigorate the gratitude our country's finest citizens have earned. I thank Mr. Boudreau and the Salterios for their selfless efforts, and wish them continued success in their magnificent achievement.●

TRIBUTE TO LELAND ROBICHAUX

● Mr. VITTER. Madam President, I wish to acknowledge Councilman Leland Robichaux of Houma for his dedicated service to Louisiana and the United States of America. I would like to take some time to make a few remarks on his accomplishments.

Mr. Robichaux started his career in oilfield services in 1964, traveling the world with his family as a result. He helped found the South Central Industrial Association 10 years ago, serving as the business organization's president from 2003 to 2004. Also active from the beginning in membership initiatives and infrastructure issues, he earned the SCIA's Tillman Esteve Award last year for his contributions. Outside his job as a salesman for Oil States, an offshore oil-and-gas manufacturer, he traveled annually with the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce to Washington, DC, to lobby for hurricane protection for the past 8 years.

Mr. Robichaux was elected to the Terrebonne Parish Council District 6 seat last fall. He represented the parishes of southwest Terrebonne, Donner, Gibson, parts of Bayou Black and

neighborhoods between La. 311 and Bayou Black Drive. The week before he was sworn into office, Mr. Robichaux learned he had two tumors on his brain, caused by cancer that started in his lungs. Despite his illness, he continued to serve his constituents and was open about his cancer diagnosis, and when asked about his progress, he shared information about his treatments and his determination to press on.

Leland Robichaux passed away Sunday, June 1. In his roughly 4 months on the council, he helped work on coastal-restoration and levee projects. He is survived by not only family members but also the grateful city of Houma and council who have lost a great man and great leader.

Thus, today, I rise to honor a fellow Louisianan, Leland Robichaux, and thank him and his family for his dedicated service to our State and Nation. ●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:52 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 bills, without amendment:

S. 254. An act to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

S. 682. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Edward William Brooke III in recognition of his unprecedented and enduring service to our Nation.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2268. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Mother's Day.

H.R. 3229. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the legacy of the United States Army Infantry and the establishment of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center.

H.R. 6028. An act to authorize law enforcement and security assistance, and assistance to enhance the rule of law and strengthen civilian, institutions, for Mexico and the countries of Central America, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 318. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the International Year of Sanitation.

H. Con. Res. 332. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

H. Con. Res. 336. Concurrent resolution honoring the sacrifices and contributions made by disabled American veterans.

H. Con. Res. 337. Concurrent resolution honoring Seeds of Peace for its 15th anniversary as an organization promoting understanding, reconciliation, acceptance, coexistence, and peace in the Middle East, South Asia, and other regions of conflict.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2268. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Mother's Day; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3229. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the legacy of the United States Army Infantry and the establishment of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 6028. An act to authorize law enforcement and security assistance, and assistance to enhance the rule of law and strengthen civilian institutions, for Mexico and the countries of Central America, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 332. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 336. Concurrent resolution honoring the sacrifices and contributions made by disabled American veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following concurrent resolution was read, and placed on the calendar:

H. Con. Res. 318. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the International Year of Sanitation.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3118. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to preserve beneficiary access to care by preventing a reduction in the Medicare physician fee schedule, to improve the quality of care by advancing value based purchasing, electronic health records, and electronic prescribing, and to maintain and improve access to care in rural areas, 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-6548. 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 "Consolidation of the Fruit Fly Regulations" (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0084) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6549. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of violations of the Antideficiency Act within the Department of the Army which have been assigned case number 06-08; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-6550. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary

of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of (11) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6551. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Michael B. Hayden, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6552. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Richard A. Cody, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6553. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TRICARE; Certain Survivors of Deceased Active Duty Members; and Adoption Intermediaries" ((RIN0720-AB07)(DoD-2006-HA-0194)) received on June 9, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6554. A communication from the Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the department's decision to convert to contract the bulk fuel storage and distribution functions at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6555. A communication from the Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the performance decision to convert to the Most Efficient Organization (MEO) information technology services currently performed at the Fleet Numerical Meteorology Oceanography Center; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6556. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Federally Funded Research and Development Center's Estimated FY 2009 Staff-years of Technical Effort (STEs) and Estimated Funding"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6557. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification that the retirement of a U-2 aircraft located at Palmdale, California, will not adversely impact intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capabilities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6558. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month report on the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13159 relative to the risk of nuclear proliferation created by the accumulation of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6559. A communication from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "2007 Annual Report of the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA)"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6560. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the national emergency with respect to the risk of nuclear proliferation created by the accumulation of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6561. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory