

shareholder" in GM and Chrysler, and it should divest its shareholder position as expeditiously as possible.

No one ever wanted the government to be in the car business, but the alternative was worse and the turmoil in the auto industry extends far beyond Detroit as most Americans know.

Dealerships across my State of Nebraska are feeling the impacts of decisions made by automakers following their bankruptcies. Chrysler has decided to terminate franchise agreements with 9 dealerships in Nebraska and GM intends to terminate franchise agreements with 21 dealerships in Nebraska.

These decisions are affecting dealerships and their employees in communities such as Arapahoe, Hastings, David City, Omaha, Auburn, Milford, Lincoln, Scottsbluff, and West Point have already been impacted by the auto bankruptcies. Auto parts manufacturing plants in communities like Kearney, Cozad, Grand Island, and Seward are also feeling the results of the downturn in the auto industry.

According to the Nebraska New Car and Truck Dealers Association, more than 13,600 Nebraskans work in jobs tied to the auto industry in my State and account for \$267 million in wages for Nebraska individuals and families.

However, now that an investment has been made, we owe it to the American taxpayers to be clear about what will happen with their money.

The resolution states that the Federal Government is a temporary stakeholder in the American automotive industry and should take all possible steps to protect America on taxpayer dollars and divest its ownership interests in such companies as expeditiously as possible.

The government should not be involved in day-to-day operations, and as soon as the auto companies have regained their financial footing the government must divest. Its involvement should not be open-ended.

Further, this resolution calls on the Government Accountability Office and the inspector general for the Troubled Assets Relief Program, or TARP, to continue providing oversight. In addition, the GAO and inspector general will report to Congress on automotive companies receiving financial assistance, so that the Federal Government may complete divestiture without delay.

This is not a partisan issue. Our deep economic crisis has already cost millions of Americans their jobs, and to add a collapse of the auto industry could add a devastating blow it would take years from which to recover.

We have had Presidents of both political parties recognize the need to address the current downfall of the auto industry and recognized the need to remove government involvement as quickly as possible.

On December 19, 2008, President Bush stated: "The actions I'm announcing today represent a step that we wish

were not necessary. But given the situation, it is the most effective and responsible way to address this challenge facing our nation. By giving the auto companies a chance to restructure, we will shield the American people from a harsh economic blow at a vulnerable time and we will give American workers an opportunity to show the world, once again, they can meet challenges with ingenuity and determination and bounce back from tough times and emerge stronger than before."

On March 30 this year, President Obama stated: "We cannot, and must not, and we will not let our auto industry simply vanish. This industry is like no other—it's an emblem of the American spirit; a once and future symbol of America's success. It's what helped build the middle class and sustained it throughout the 20th century. It's a source of deep pride for the generations of American workers whose hard work and imagination led to some of the finest cars the world has ever known. It's a pillar of our economy that has held up the dreams of millions of our people. . . . These companies—and this industry—must ultimately stand on their own, not as wards of the state."

So, to conclude, the government's move is aimed at providing stability for the automotive industry and for American workers across our great Nation in these uncertain economic times.

Our sense-of-the-Senate resolution affirms what the President has made clear: taxpayers should be protected and the government should get out of the auto business as soon as possible. Through this resolution, the Senate leaves no question about the government's future role in the U.S. auto industry.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY'S HOPE AWARD WINNER

Mr. REID. Madam President, I extend my warmest congratulations to John Ascuaga for this honor, as well as to his wife Rose and his entire family. I also commend the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for recognizing his contributions not only in the business world, but also for his generous philanthropic efforts.

John Ascuaga's Nugget for decades has been a first-class operation and a favorite destination of Nevadans and Americans from across the country. More than that, though, it has kept Sparks alive.

I have worked with John for many years. A first-generation American and a veteran, he has lived the American dream. And John would be the first to tell you he has done so with the support of his entire family, including his daughter, Michonne, whose leadership continues to keep the Nugget flourishing. Congratulations, John.

90TH ANNIVERSARY OF RENO RODEO

Mr. REID. Madam President, I rise to extend my warmest congratulations to Gordon Cowan, John Solari, and the Reno Rodeo on this historic milestone.

The Reno Rodeo is celebrated throughout Nevada for its first-class entertainment and dedication to philanthropy, which continues this week for the 90th consecutive year.

The Nation's third largest regular-season rodeo, Nevadans look forward every year to its cowboys' skill and showmanship and its preservation of the great traditions of the West.

