

had approximately \$78,000 in shares in the company through People Express. When my husband was 50 years old, Mr Frank Lorenzo did his usual number on the airline industry and placed Frontier into bankruptcy. Our shares disappeared, our pension was pretty much stolen to put in his pocket and we were left with no real future. We tried for 2 years to survive and save our house in Boise to no avail.

Now enter the price increases to drive our vehicles, heat our homes, and feed ourselves. The environmentalists have 'done a number' on their fellow countrymen by shutting down the ability to use our own reserves to help the country out. We are more fortunate than a lot of our fellow men but we still are struggling to make ends meet and see the need to cut back even more to survive.

Our oldest granddaughter is getting married in August in San Diego. We had plans to go down there for that. That will probably not happen unless we go further into debt to purchase either fuel for our vehicle or an airline ticket which will also need fuel to get to Salt Lake City and back. We are greatly disturbed by the rich, lining their pockets at the expense of those who thought that we could retire and survive. Heaven help those who still have families to provide for.

Let us open up our rich reserves, put the U.S. back into being a country that provides for its countrymen, with work in the oil fields, and a God-fearing, loving-your-fellow-man country. Greed, pride, and selfish people are dictating what we do in the Senate, the House, and those who pander to those who call the shots by 'buying' them off to take care of themselves.

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RECOGNIZING DEL TINSLEY

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the accomplishments of Del Tinsley; the 2008 inductee into the Wyoming Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Del's fascination with agriculture began as a small boy. He spent his summers helping ranchers in the community of Guernsey, WY. As the director of the Wyoming Office of USDA Rural Development, Del's enthusiasm for agriculture has become a lifelong career dedicated to Wyoming's farmers and ranchers.

Del's boyhood summers on the ranch soon developed into a successful tenure selling advertising for the Wyoming Stockman-Farmer. In 1990, Del went to work building the newly established Wyoming Livestock Roundup from a little known publication to the must-have newspaper for every major implement dealer and livestock auction in the State.

As director of the Rural Development office of the USDA, Del has successfully encouraged renewable energy development and business diversification within Wyoming's agricultural industry.

Over the years, Del has been a voice of wisdom for Wyoming's farming and ranching communities.

I am pleased to honor Mr. Del Tinsley on the Senate floor today. Del is a true steward of the land. Del continues to uphold the Wyoming heritage of farming and ranching.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. LOUIS ROADIES SOCCER TEAM

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, today I congratulate the St. Louis Roadies soccer team on their recent participation in the Homeless USA Soccer Cup. The Roadies were the first team ever from St. Louis to participate in this special event, which was held last month here in Washington, DC. I had the privilege and honor to meet personally the entire team and their coaches from Peter and Paul Community Services in my office here on Capitol Hill before their competition. While the team did not capture the title, I am proud of their performance and representation of the St. Louis community and my home State of Missouri. However, I am even prouder of their personal perseverance and commitment to self-improvement after experiencing the terrible plight of homelessness.

According to the organizers of the Homeless World Cup, about 77 percent of participants in the 48-team tournament go on to better their lives through employment, housing, education and/or drug and alcohol treatment. The founders of the event believe that it provides an opportunity for these men to express actively themselves through organized competition to build character and positive individuality. Based on their performance, I agree.

The six-man team from St. Louis was made up of men who were recently homeless. Unfortunately, many others suffer from the plight of homelessness. It is frankly a national tragedy that we can and must end. Nevertheless, the spirit of the Roadies and others who participated in the Homeless Soccer USA Cup gives us significant hope that we can end homelessness.

All six men and their coaches deserve high praise. I personally congratulate the six players, Oscar Grandberry, Daniel Blue, Doug Carter, Labon Smith, Marcus Davis, and Vince Steiniger; and the coaches, assistant coach Dena Emmanuelle, coach David Flomo, and coach Keith Deisner.

Let me highlight one of the players named Oscar Grandberry who played goalie for the Roadies. His play earned him a spot on the U.S. national homeless team as an alternate. He is an amazing story of determination. Oscar is a native Liberian and former child soldier who is now on his way to completing a second master's degree from St. Louis University. Oscar and Team USA will travel to Melbourne, Australia, later this year to compete in the sixth annual Homeless World Cup and I wish them my best.

