

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF
BRADDOCK, NORTH DAKOTA

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased today to recognize a community in North Dakota that is celebrating its 125th anniversary. On June 25 to 28, the residents of Braddock will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Settlers first came to the area in 1883 and founded Braddock shortly thereafter, making it the oldest existing town in Emmons County. Located in south-central North Dakota, Braddock was established as the first railroad town in the county. Frederick Underwood, president of the Soo Railroad, named the town in honor of his good friend, County Auditor Edward Braddock.

Today, Braddock remains a close-knit community. Though small, Braddock is known across the State for the popular Johnny Holm concerts it hosts every year, as well as for the excellent hunting grounds in the area. The citizens of Braddock are very involved in their community and have many active organizations, including Saint Katherine's Altar Society, the Lions Club, the Senior Citizens Organization, and the South Central Threshers Association.

The people of Braddock have planned a lively celebration in honor of the town's 125th anniversary. Activities include a beard-judging contest, duck race, tractor trek, fashion show, outdoor concerts, and a parade.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Braddock, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Braddock and all other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Braddock that have helped shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Braddock has a proud past and a bright future.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF
NAPOLEON, NORTH DAKOTA

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I wish to recognize a community in North Dakota that is celebrating its 125th anniversary. On June 11 to 14, the residents of Napoleon gathered to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Founded in 1884, Geo H. Cook from Steele, ND, first surveyed and platted the Napoleon town site. The city was named after the president of the Napoleon Townsite Company, Napoleon Goodsill. This company constructed the first building in Napoleon. It soon became the county seat, a title the city still holds today despite numerous challenges over the years. In 1914, Napoleon became incorporated as a village and later was recognized as a city in 1947.

Located in south central North Dakota, Napoleon's beautiful parks and recreation provide its residents with great enjoyment. Napoleon Country Club is a picturesque nine-hole golf course located just 1 mile outside of the city. The Napoleon City Park has 12 campsites along with basketball, tennis, and volleyball courts. Beaver Lake State Park is also nearby which provides fantastic hunting, fishing, and boating.

Today, Napoleon is a rural agricultural community that is excited to celebrate its quasiquicentennial. Currently, Napoleon is building an elevator which will provide improved service to a unit train for grain hauling, and wind farm projects are beginning in the city.

To celebrate its 125th anniversary, Napoleon held a number of exciting events. The Opening Ceremony included music, city hall dignitaries, and a fly over. The festivities continued all weekend with entertainment such as a softball tournament, 4-H and Future Farmers of America livestock show, craft vendor show, 3 on 3 basketball tournament and a magician, followed by street dances at night. The events concluded on Sunday with a demolition derby.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Napoleon, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Napoleon and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great tradition of the pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Napoleon that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why the community of Napoleon is deserving of our recognition.

Napoleon has a proud past and a bright future.●

COMMENDING ERMA MARY
PALIANI

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, Washington is a city of big names and big personalities, many of whom are used to the recognition and praise that comes with a high-profile career in public service. But, as we all know, hundreds of thousands of unsung public servants work behind the scenes every day to secure the future of America and improve the lives of its citizens. Today, I want to pay tribute to one of those public servants, who is as deserving of the public's gratitude and recognition as any officeholder with a household name: Erma Mary Paliani.

On July 3, Ms. Paliani, who currently works for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, ICE, Office of Investigations, will retire after serving her country for over 67 years. Ms. Paliani, or "Ms. Erma" as she is affectionately referred to by her coworkers at ICE, is the longest serving employee in the Department of Homeland Security and the eighth longest serving employee in the Federal Government. Her dedica-

tion to public service is truly an inspiration and should serve as an example to us all.

Born in Ambridge, PA, in 1917, Ms. Paliani entered public service as a student at Ambridge Senior High School, serving as a youth worker for the National Youth Administration of the War Department in 1936. In 1940, she officially began her Federal career working for the War Department's Museum Project. In March 1947, Ms. Paliani joined the Immigration and Naturalization Service, INS, Philadelphia office. And 2 years later, she was transferred to the INS headquarters in Washington DC, where she has spent the last 60 years working to make our Nation's immigration system work more efficiently.

At the INS, Ms. Paliani quickly gained a reputation for her friendly demeanor, gentle smile, and steadfast commitment to government service. She is now retiring from her job as secretary to the deputy assistant director for the Critical Infrastructure and Fraud Division. Her long and productive tenure has been honored by many top government officials, including Attorney General Janet Reno, INS Commissioner Doris Meissner, Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff, and President Bill Clinton, who, in a note written to Ms. Paliani on the occasion of her 80th birthday, wrote that her devotion to her work "... serves as an example of caring and leadership to which we can all aspire." I couldn't agree more.