Particularly this year, the non profit Reno Rodeo's contributions to Nevada's economy are significant—it draws 120,000 fans and generates millions for the hotels, casinos, restaurants, and stores in northern Nevada.

But the Reno Rodeo is not only important to our economy—it is a central part of our community as well. Incredibly, the rodeo is run by only two full-time staff members and countless volunteers. Since 1986, it has donated more than \$5 million to various causes, including charities, community partnership grants, and educational scholarships to schools including the University of Nevada, Reno. It has also given generously to literacy, high school rodeo and therapeutic equestrian programs.

Nevada is particularly proud of the Exceptional Kids Rodeo, which for more than a quarter-century has given children with special needs the opportunity to interact with the rodeo cowboys, animals and the exciting rodeo experience.

The "Wildest, Richest Rodeo in the West" is one of Nevada's oldest and proudest cultural institutions, and we wish it many more decades of success.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Mr. INOUE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to have the attached subcommittee memberships for the 111th Congress printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

SUBCOMMITTEES

Senator Inouye, as chairman of the Committee, and Senator Cochran, as ranking minority member of the Committee, are ex officio members of all subcommittees of which they are not regular members.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Senators Kohl, Harkin, Dorgan, Feinstein, Durbin, Johnson, Nelson, Reed, Pryor, Specter, Brownback, Bennett, Cochran, Bond, McConnell, Collins. (10-6)

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Senators Mikulski, Inouye, Leahy, Kohl, Dorgan, Feinstein, Reed, Lautenberg, Nelson, Pryor, Shelby, Gregg, McConnell, Hutchison, Alexander, Voinovich, Murkowski. (10-7)

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Senators Inouye, Byrd, Leahy, Harkin, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Mikulski, Kohl, Murray, Specter, Cochran, Bond, McConnell, Shelby, Gregg, Hutchison, Bennett, Brownback. (11-8)

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Senators Dorgan, Byrd, Murray, Feinstein, Johnson, Landrieu, Reed, Lautenberg, Harkin, Tester, Bennett, Cochran, McConnell, Bond, Hutchison, Shelby, Alexander, Voinovich. (10-8).

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Senators Durbin, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Nelson, Tester, Collins, Bond, Alexander. (5-3)

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Senators Byrd, Inouye, Leahy, Mikulski, Murray, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Tester, Specter, Voinovich, Cochran, Gregg, Shelby, Brownback, Murkowski. (9-6)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Senators Feinstein, Byrd, Leahy, Dorgan, Mikulski, Kohl, Johnson, Reed, Nelson, Tester, Alexander, Cochran, Bennett, Gregg, Murkowski, Collins. (10-6)

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Senators Harkin, Inouye, Kohl, Murray, Landrieu, Durbin, Reed, Pryor, Specter, Cochran, Gregg, Hutchison, Shelby, Alexander. (9-5)

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Senators Nelson, Pryor, Tester, Murkowski. (3-1)

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Senators Johnson, Inouye, Landrieu, Byrd, Murray, Reed, Nelson, Pryor, Hutchison, Brownback, McConnell, Collins, Murkowski. (8-5)

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS

Senators Leahy, Inouye, Harkin, Mikulski, Durbin, Johnson, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Specter, Gregg, McConnell, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Voinovich. (9-6)

TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Senators Murray, Byrd, Mikulski, Kohl, Durbin, Dorgan, Leahy, Harkin, Feinstein, Johnson, Lautenberg, Specter, Bond, Shelby, Bennett, Hutchison, Brownback, Alexander, Collins, Voinovich. (12-8)

REMEMBERING SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN ENEY

Ms. MIKULSKI. Madam President, this August, 25 years ago, Capitol Police Sergeant Christopher Sherman Eney died in the line of duty. I rise to remember Sergeant Christopher Sherman Eney and the great sacrifices of our law enforcement officers.

The men and women who make up the Capitol Police protect not only Members of Congress but all the people visiting Capitol Hill, from foreign dignitaries to Girl Scout troops. Sergeant Eney was a loyal and dedicated member of the U.S. Capitol Police. He served on the force for twelve years.

On August 24, 1984, U.S. Capitol Police officers participated in SWAT training. That evening, the officers wanted to practice a particularly dif-

ficult exercise just one more time. During this final activity, Seg. Eney was accidentally shot and killed.

