

and allows these kids to enjoy a beautiful setting with others just like them.

This very week 85 children are in the mountains of Idaho at Camp Rainbow Gold. With an army of volunteers, Dr. McClusky is watching his dream flourish. The kids still attend free of charge. A full medical staff and a licensed social worker volunteer their time to provide medical and emotional support to the children.

As the camp grew, so did the vision to meet not only the needs of the kids with cancer, but their siblings and parents as well. Dr. McClusky's original vision has grown into two more camps: one for siblings and one for families. These camps provide a much-needed break from the demands of the intensive care required for a child with cancer.

Throughout the year, special outings are held to strengthen the bonds of friendships developed at camp and to continue the emotional support among families. In addition, a junior counselor program has been created to allow former campers who have turned 18 to continue their participation at Camp Rainbow Gold. They now offer their support and encouragement to kids who are in the same fight they, too, have fought. Campers and junior counselors are also eligible for college scholarships to help them fulfill their dreams.

It is, indeed, an honor for me to give recognition to Dr. David McClusky for his vision and many years of work in creating and sustaining Camp Rainbow Gold. I extend this recognition to the more than 200 volunteers from around Idaho who support the Camp Rainbow Gold programs; to the American Cancer Society for their backing and administrative support; and to the thousands of Idahoans and many others who provide the funds to make all of this a reality.

Congratulations, Camp Rainbow Gold, on this 25th anniversary.

CONGRESSMAN JOHN McHUGH

Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Mr. President, I've been proud to serve alongside Congressman JOHN McHUGH as a fellow Representative from New York and as a colleague on the Armed Services Committee.

Congressman McHUGH's long experience as a member of the Armed Services Committee has made him uniquely qualified to serve in the post we have just confirmed him to. As a member of that panel, he always fought to provide for the well-being and safety of our troops and to ensure their fundamental mission of keeping America safe.

He also held the distinct honor, which I now share, of representing Fort Drum—one of our Nation's proudest, bravest Army posts. These men and women deserve the very best from their representatives, and Congressman McHUGH did not fail them. I am confident he will bring that same leader-

ship and determination to benefit all Army families across the country.

As we work to chart a new direction in Iraq and Afghanistan, I am proud to support Congressman McHUGH's nomination for the Army's top civilian post. I congratulate Congressman McHUGH and his family, and I look forward to continue working with him to keep America and New York families safe.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CAMP AGAWAM'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

• Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Camp Agawam boys' summer camp in Raymond, ME, which is celebrating its 90th year on August 14, 2009. Agawam has an exceptional history as one of the Nation's oldest summer camps.

Founded in 1919, Agawam was owned and operated continuously by the Mason family until 1985. Throughout its history, Camp Agawam has provided a unique and exciting summer camp program for boys from Maine and from across the country. The talented staff and counselors at Agawam continue to carry on the Mason family's vision of providing a safe, positive environment for boys to make lifelong friends and foster skills through outdoor recreation and activities.

Agawam has made significant contributions to youth in Maine's local communities. Strongly supported by camp alumni and parents, the camp's Maine Idea program highlights the impressive commitment by Agawam to provide free campership opportunities to Maine boys. This is truly a meaningful investment in Maine's most precious resource—our children.

I congratulate and commend Agawam's talented staff, counselors, council members, camp alumni, parents, and campers on a remarkable 90 years.●

98TH BIRTHDAY OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI

• Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, this year we are celebrating the 98th birthday of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated. This week, thousands of members and guests from all over the world have come to Washington, DC, to participate in a week-long program of forums and seminars with a focus on leadership, brotherhood and service, known as the 79th Grand Chapter Meeting. The theme of this week's celebration is "A Call to Service: The Journey Home Continues."

The week's events commenced with a public meeting where members from the nine African-American Greek fraternities and sororities will gather in the spirit of unity. In addition, during this gathering, I was honored that Kappa Alpha Psi bestowed upon me their prestigious Humanitarian Award. This particular award is the highest honor awarded to an individual that is

not a member of the organization. I am excited to be joining the ranks of previous honorees including: Congresswoman MAXINE WATERS; Mrs. Lyndon Baines "Lady Bird" Johnson; Mr. Harry Belafonte; Mrs. Rosa Parks; and Drs. Bill and Camille Cosby, just to name a few.

I also would like to take this opportunity to commend Attorney Dwayne Murray. Dwayne currently serves as the 31st Grand Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, and is a resident of the great State of Louisiana. Under Dwayne's extraordinary leadership, the organization has initiated several community service projects, including "Sunday of Hope." Through this effort, Kappa Alpha Psi has raised well over \$500,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital during the past 2 years. In addition, Dwayne has also spearheaded the "Greeks Learning to Avoid Debt"—GLAD—Program throughout the Nation. This program will ensure that college students receive the necessary training to use credit wisely and remain financially stable through college and beyond. His administration is committed to the theme of "One Kappa, Creating Inspiration: A Call to Service".

Kappa Alpha Psi was founded on January 5, 1911, on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington, IN. Led by the vision of Elder Watson Diggs, it was founded by 10 God-fearing, serious-minded young men who possessed the imagination, ambition, courage, and determination to defy custom in pursuit of college educations and careers during an oppressive time in American history for African Americans.