I extend to Ms. Paliani my sincerest thanks for her years of service and her dedication to this country that we love, and I wish her all the best on a well deserved retirement. I know that her friends and coworkers at ICE will miss her greatly, but I am confident that she will continue to serve as a model of hard work and commitment for all public servants to emulate.

Thank you, Ms. Erma Mary Paliani. The country is a better place because of you. We are all grateful for your selfless dedication to your government and your Nation.●

COMMENDING ALLAGASH
BREWING COMPANY

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, in today's uncertain and difficult economic climate, countless small businesses are seeking new tools and resources to stay afloat. That is why we passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act—to get our economy on the right track, and to help those business owners in need of a lifeline to outlast this recession. I rise today to recognize a small brewer from my home State of Maine that is making use of a critical provision that was included in the bill.

Allagash Brewing Company is a small brewery based in Maine's largest city, Portland. Founded in 1995 by owner Rob Tod, Allagash's mission was to fill a missing niche in American craft brewing movement—Belgian style

beers. Mr. Tod noticed the prevalence of British and German style beers, but felt that consumers were missing out on a quality product. And so, he began producing Allagash White, his version of the traditional Belgian white beer. It was an immediate hit in the Portland area, and Mr. Tod soon began shipping the beer across Maine. He also hired two additional brewers and embarked on the production of a new Allagash Double Ale, modeled after another Belgian style established by Trappist monks centuries ago, and still popular to this day. Over time, Allagash's line of beers has grown to include roughly 20 exquisite styles available in over 20 States nationwide, including a "Reserve" line of distinctive beers that have been fermented twice, through a time-honored process known as the *méthode champenoise*.

As a unique way to give back to the greater Portland community, the brewery has established an Allagash Tribute Series, whereby the company donates \$1 from the sale of every bottle of specific beers to local nonprofits, charities, and other civic organizations. For example, sale of the Fluxus variety helps the Allagash Pediatric Scholarship, established to support the training of nurses at the Maine Medical Center. Additionally, the sale of Hugh Malone Ale assists the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, America's oldest and largest coalition of State organic farmers with over 5,500 members. And Victoria Ale benefits the restoration of downtown Portland's Victoria Mansion, a national historic landmark.

In addition to caring for its neighbors, Allagash takes care of its own employees. Mr. Tod offers health care to all 20 of his employees. Furthermore, to invest in his company's—and, therefore, his employees'—future, Mr. Tod has already taken advantage of a small business expensing provision that was part of the Recovery Act signed into law earlier this year. The measure provides an extension for 2009 of enhanced section 179 small business expensing at a level of \$250,000, allowing small businesses in Maine and throughout the Nation to make investments in plant and equipment that they can deduct immediately instead of depreciating over a period of 5, 7, or more years. This offers entrepreneurs like Rob Tod the ability to grow and bolster their businesses despite the troubling economic picture.

A small brewery with a big heart, Allagash Brewing Company's commitment to community and employees is impressive, and a model for other small businesses. Additionally, Allagash is working in smart and effective ways to emerge from this recession stronger than before. I commend Rob Tod and everyone at Allagash for their stellar work ethic and their fine products, and wish them much success in crafting a solid future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H.R. 2346) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

At 11:14 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 614. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots ("WASP").

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

H.R. 403. An act to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans.

H.R. 780. An act to promote the safe use of the Internet by students, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1674. An act to amend the National Consumer Cooperative Bank Act to allow for the treatment of the nonprofit corporation affiliate of the Bank as a community development financial institution for purposes of the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994.

H.R. 2247. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to make technical amendments to certain provisions of title 5, United States Code, enacted by the Congressional Review Act.

H.R. 2470. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19190 Cochran Boulevard FRNT in Port Charlotte, Florida, as the "Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm Post Office Building".

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 403. An act to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 780. An act to promote the safe use of the Internet by students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 1674. An act to amend the National Consumer Cooperative Bank Act to allow for

the treatment of the nonprofit corporation affiliate of the Bank as a community development financial institution for purposes of the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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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-2011. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant Price Discovery Contracts on Exempt Commercial Markets; Final Rule" (RIN3038-AC76) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2012. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conflicts of Interest in Self-Regulation and Self-Regulatory Organizations" (RIN3038-AC28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2013. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, the report of proposed legislation relative to the Defense Cyber Crime Center: Authority to Admit Private Sector Civilians to Cyber Security Courses and the National Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2014. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, the report of proposed legislation relative to the National Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2015. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Richard S. Kramlich, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2016. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the E-2D Advanced Hawkeye (AHE) Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2017. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2018. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on