

we stand beside them in this hope. As we commemorate today the terrible acts of a small group dedicated to extinguishing this very ideal throughout the world, we should, I believe, rededicate ourselves and our policies to advancing this noble goal.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, are we in a period of morning business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Yes.

TRIBUTE TO THE LOGAN COUNTY LITTLE LEAGUERS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the remarkable accomplishments of the Logan County Little League All-Star team. While I remember fondly the years I played America's pastime in my youth, none of my experiences can compare to those of these 10 Little Leaguers as they competed in this year's Little League World Series.

Despite its small-town feel, Logan County has produced a number of notable individuals, from astronauts and governors to NBA players and Major League Baseball pitchers.

So it is not surprising that a community that has already produced such notable figures would rally behind a group of 11- and 12-year-old players who represented the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Great Lakes Region in this year's Little League World Series. As the first team from Kentucky to reach this level of competition in 4 years, Logan County's All-Stars demonstrated their talent in the games leading up to their World Series bid.

When four players homered in the regional final in Indianapolis, the Logan County All-Star team set its sights on Williamsport, PA. Thankfully, their vision found support in the community. In order to afford the sizable cost of travel and lodging, the Little Leaguers and their supporters raised funds in all manner of ways, from selling steak sandwiches and auctioning off signed baseballs to holding a telethon at a local radio station.

The team played its first two games of the double elimination tournament against the West Region champions from Chula Vista, CA. While the Western team proved to be overpowering, Logan County's team demonstrated remarkable sportsmanship. As the proud winning-bidder of an auctioned T-shirt put it, "Their character is impeccable, and we know a lot of them . . . they behave themselves and they represent Logan County and Kentucky perfectly."

Regardless of what the scoreboard read, Logan County's All-Stars are

winners. Moreover, this experience stretches beyond moments played out between the chalk-marked lines of the field. These youngsters were able to meet and develop bonds with other players from countries all over the world. Several players described their trip with one word—"awesome."

It is with great honor that I place the names of this year's Logan County Little League All-Stars into the RECORD. Under the leadership of manager Kevin Gettings, team members Caleb Bruner, Joe Holliday, Zack Denney, Tucker Baldwin, Daniel Beaty, Desmon Quarles, Matt Harper, Barrett Croslin, Ian Woodall, and Jacob Wood made their hometown, their State, and this Senator very proud.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COMMENDING THE NATIONAL EXTENSION ASSOCIATION FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

• Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to inform the Senate of the importance of the National Extension Association Family and Consumer Sciences, NEAFCS, and its network of associates on its 75th anniversary. This organization educates and recognizes Extension Service professionals who work to impact the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities. These educators provide practical, research-based education to help improve the quality of life for families and individuals.

Providing adults and youth with the necessary skills and knowledge to help them achieve the best quality of life possible is paramount to creating healthy families and a healthy American economy. The Cooperative Extension System, part of the land grant university system, is a nationwide educational network funded cooperatively by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, State governments, and county governments. Extension system initiatives in nutrition, healthy lifestyles, early brain development, food safety, financial management, and building strong families enable citizens to gain knowledge and skills to lead full and productive lives.

Cooperative Extension professionals and members of the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences have been offering educational workshops, seminars, publications, media outreach, and websites to help individuals and communities for 75 years. I commend the NEAFCS on their 75th anniversary as well as the local faculty and staff who provide education that is critical to the quality of life in many rural communities.

I also urge the President of the United States to issue a proclamation to commend this organization on its 75th anniversary. The American people should become more familiar with these services and take advantage of the educational opportunities that

Family and Consumer Sciences educators offer through the extension system.●

REMEMBERING RICHARD CRITTENDEN

• Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, today, we mourn the loss of Officer Richard Crittenden, a true hero who gave his life in the line of duty. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, his son and stepdaughter, his grandchildren, the North St. Paul Police Department and the entire community during this difficult time.

On Monday, September 7, 2009, Officer Crittenden was shot and killed while responding to a domestic disturbance. On that day, he made the ultimate sacrifice in order to protect a citizen in danger.

Officer Crittenden was a dedicated officer who served the North St. Paul Police Department for 9 years. He is fondly remembered by those in the community as a "great cop." I join my House colleague, U.S. Representative BETTY MCCOLLUM, in saying that we are forever grateful for his service and bravery.

As we mourn his loss, let us also pay tribute to all the law enforcement officers who risk their lives every day to protect our lives. As a former prosecutor, I gained an unending respect for all members of the law enforcement community. They serve on the frontlines every day to protect public safety and our communities. Let us never forget their service and their courage.●

RECOGNIZING TEX TECH INDUSTRIES

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, 8 years ago today, we witnessed the horrendous attacks of September 11, 2001. Since that time, we have been engaged in a global fight against terrorism, and our Nation's military men and women have defended our country admirably and bravely. As we rely on them for our Nation's protection, they, in turn, rely on hundreds of businesses nationwide to provide them with state-of-the-art safety products. Today, as we mark this painful anniversary, I rise to recognize a small Maine company that is working every day to keep our military personnel safe by producing intricate textiles used to make body armor.

