

The existence of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League nearly paralleled the span of Ms. Kamenshek's playing career from 1943–1954. During her career, Ms. Kamenshek all-around excellence on and off the field earned her the admiration of many fans and the respect of her peers.

Ms. Kamenshek was undoubtedly one of the finest players in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. The league's all-time batting leader with a .292 average, she had a smooth left-handed swing that earned her consecutive batting titles in 1946 and 1947. The leadoff hitter for the Rockford Peaches, she used her speed on the base paths to create havoc for her opponents as she compiled 657 stolen bases during her career. An all-around baseball player, Ms. Kamenshek's work with the glove once prompted former New York Yankees first baseman Wally Pipp to observe that she was "the fanciest fielding first baseman that I've ever seen, man or woman."

Ms. Kamenshek would lead her team, the Rockford Peaches, to four championships before her career was curtailed by a back injury. A driven person who was not going to rest on her laurels, she earned a bachelor's degree in physical therapy from Marquette University after her baseball career. In 1961, she moved to California where she worked as a staff physical therapist, supervisor and chief of therapy services for the Los Angeles County disabled children's services agency. After her retirement from Los Angeles County in 1980, she continued to treat patients in acute care on a part-time basis for the next 6 years.

In 1992, the story of Ms. Kamenshek and the other women who played in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League was introduced to a new generation of Americans by the popular movie "A League of Their Own." In the movie, the character of Dottie Hinson, played by Geena Davis, was presented as the best player in the league and was named Dottie as a tribute to Ms. Kamenshek, who was affectionately known as Dottie to her friends. In 1999, *Sports Illustrated* named Ms. Kamenshek one of its top 100 female athletes of the 20th century.

On the field, Dorothy Kamenshek is widely regarded as the greatest female baseball player ever. Off the field, her legacy will be one of a pioneer who, through sheer talent and determination, achieved excellence in a sport that was once deemed to be beyond the physical capacity of females. Dorothy Kamenshek inspired generations of Americans to chip away at the glass ceiling to follow their dreams and pursue endeavors and careers of their own choosing.

She will be dearly missed.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF DANTE, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the 100th anniversary of the founding of Dante, SD. Small towns like Dante embody South Dakota values, and are the cornerstone of our State.

Dante was founded as a railroad town when a group of farmers were concerned with their ability to haul grain between Wagner and Avon. The farmers approached the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railroad to set up a depot between the towns. After getting a petition signed, the railroad expanded to the newly formed town. Planted in 1907, Dante was incorporated in 1912. Originally called Mayo after H.T. Mayo who donated the land to the town, the railroad company objected to the name. Mr. Mayo was asked for a name to which he reportedly said, "Call it Dante's Inferno for all I care!" In 1911, Dante had flourished enough to support the Dante Bowling Alley and Pool Hall. The school was opened in 1912 and stayed open until 1971.

To celebrate the town's anniversary, Dante will be having music, a softball tournament, games and more. With something for everyone, this weekend's celebration is sure to be an enjoyable experience as Dante comes together to celebrate this historic anniversary. I would like to congratulate the people of Dante on reaching this historic milestone, and offer them best wishes on the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. ANN SOUTHERLAND

• Mr. LEMIEUX. Mr. President, today I wish to bring special recognition to Dr. Ann Marie Phillips Southerland.

Dr. Southerland has elected to retire from Pensacola Junior College after 42 years of distinguished service. She first joined the faculty of the PJC home economics department in 1975 and was promoted as an assistant professor in 1978, an associate professor in 1981, a full professor in 1984 and department head in 1985.

Recognizing her devotion to student success and years of excellence in teaching, Dr. Southerland was appointed to the position of district director of vocational education in 1988 and district dean of vocational education in 1990. In this capacity, Dr. Southerland spearheaded efforts and initiatives to improve curriculum, instruction and assessment. She challenged her colleagues to empower students and ensure they would enter the world with the skills to compete and succeed in the increasingly competitive global marketplace.

