

efficiently then we can now and yet our government chooses not to build more refineries and sink more oil wells. Supply and demand still runs any business and yet if we were to increase supply, we could still make a healthy profit. Enough to pay for the refineries in a hurry and to put more research into alternative fuels. Not to mention lower dramatically the prices not only at the pump, but everywhere else as well. We might even start to help replenish our failing Social Security and pay down our national debt. Business sense is what we need in Washington. Reagan Economics that helps to build for the future, not run our great nation further into the ground. We do not need more taxes; we need more initiative in Washington. We need leaders that put the interests of the people first and the world second. We need to use what we have while developing new technology for the future. We need some good old fashion farm boy "fix it"—live within your means, balance your own check-book logic. Occam's Razor says that "the simplest answer is usually the best one". We do not need bickering and fighting; we need cooperation. We do not need pork bellies and hidden agendas; we need playing well in the sandbox. We do not need environmentalists dictating to us; we need people who look out for the environment while utilizing in the best way we can, the resources that we have. We need to tap into the creative genius of a nation that has continued to wow the world for over 200 years. We need God and we need to humble ourselves enough to see the other person's ideas for what they are, [accept] what we can use and build together the nation we have had in the past. It is time to put away selfishness and start working with each other toward a stronger more sound America.

Remember that people cannot create and press forward when they can hear nothing but their bellies growling and feel the discomfort of not having their physical needs met. It is when their physical needs are met that they can concentrate on other higher creative thought processes.

Fuel has brought us down in a hurry of late and is a great place to start to bring us back up. Roll up your sleeves and get to work. Supply and demand is still what runs a business, and it seems that we have more than enough supply of professional politicians, saying one thing and doing another or just plain ignoring what we the people say, each of you know where that leads. Be the one to stand shoulder to shoulder with those that have Americas best interest at heart and make a change for the better. We sure do need it if we are to survive.

STEVEN, *Idaho Falls.*

Thank you for giving the people the opportunity to be involved. There is definitely a need for concern about the energy crisis, economy and environmental impacts. These problems are linked and have been around for a long time. They are only going to get worse unless we take stronger action now. There is a solution for the crisis and there always has been. The solution is to unite the people for the cause. "For united we stand and divided we fall".

The following are topics that can immediately be addressed: (1) personal choices; (2) clean energy economy; (3) adoption of renewables; (4) enhanced energy efficiencies; (5) innovative leadership. Visit www.wecansolveit.org for more details.

My story is to get involved and encourage others to get involved! We can start with personal choices by using products and technologies that enhance energy efficiencies such as light bulbs, water saving and efficient toilets, dishwashers, clothes washers, moisture controlled sprinkler systems, biodegradable products, etc.

Fuel reformulators would increase fuel economy by as much 20% and decrease hydrocarbons in the atmosphere by at least 30%. A bridge over troubled waters? (If everyone participated in this one, it would be like taking approximately 145,000 cars and trucks off the highway nationally or 175,000 in the state of Idaho alone!). Visit www.forearthonline.com/EarthLink

Recycle materials and Vote for candidates who are for the people, for the cause, for the earth!

LARRY, *Hailey.*

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING ANDREA MEAD LAWRENCE

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on the memory and deeds of a remarkable American, Andrea Mead Lawrence, who passed away March 31 in the town of Mammoth Lakes in Mono County.

Andrea was born in Vermont, where she developed a life-long love of winter sports. At the age of 15, she participated in the 1948 Winter Olympics in St. Moritz, Switzerland. In the 1952 Winter Olympics she won two Gold Medals in the Olympic Special and Giant Slalom races in Oslo, Norway. She also competed in the 1956 Olympics in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. She was inducted into the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in 1958 at the age of 25. In 1960, she was the torch lighter at the Winter Olympics in Squaw Valley, CA. She remains the only American double-Gold Medalist in Alpine Skiing. Additional honors and her love of winter sports continued the rest of her life.

In 1967, she moved to Mammoth Lakes in California's spectacularly beautiful Eastern Sierra, a place that she fought to protect, for the rest of her life. Serving 16 years on the Mono County Board of Supervisors, she worked tirelessly to protect and restore Mono Lake and as a member of the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District, she saw that air pollution caused by the de-watering of Owens Lake was reduced. She founded the Andrea Lawrence Institute for Mountains and Rivers in 2003 to work for environmental protection and economic vitality in the region she loved so much.