Now, the membership has grown to more than 360 undergraduate chapters and 347 alumni chapters located throughout the United States and five foreign countries. Today, the fraternity boasts a membership of more than 150,000 college-trained young men. Among the famous Kappas are Wilt Chamberlain, Adrian Fenty, Cedric "The Entertainer" Kyles, and Tavis Smiley; and Members of the House of Representatives include SANFORD BISHOP of Georgia, WILLIAM CLAY of Missouri, JOHN CONYERS of Michigan, ALCEE HASTINGS of Florida and BENNIE THOMPSON of Mississippi. Additionally, there are many more prominent and influential men across America that represent the Kappa Alpha Psi brotherhood. Furthermore, both current and former members of my staff are proud to be members of this noble and prestigious fraternity: my former legislative director Ben Cannon, former regional manager Terrence Lockett, and my current capital regional manager Jason Wynne Hughes.

Kappa Alpha Psi has been an instrumental group in raising the profile of African-American men and has worked tirelessly to knock down barriers to advancement in our society. The brotherhood has consistently encouraged achievement in every field of human endeavor.

Members remain active for their whole lives and are encouraged to contribute to their communities. Each chapter has its own community service focus. The Baton Rouge Alumni Chapter, for example, raises money through its annual Walter Banks Golf Classic for scholarships for high school seniors and also sponsors several kids to attend Kappa Kamp—a rigorous leadership institute for elementary and middle school aged young men. Chapters all over Louisiana are similarly committed to their communities.

In the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, Kappas from all over the country came to the aid of hurricane survivors along the gulf coast and helped with our recovery effort.

It is with great pride that we welcome all members of Kappa Alpha Psi to our Nation's Capital as they kick off the countdown to their centennial celebration in 2011.●

REMEMBERING JOEL PIERCE SMITH

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to my good friend Joel Pierce Smith, Sr. He was a personal friend who passed away on July 30, 2009, and, along with his family, I mourn his passing.

Joel was born on February 13, 1929, in Samson, AL. After graduating from Florida State University, he went to work at the Birmingham News-Post Herald in 1953. This would mark the start of a newspaper career that would span five decades. Following his work in Birmingham, Joel served as the editor of the the Geneva Reaper for 3 years.

In 1958, Joel moved to Eufaula, AL, and was named editor of the Eufaula Tribune. A year later, he was named publisher. An avid journalist, Joel also edited and published the Cuthbert Times and News Record of Cuthbert, GA. In 1999, Joel handed over the editorial reins of the Eufaula Tribune to his son Jack, though he continued to write his weekly personal column, Candid Comments, until 2006. All told, Joel wrote Candid Comments for 51 years, never missing a week. He truly was an extraordinary newspaperman and, as such, garnered numerous state and national awards. These awards recognized both the quality of his work and his leadership in his community and amongst his peers. Among his honors were the Alabama Press Association's Community Service Award, General Excellence Award, and the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Joel was active in both the Alabama Press Association and the National Newspaper Association throughout his career. He served as president for both the Alabama Press Association and the Alabama Journalism Foundation and he held a seat on the board of directors for the Alabama Press Association and the Georgia Press Association. Additionally, Joel served as the Alabama

State Chairman of the National Newspaper Association for many years, chairing the latter's 1992 Governmental Affairs Conference in Washington, DC.

Throughout his distinguished career, Joel remained an active voice for progressive change in Eufaula. Among other things, he encouraged the reorganization of the Chamber of Commerce, promoted tourism in the area, and crusaded for the preservation of Eufaula's architectural heritage. He served on the board of trustees at Birmingham-Southern College for more than 25 years, where he became life trustee, and at Andrew College in Cuthbert, GA. Joel served on the Board of Education of the city of Eufaula and as a trustee at the Lakeside School. His good work was not overlooked in the community and he was honored as the Eufaula Kiwanis Club's Citizen of the Year in 2002 and received the Alabama Historical Commission's Distinguished Service Award.

Joel is loved and will be missed by his wife Ann Sutton Smith and his three sons, Joel Pierce Smith, Jr., Abb Jackson Smith II, and William Sutton Smith. Joel was an inspiration to many and will be remembered as an outstanding husband, father, editor, publisher, friend, and community leader.

I ask the entire Senate to join me in recognizing and honoring the life of my friend, Joel Pierce Smith.●

RECOGNIZING CARLISA BAYNE

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Carlisa Bayne, an intern in my Rapid City, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Carly is a graduate of Spearfish High School in Spearfish, SD. Currently she is attending the University of Nebraska, where she is majoring in agricultural economics. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Carly for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING SARAH JOSEPHINE EVEN

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Sarah Josephine Even, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Sarah is a graduate of T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre, SD. Currently she is attending South Dakota State University, where she is majoring in journalism and mass communication. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Sarah for

all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING LAUREN HAUCK

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Lauren Hauck, an intern in my Sioux Falls, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Lauren is a graduate of Lincoln High School in Sioux Falls. Currently she is attending the University of South Dakota. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Lauren for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING ZACH MULDER

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Zach Mulder, an intern in my Sioux Falls, SD, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Zach is a graduate of Western Christian High School in Hull, IA. Currently he is attending Dordt College, where he is majoring in political studies. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Zach for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING ALEXANDER NELSON

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Alexander Nelson, an intern in my Rapid City, SD, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Alex is a graduate of Fergus Falls Senior High School in Fergus Falls, MN. Currently he is attending the University of Arizona, where he is majoring in business economics. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Alex for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING NOLAN THOMAS SCHROEDER

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Nolan Thomas Schroeder, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.