The success of Dr. Southerland's contributions to Pensacola Junior College were measurable, and the college appointed her to assistant vice president

for academic affairs and career education in 2005. Yet Dr. Southerland's reach has been felt far beyond the academic corridors of northwest Florida. She has selflessly dedicated her time, experience and energy to causes throughout the State of Florida—serving as a member of the Council of Occupational Deans and working arm in arm with her counterparts in all 28 institutions in the Florida College System. What's more, her extensive body of academic literature has been published in numerous scholarly journals and periodicals.

I wish to take this opportunity to commend Dr. Southerland for her service and professionalism. She has been a role model and mentor for many faculty, staff and students at Pensacola Junior College. She has my sincere and heartfelt thanks for her devotion to educating tomorrow's leaders.●

DO THE WRITE THING WRITING CHALLENGE FINALISTS

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, the Do the Write Thing Challenge, or DtWT, is a national program that provides middle school students across the country with the opportunity to examine some of the most pressing issues facing their community. It encourages students to examine and confront the causes and the effects of youth violence through classroom discussions and writings. The focus is on preventative measures with an emphasis on personal responsibility. Since the program's founding in 1994, hundreds of thousands of students have reaped benefits from this community-based approach to addressing these complex and tragic issues.

Middle school students from cities across the Nation participated in DtWT. These students submitted creative and poignant essays, poems, plays, or songs about their personal experiences with youth violence. They wrote about the effect of violence in their lives and about how they can contribute to efforts to eradicate it. Students also pledged to carry out their ideas in their daily lives. This strategy, which empowers young people to make positive changes in their lives and communities, has surely had a positive impact on the communities in which these students reside.

Each year, a DtWT Committee made up of business, community, and government leaders from each participating jurisdiction reviews the writing samples and selects two national finalists. I am pleased to recognize this year's national finalists from Detroit, Karan Patrick and KeJaun Williams. Their creative pieces about youth violence are heart-wrenching and timely. Karan and KeJaun wrote personal pieces about the profound impact violence has had on their young lives and about the lasting consequences of their choices. They conveyed a deep understanding of the result of youth violence. I am impressed by the maturity they displayed

in confronting this topic and congratulate them on being selected as national finalists.

This summer, they will join other DtWT national finalists in Washington, DC, for National Recognition Week. While here, they will attend a ceremony in their honor. Their work also will be placed permanently in the Library of Congress.

I invite my colleagues to join me in celebrating the work of the DtWT finalists and the many organizers across the country who facilitated open discussions in schools about youth violence. Their work is an essential element in the development of local solutions to youth violence in Michigan and across the Nation, and I applaud their efforts.●

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF MANISTIQUE

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, the small towns and cities that dot this great Nation are at the core of our country's character and cultural fabric. These communities, and the legacy they embody, fashion the great American story through their unique chapters in this ongoing narrative. It is in this spirit that I recognize the sesquicentennial anniversary of the founding of the city of Manistique, MI. The residents of this great city will come together to celebrate this significant milestone with a summer of festivities.

This community in the upper peninsula was first named in 1860 by Charles Harvey, a businessman who sought to build a small dam on the Manistique River. He would first name the area Epsport, after his wife's family name. In 1879, Epsport was named county seat of Schoolcraft county, and a few years later, it was renamed Manistique Township. This area experienced a period of rapid development, beginning in 1872 with the relocation of Weston Lumber Company to Manistique by its founder, Abijah Weston. The rise of the timber industry spurred the creation of other industries, such as limestone, shingles, cooperage, a box factory, a charcoal iron company and a handle factory.

Like many small towns and cities in the upper peninsula, Manistique has navigated major shifts in its core economy. The timber industry peaked in this region around 1920 and, along with it, the city's population, boasting close to 10,000 residents, aided also by the expansion of the Soo Line Railroad to the area. As the timber industry declined, it was replaced by farming, limestone production and a paper mill, and after World War II, tourism emerged as a major industry. Nestled along the northern shore of Lake Michigan where the lake meets the Manistique River, this region offers tourists considerable natural beauty and countless opportunities to experience the outdoors in its natural state, from the shores of Lake Michigan, to the Seney National Wildlife Refuge, to Hiawatha National Forest, to name a few.