Last summer, she testified before the Mono County Board of Supervisors in favor of the Eastern Sierra Wild Heritage Act, a bill that became law with the signature of President Barack Obama, the day before she died. Andrea knew that this legislation to protect nearly 500,000 acres of her beloved Eastern Sierra had become law.

Andrea Mead Lawrence passed away surrounded by her children, Cortlandt, Matthew, Dierdre, Leslie and Quentin, and leaves four grandchildren. She was 76 years old. Andrea had a remarkable and wonderful life and she will be sorely missed by all those who were fortunate enough to know her. She leaves a rich legacy that will continue to benefit present and future generations.●

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF CARIBOU, MAINE

• Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, it is with pride and gratitude that today I commemorate the 150th anniversary of Caribou, ME, which happens to be my hometown.

The early settlers of Caribou were brave, self-reliant pioneers who left the comfort and security of established communities behind to make their own way in the wilderness of northern Maine. I am proud that my ancestors, led by Samuel Wilson Collins, were among that intrepid number, and grateful that for six generations my family has been a part of this wonderful community.

I have great memories of growing up in Caribou, where my parents both served as mayor, and where my brothers now run our fifth generation family lumber business. I remember fondly starting the school year in August so that we could take time off to pick potatoes, working at the public library, and the fun we had going to high school basketball teams, especially during the exciting 1969 State championship season.

But more than anything, I remember what it was like to grow up in a place that had such a strong sense of community. We learned to care for our friends and neighbors and to value our family members. We learned to help those in need. And Caribou's farm and lumber roots taught us the importance of hard work. The lessons I learned growing up in Caribou have stayed with me my entire life and I know many others who would say the same.

This sesquicentennial year is a time to honor those who turned a remote settlement into a center of commerce, education, arts and recreation. It is a time to honor the valiant young men who served in many wars, beginning with the Civil War, and who have risen to our Nation's defense ever since.

It is a time to honor the people of Caribou who celebrate each others' joys and who share each others' burdens.

Mr. President, a couple of years ago, the television host and author Larry King asked me to contribute to a book he was compiling of short essays describing an all-important lesson the contributors learned growing up. I was delighted by the request and had no trouble recalling that defining moment.

One of my earliest childhood memories is of being taken to the Caribou Memorial Day Parade by my Dad. A decorated World War II veteran, with the modesty characteristic of all who serve our Nation in uniform, he would hoist me onto his shoulders so I could better see the parade. And what I was able to see was the entire street lined by the people of Caribou, taking off their hats and putting their hands over their hearts as our flag went by, their eyes shining with pride in their country and with gratitude for those who serve her. A community that joins together to honor its past and to face its

future that is Caribou. That is my hometown.

Mr. President, I am proud of what the people of Caribou, ME, have accomplished in building a great American community. I am deeply grateful for the many blessings that this community has given me, and so many others.●

TRIBUTE TO ADMIRAL ROBERT PEARY

● Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, today I wish to commemorate the expedition of ADM Robert Peary and his discovery of the North Pole 100 years ago, on April 6, 1909.

While Robert Peary was born in Pennsylvania, he was educated in the State of Maine, at Bowdoin College in Brunswick. He graduated in 1877. He lived in Portland and Fryeburg, and built a home on Eagle Island, which is now a State park.

A century ago, Admiral Peary and his men set sail for the North Pole in the Maine-built SS *Roosevelt*. They sailed through the frigid, ice-laden North Atlantic and froze the ship into a bay off northern Ellesmere Island. After more than a month of dog sledging over the moving sea ice covering the Arctic Ocean, Admiral Peary, Matthew Henson, and four Inughuit men stood at the northernmost place on Earth—the sea ice that marked the North Pole.

Peary's success had come after a number of previous failures and lessons learned. Nations had competed to get there; countless men had suffered trying to do so, and some had even perished.

The story of Robert Peary, his expeditions, and his attainment of reaching the North Pole is a celebration of the triumph of leadership, creativity and ingenuity.

Though traveling there has become significantly easier than it was in 1909, the North Pole remains a destination for scientists. The fact is, however, the North Pole of today is not the same North Pole that Admiral Peary discovered. The thick, multiyear sea ice that Admiral Peary encountered has disappeared. In the last 30 years, the Arctic has lost sea ice cover over an area ten times as large as the State of Maine, and at this rate the Arctic Ocean will be ice free by 2050. Global climate change is one of the most significant environmental challenges facing our country, and it has renewed scientific interest in the North Pole.