The Roadies placed third in the beginners' bracket of the USA Cup and earned the Cup's Fair Play Award. This award is annually granted to the team "showing the best in human spirit and embodying what the tournament is all about." As an addition to the already

exceptional sporting culture of St. Louis and the State of Missouri, the Roadies are an inspiration to, and an excellent representation of, the great people of St. Louis.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF ALBANY

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to recognize the 100th anniversary of the city of Albany, located in Alameda County, CA.

The city of Albany, formerly known as Ocean View, was incorporated as Ocean View in September 1908. In 1909, voters changed the name of the city to Albany in honor of the birthplace of the city's first mayor, Frank Roberts. This year, we celebrate its centennial anniversary. Well-recognized for its prominent landmark, Albany Hill, the city of Albany has charmed residents and visitors alike for decades.

Situated on the eastern shore of the San Francisco Bay in northern Alameda County, Albany's waterfront has undergone significant changes over the last 100 years. From the renovation of the Albany Bulb to the city's involvement in Eastshore State Park, the city of Albany has taken dramatic steps to promote a greener, more sustainable city. These efforts were rewarded in 2008 when Albany was named one of California's greenest cities.

Solano Avenue, the principal shopping street in Albany, traverses the city from east to west, while San Pablo Avenue, its other major commercial street, runs north to south. These two streets account for the majority of commerce in the city. Solano Avenue is also host to the annual Solano Stroll, which is held on the second Sunday of every September. This event began in 1974 and has since been designated by the Library of Congress as a National Local Legacy. Another local landmark to be found in Albany is Golden Gate Fields, the only horse racing track in the San Francisco Bay Area.

I congratulate the city of Albany on this special occasion of its 100th birthday and salute its wonderful community spirit.●

CITY OF KINGSBURG'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the city of Kingsburg, a family-oriented community located in California's San Joaquin Valley.

The story about the city of Kingsburg, like many other communities throughout the San Joaquin Valley, can be traced to its fertile soils, Mediterranean climate, and industrious population. In the early 1870s, the lure of a better and more stable life prompted two Swedish natives to settle in a Central Pacific Railroad town called Kings River Switch. In 1874, the site for the present-day town site was

drawn up and the name was changed to Kingsbury. Two years later, the name was changed to Kingsburgh to reflect the Swedish heritage of many of the town's residents. In 1894, the city's name took on its current spelling, Kingsburg. On May 19, 1908, the city of Kingsburg officially became an incorporated city in Fresno County.

The city of Kingsburg has grown from a sleepy railroad town, at its founding, to a vibrant community of nearly 10,000 that rests in the middle of one of the most dynamic regions of California. Kingsburg is where Olympic legend Rafer Johnson and his brother, Pro Football Hall of Famer, Jimmy Johnson, spent their formative years and honed their athletic skills. Today the city of Kingsburg proudly embraces its Swedish heritage and its status as the "Swedish Village." The city's landscape features distinctive Swedish architecture and brightly painted Dala horses, traditional wooden statuettes of horses and a national symbol of Sweden.

If its first century is any indication, it is clear that the city of Kingsburg will continue to grow and reach new heights in the years to come. The story of the city's first one hundred years is a testament to the value of community. As the residents of Kingsburg gather to celebrate this auspicious occasion, I congratulate them on their centennial anniversary and wish them continued good fortune and success.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize the 100th anniversary of the University of California, Davis.

U.C. Davis began as a public land-grant university in 1905 when California Governor George Pardee signed into law an act establishing a university farm school for the University of California. One year after the act was signed, the small town of Davisville, today known as Davis, was selected as the site for the University Farm. The campus was established largely due to the vision of Peter J. Shields, then-secretary of the California State Agriculture Society, who was dissatisfied by the fact California students were choosing to attend out-of-state universities due to the lack of programs offered by the University of California.

The official opening of the University Farm was in January 1909 with a student body of 18 students from the University of California, Berkeley on a 778-acre campus. The campus opened with 16 regular instructors from U.C. Berkeley's College of Agriculture and 12 non-resident instructors. In 1922, the University Farm was renamed the Northern Branch of the College of Agriculture and expanded to 3,000 acres in 1951 to support its rapidly growing student body.