Manistique's sesquicentennial anniversary is a tribute to the strength and perseverance of its citizens and to the many that have played a role in the formation and evolution of this city from its inception. I invite my colleagues in the Senate to join me in recognizing this milestone, and I wish the residents of this city another century and a half of achievement and success.●

REMEMBERING DAVID CURLING

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to firefighter David Curling of Pine Bluff who made the ultimate sacrifice while working to keep his fellow Arkansans safe.

In late May, David lost his life after a 4-month battle with injuries he sustained when a wall fell on him during a January fire. A 14-year firefighting veteran, he was a lieutenant assigned to Station 3 at 30th Avenue and Ash Street in Pine Bluff.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to David's family, who mourn the loss of their loved one. David bravely and courageously fought to protect the lives of those under his watch.

Along with all Arkansans, I recognize the courage, bravery, and dedication of our Arkansas emergency responders, who risk their lives each day to keep our citizens safe. We must do all we can to honor and remember those who make the ultimate sacrifice, as well as the family members, friends, and fellow officers they left behind. I thank these public servants for their service and sacrifice.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF EUREKA SPRINGS CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I join residents of Eureka Springs in my home State of Arkansas to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library. Throughout the majority of the town's history, the library has served as a vital resource for children and adults of all ages.

Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library is one of four Arkansas library buildings built with funding by Andrew Carnegie. The building itself was constructed of locally quarried stone and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Libraries help build strong communities by promoting the joy of reading, the love of knowledge, and the excitement of discovery. As the mother of twin boys, I know that reading is the foundation for success in the classroom, and I encourage my boys to read not only at school but also at home. We must do everything we can to ensure that our Arkansas children have the books and technology they need to develop critical literacy skills and reach their full potential.

Mr. President, I commend the librarians, staff, and board members of Eureka Springs Carnegie Library for their

success in informing and inspiring their community. I encourage all Arkansans to make a stop at their public library today to share in the joy of learning and knowledge.●

RECOGNIZING THE EL DORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I salute the students, faculty, and staff of the El Dorado School District for their outstanding efforts to maintain the health and well-being of their school community. The district was recently named the Gold Award Winner of the 2010 Arkansas Healthy School Board, in addition to being named the 2010 International PRIDE Team of the Year for their efforts to prevent youth drug abuse and violence.

El Dorado was named to the Arkansas Healthy School Board for their efforts to offer healthier school lunches and healthy food in vending machines. As the mother of two boys, I understand how important it is for parents to make healthy choices for their kids and help them learn to make healthy choices for themselves. Obesity is a growing problem across our Nation, and if kids learn good eating habits while they are young, that knowledge will stay with them throughout their entire lives. In addition, kids who are healthy and feel good perform better at school and in all areas of their lives.

Unfortunately, many families in our country are unable to provide healthy, nutritious meals. More than ever, families are looking to programs like the National School Lunch Program to ensure children's nutritional needs are met. My Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 invests \$4.5 billion in new child nutrition program funding over the next 10 years, the most historic investment in child nutrition programs since their inception. This investment is fully paid for and will not add to the national debt.

I also commend the El Dorado PRIDE Youth Team, which was named the 2010 International PRIDE Team of the Year. PRIDE Youth Programs, formerly Parents Resource Institute for Drug Education, is the Nation's oldest and largest organization devoted to drug abuse and violence prevention through education. The mission of PRIDE is to educate, promote, and support drug-free youth.

For the past 4 years, the El Dorado PRIDE team has been nominated as one of the top three teams in the Nation. There are also 30 PRIDE members named each year to the National Team from all over the country. This year, three El Dorado students—Allison George, Tylor Ritz and Amanda York—were named to the national team.

Mr. President, I salute the entire El Dorado community for their efforts to keep their schools healthy and safe.●

TRIBUTE TO PHILIP LANDER

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, last Monday, our Nation paused to remember