Sergeant Eney's life was cut tragically short. He was 37 years old. He left behind his wife Vivian and their two daughters: Shannen and Heather. My thoughts and prayers are with Sergeant Eney's family as we remember that tragic day.

Shortly after Sergeant Eney's passing, Vivian spoke of her husband and other fallen officers. She could not have spoken truer words when she said, "It is not how these officers died that made them heroes, it is how they lived." Her famous words are forever engraved on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

It is up to us to honor Vivian's words. Twenty five years later, we remember Sergeant Eney as a man dedicated to risking his life for his Nation. He was a brave and courageous man. He lived every day protecting his country and the future of his children.

I am so proud of every U.S. Capitol Police officer who puts their life on the line. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking them for their service.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

STAFF SERGEANT EDMOND LO

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Madam President, I wish to express my sympathy over the loss of U.S. Army SSG Edmond Lo, a 23-year-old native of Salem, NH. Staff Sergeant Lo was killed while attempting to neutralize an improvised explosive device in Samarra City, Iraq, early in the morning of June 13, 2009.

Staff Sergeant Lo was born and raised in Salem. He attended Salem High School, where he became a leader of the Air Force Junior ROTC program before graduating in 2004. Lo was determined to join the Army after graduation, even turning down a host of college acceptance letters in order to enlist. He became a member of the Army's 797th Ordnance Company—stationed out of Fort Hood, TX—and was on his second tour of duty in Iraq.

In high school, Edmond Lo earned the nickname "Mr. Dependable." Those who knew him described him as kind, hardworking and strong-willed. Even after his first tour of duty, Staff Sergeant Lo kept a close connection to the community where he grew up, returning to Salem High School to share photographs from his first trip to Iraq.

New Hampshire is proud of Staff Sergeant Lo's service to and sacrifice for our country. He, and the thousands of brave men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces serving today, deserve America's highest honor and recognition.

Staff Sergeant Lo is survived by his parents David and Rosa, as well as two brothers and three sisters. He will be missed dearly by all those who knew him.

I ask my colleagues to join me and all Americans in honoring U.S. Army SSG Edmond Lo.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY'S COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the remarks given by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton at New York University's commencement ceremony in New York City, on May 13, 2009.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

THE HONORABLE HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON,
SECRETARY OF STATE

Thank you. Thank you so much. Thank you. And does it get any better than this, a graduation ceremony for one of the great universities in the world in the home of New York Yankees? Nothing could be better. And thanks to all of you for cheering a visitor. I didn't realize that was permitted in Yankee Stadium.

I am honored to receive this degree. And on behalf of the other honorees, I say thank you. Thank you for giving us this singular privilege of being part of this commencement ceremony. As I look out at this huge crowd of graduates, family, and friends, I can only reflect on what an extraordinary moment in history you are receiving your degrees, a moment in time of our country and the world where your talents and your energy, your passion and commitment is more needed than ever. There is no doubt that you are well prepared for a world that seems somewhat uncertain but which will welcome the education that you have received on behalf of not only of yourselves and your families, but your communities and your country.

CHALLENGES FOR GRADUATES

As Secretary of State, I am well aware of the challenges that we face. You, as new graduates, and your generation will be up against those challenges: climate change and hunger, extreme poverty and extreme ideologies, new diseases and nuclear proliferation. But I am absolutely convinced that you and we are up to the task. There is no problem we face here in America or around the world that will not yield to human effort, to cooperation, to positive interdependence that makes clear humanity is going on, our challenges are ones that summon the best of us, and we will make the world better tomorrow than it is today.

Now, I know that it is fashionable in commencement speeches to be idealistic, and that may sound so, but at the root of my conviction is a strong sense of reality. Because you see, I don't think we have a choice. We can sit on the sidelines, we can wring our hands, we can retreat into cynicism, and we know what the results will be: We will cede the field to those whose ideologies are absolutely anathema to people of conscience and faith all over the world. So our positive interdependence, which is a fact, will prepare us to meet these challenges. But they can no longer be seen just as government-to-government. There is a time and an opportunity, and with the new technologies available, for us to be citizen diplomats, citizen activists, to solve problems one by one that will give in to hard work, patience, and persistence, and will then aggregate to the solutions we seek. Now, I know we cannot send a special envoy to negotiate with a pandemic, or call a summit with carbon dioxide, or sever relations with the global financial crisis. To confront these threats and to seize the opportunities that they also present, we need to build new partnerships from the bottom up, and to use every tool at our disposal. That is the heart of smart power. But smart