Tex Tech Industries, headquartered in Portland with an additional facility in the town of Monmouth, has been manufacturing textiles since 1902. Several years ago, Tex Tech began transitioning itself from a traditional textile mill into a dynamic, cutting edge leader in its field, and the company presently makes over 7,000 different unique products involving textiles, in part due to its remarkable research and development capabilities.

Of note, Tex Tech is the world's largest producer of tennis felt, the green material used to cover tennis balls. It

is Tex Tech's work with high-tech fabrics, however, that has been most impressive. From durable and well-engineered fireblocking protection for mattresses, aircraft hulls, and school bus seats, to small and precise components found in specialized machine parts like rollers for X-ray processing, Tex Tech's products have a functional, everyday use to them.

I am most grateful to Tex Tech for its stellar and critical work developing specialized body armor used to protect our Nation's servicemembers. Tex Tech's ground-breaking Core Matrix Technology is used to produce hard and soft armor, safety products, and hard composites for ballistic structural reinforcement. This distinctive invention effectively protects our Nation's law enforcement officers and military personnel facing danger. In particular, it is employed to create the body armor that is used on outer tactical vests worn by our country's soldiers in Iraq.

For its outstanding work and dedicated service, Tex Tech Industries has received prestigious national recognition. In particular, the Small Business Technology Council honored Tex Tech with its 2006 Tibbetts Award as a result of the company's work with the Small Business Innovation Research, SBIR, and Small Business Technology Transfer, STTR, programs, which provide critical seed funding for small businesses developing our Nation's next generation of innovations. The award specifically highlighted the company's contributions to the Maine economy and research and development field in the State. The SBIR-STTR programs are critical to the growth of thousands of companies nationwide, and I am proud of Tex Tech's success story.

Tex Tech has left an indelible mark on dozens of products we use every day; but on a larger scale, it has also contributed to improving safety for millions of Americans facing danger day in and day out. As our service men and women fight tirelessly to keep our country safe—and prevent another 9/11—I thank Tex Tech Industries for doing its part to keep them safe. Their commitment to our State and Nation are extremely laudable, and I wish them continued success in their multiple endeavors.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) announced that on today, September 11, 2009, he had signed the following enrolled joint resolution, previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S.J. Res. 9. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of France A. Córdova as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, September 11, 2009, she

had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 9. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of France A. Córdova as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1663. A bill to make available funds from the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 for funding a voluntary employees' beneficiary association with respect to former employees of Delphi Corporation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. Res. 262. A resolution designating the month of September 2009 as 'National Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month' and encouraging efforts to educate the public about atrial fibrillation; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 182

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BENNET] was added as a cosponsor of S. 182, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 491

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 593

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] was added as a cosponsor of S. 593, a bill to ban the use of bisphenol A in food containers, and for other purposes.

S. 846

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. JOHANNES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 846, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty.

S. 981

At the request of Mr. DODD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 981, a

bill to support research and public awareness activities with respect to inflammatory bowel disease, and for other purposes.

S. 1076

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. BURR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1076, a bill to improve the accuracy of fur product labeling, and for other purposes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 262—DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2009 AS 'NATIONAL ATRIAL FIBRILLATION AWARENESS MONTH' AND ENCOURAGING EFFORTS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. CRAPO) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 262

Whereas atrial fibrillation is a cardiac condition in which electrical pulses disrupt the regular beating of the atria in the heart, hampering the ability of the atria to fill the ventricles with blood, and subsequently causing blood to pool in the atria and form clots;

Whereas atrial fibrillation is the most common cardiac malfunction and affects at least 2,200,000 people in the United States, with increased prevalence anticipated as the population of the United States ages;

Whereas atrial fibrillation is associated with an increased long-term risk of stroke, heart failure, and mortality from all causes, especially among women;

Whereas, according to the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, atrial fibrillation accounts for approximately 1/3 of hospitalizations for cardiac rhythm disturbances;

Whereas, according to the American Heart Association, 3 to 5 percent of people in the United States who are 65 years of age and older are estimated to have atrial fibrillation;

Whereas, according to a study in the American Heart Association journal "Circulation", atrial fibrillation is recognized as a major contributor to strokes, with an estimated 15 to 20 percent of strokes occurring in people with atrial fibrillation;

Whereas the Journal of the American College of Cardiology estimates that the treatment of atrial fibrillation costs approximately \$3,600 per patient annually, for a total cost burden in the United States of approximately \$15,700,000,000;

Whereas obesity is a significant risk factor for atrial fibrillation;

Whereas better education for patients and health care providers is needed in order to ensure timely recognition of atrial fibrillation symptoms; and

Whereas more research into effective treatments for atrial fibrillation is needed: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the month of September 2009 as "National Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month";

(2) supports efforts to educate people about atrial fibrillation;

(3) recognizes the need for additional research into treatment for atrial fibrillation; and