Today, visitors to the Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum at Bowdoin College can learn more about Admiral Peary's historic journey to the top of the Earth. In special recognition of the 100th anniversary of the expedition, the museum has brought together an impressive collection of objects that were at the North Pole on April 6, 1909, including an American flag that flew at the pole on that day, a page from his diary where he reflects on his accomplishment, and one of his sledges.

The people of Maine, and especially those at Bowdoin College, are proud of Robert Peary and of all of those involved in his epic journey. I am pleased to honor the anniversary of this historic occasion.●

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EITELJORG MUSEUM OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND WESTERN ART

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I am pleased to have this opportunity to recognize a hallmark event taking place this year in Indianapolis, IN—the 20th anniversary of the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art.

The museum's facility first opened its doors on June 24, 1989, and was one of the first cultural institutions to take residence in White River State Park, which has in turn become a vibrant hub of recreational and cultural activities in Indianapolis and greater central Indiana. A popular attraction since its opening, the Eiteljorg Museum continues to thrive. Recently, in 2005, it underwent an important expansion that doubled its space by creating a variety of new galleries, an education center, a café, and a resource center and library.

But it is not only its facility and its existing collections that are to be lauded, for the Eiteljorg is also actively engaged in supporting new generations of artists and their work. This is perhaps best highlighted through the museum's Eiteljorg Fellowship for Native American Fine Art and its artists-in-residence program.

In honor of this year's special anniversary occasion, the museum has planned a series of events for its patrons and the community. The festivities officially began last month, on March 14, 2008, when the new "Facing West: Celebrating 20 Years of the Eiteljorg Museum" exhibition was unveiled during a special opening day celebration. Celebratory events will continue throughout this summer and fall, however, and will include a lecture series, festival days at the museum and the holding of an anniversary gala later this month.

Like so many of my fellow Hoosiers, I take pride in the Eiteljorg's presence in our State and am thankful for its continued commitment to its mission: "to inspire an appreciation and understanding of the art, history and cultures of the American West and the indigenous peoples of North America." In the actualization of this mission, the Eiteljorg has reached a wide patronage of both local residents and visitors alike who have come to this unique and inspiring facility to take advantage of its wonderful offerings.●

TRIBUTE TO MIKE FIELD

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I want to talk for a moment about Mike Field, a man whose public service has done much to improve the quality of life for people in our home State of Idaho.

Like many Western States, much of Idaho is made up of large swathes of rural areas where it can be challenging to provide the housing, infrastructure and economic opportunities for those residents. Having grown up in the rural community of Grandview, Mike learned this firsthand. Raised by loving and civic-minded parents, Oscar and Francis, he saw the work ethic and generosity that was demonstrated within his own family and by his neighbors. It became a foundation he used as he built his career in extending the helping hand of the State and Federal governments to Idahoans in our rural areas.

He started his work in this body, the U.S. Senate, where he served under Senators Jim McClure and Larry Craig. Mike worked with fellow Idahoans and helped them sort out their difficulties with Federal agencies. Showing a deft touch with people, he became the Idaho State director of USDA Rural Development and later the USDA Farm Service Agency. In both roles, Mike naturally led and served Idaho's many farmers and ranchers, in part based on his days growing up and working with them. Mike then was appointed as a council member to the Northwest Power Planning Council, where he worked to provide an infrastructure for reliable and cost effective power that would reach many areas of Idaho. He also dealt with natural resource issues that impacted the livelihood of many in the rural parts of our State.

From there, he returned as the head of the USDA Rural Development IDAHO, where he has served over the past 8 years. In that capacity he has used his optimism and good nature to lead and motivate a team that has brought hundreds of millions of dollars in improvements to our State. He oversaw many positive changes in housing, drinking water and jobs throughout our rural areas. Mike built a strong trust between the different levels of government, tribes and agencies as he worked to improving the quality of life for rural Idahoans.

I cannot imagine what Idaho, and particularly its rural areas, would look like today without the efforts of Mike Field. Together, with his wife Debbie, they have greatly improved the lives of Idahoans with their dedicated public service.

I congratulate Mike for his many years of outstanding leadership and service to his fellow Idahoans.●

TRIBUTE TO AL SCHOCK

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Al Schock of Sioux Falls, SD, for his years of extraordinary service to his community as a member of the Downtown Lions Club. Mayor Dave Munson of Sioux Falls will be recognizing his lifetime of accomplishments by proclaiming April 14, 2009, to be Al Schock, Lion King Day.

Al Schock has been a dedicated member of the Downtown Lions Club since