In 1959, the Northern Branch of the College of Agriculture was declared by

the Regents of the University of California as the seventh general campus in the University of California system. Since its inception as a U.C. campus, Davis has become one of the most renowned academic universities in the Nation. In 1996, Davis joined the prestigious Association of American Universities, which represents the top 62 research universities in North America. It has also been ranked by U.S. News and World Report as the 42nd best university in the United States and the 11th best public university in the Nation. In addition, Washington Monthly ranked U.C. Davis 8th among all U.S. universities based on its contributions to society.

U.C. Davis offers its students 100 academic majors and 86 graduate programs within its 4 colleges and 5 professional schools. It currently ranks 14th in the Nation in total research expenditures, 2nd in agricultural research, 12th in life sciences, and 13th in biological sciences. Davis' impressive faculty include 21 members of the National Academy of Sciences, 13 members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 7 members of the National Academy of Engineering, 5 members of the Institute of Medicine, 3 members of the Royal Society, 2 members of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, 2 Pulitzer Prize winners, and 2 MacArthur fellows. U.C. Davis alumni account for 1 in every 276 Californians, many of whom have gone on to become leaders in their fields of expertise.

Today U.C. Davis has 30,000 students on the largest campus in the U.C. system spanning over 5,300 acres. U.C. Davis is the only U.C. campus with its own airport and one of two campuses with a nuclear laboratory and fire department. The U.C. Davis School of Medicine operates one of the Nation's finest hospitals which is regularly ranked in the top 50 by U.S. News and World Report.

As the community, students, staff and alumni gather to celebrate U.C. Davis' centennial anniversary, I would like to congratulate them and thank them for their outstanding commitment to education.●

HONORING DAN PACKER AND ANDY PALMER

● Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I wish today to honor the bravery of two fallen Washington State firefighters—Dan Packer and Andrew Palmer.

They lost their lives this weekend battling the dangerous wildfires burning in northern California.

Dan Packer fought fires for decades. He was chief of East Pierce Fire and Rescue in the Bonney Lake area and a former president of the Association of Washington Fire Chiefs.

This weekend, he was supervising the firefighting efforts in California as a member of an interagency emergency management team when his position was overrun by a wildfire following an "unexpected shift in the wind."

Andrew Palmer, from Port Townsend, was just 18 years old and on his first day of working the northern California fire line. He tragically lost his life when he was struck by a falling tree. He has been described as "extremely energetic" and "dedicated to his job."

Both of these men clearly illustrate the courage that firefighters across this country exemplify every time they go to work . . . starting on day one.

An unknown firefighter once said, "What you call a hero, I just call doing my job."

So today I ask that all Washingtonians, all Californians, and all Americans pause to think about these two men, their families, and the ultimate sacrifice they made just "doing their jobs" to protect their Californian neighbors.

They represent the best America has to offer: courage and selfless action. Their service will not soon be forgotten.

In fact, the deaths of these two brave Washingtonians unequivocally reaffirms the need to continue to work to protect and prepare these brave Americans for the danger they face every day.

Since 1910, more than 900 wildland firefighters have lost their lives in the line of duty. And unless we take action that number will continue to grow every summer we send these brave individuals in to battle wildfires.

We must demand firefighter safety and training programs receive the funding they need.

We must track this training to ensure that every firefighter is equipped with the tools he or she needs to make it home safely every time. It is our responsibility and obligation—to Dan Packer, to Andrew Palmer, and to all firefighters across this country.●

CONGRATULATING CHERMACK MACHINE, INC.

● Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I would like to congratulate Chermack Machine, Inc., on its 75th anniversary. Chermack Machine was founded in Cameron, WI, in 1933. It has played a significant role in the defense of our Nation with manufacture of war materials for the United States during World War II.

From humble beginnings, this business has become a full service operation specializing in assembly, welding, automated sawing, custom prototyping, production machining and conventional machining. Chermack Machine, Inc. is a wonderful example of American small business where commitment to quality products and customer satisfaction are dominant business principles.

Chermack Machine's dedication to exceeding client expectations and helping our Nation compel me to congratulate them on their 75th anniversary.●