

I greatly admired Robert's understanding of the cultural value and importance of family. He was a dedicated son, showering his parents, Marries and Frances, with genuine care and love. Robert's countless accomplishments, from his memorable vocal talents to his unflinching public service, will live on for many years to come. Robert demonstrated an admirable love of life and commitment to others, which ought to serve as an inspiration for all of us.●

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I pay honor to Robert Dean Moore of Mission, SD, who passed away on May 29, 2010, after a courageous battle with cancer. He is survived by his parents, Reverend and Doctor Marries and Frances Moore, and his brother and sister-in-law, Reverend Jack and Nancy Moore.

Robert dedicated his life to improving the health and well being of all Native Americans, including members of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, of which Robert was an enrolled member. This mission led him into public service, where he was elected as a Rosebud Sioux tribal councilman as well as being a member of the Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairman's Health Board. Robert was not only a vocal supporter of enactment of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act earlier this year, he was also a strong advocate for better research, education, and prevention of tribal youth suicide.

In addition to his dedication to public service and the betterment of his people, Robert lived his life with a strong foundation in his faith. He was also blessed with an exceptional vocal talent that allowed him to touch many across the country through performance.

Robert Dean Moore's devoted service to the people of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and the rest of Indian Country is an inspiration to us all.●

#### FOREST PRODUCTS LAB

● Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, the Forest Products Laboratory, FPL, in Madison, WI, was established in 1910 to "promote healthy forest and forest-based economies through the efficient, sustainable use of American wood resources." This month we celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the establishment of the FPL. I would like to congratulate all past and present employees for the FPL for a century of service to the American public and their steadfast devotion to developing new and innovative usages for wood and wood products.

Over the years their research has led to many improvements and breakthroughs in wood utilization. Early research at the laboratory focused on timber testing, wood preservation, and wood chemistry. Today, the mission of the FPL has never been more relevant. Our Nation's forest can help solve some of the greatest challenges our nation faces such as climate change and energy security. Forests contain a sig-

nificant amount of small diameter wood that increases the risk of fire and disease. Finding new ways to utilize small diameter wood will improve forest health and has the potential to offset carbon emissions by utilizing wood, a renewable resource, as a building material. Right now, the Forest Products Laboratory is developing better ways to utilize small diameter wood for energy production and as a "green" building material. I am confident that the Forest Products Laboratory will continue to provide creative solutions to effectively manage our national wood resources and create a green economy.

On behalf of our State and Nation, I thank the FPL for a century of research that has improved the lives of every American and the health of our Nation's forests.●

#### CELEBRATION SINGERS OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I recognize the Celebration Singers of Central Arkansas, who will be performing this weekend at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC, as the feature choir for the 2010 Nation's Capital Festival of Youth Choirs. This group of 60 young singers from Sherwood and North Little Rock represent the best of Arkansas, and I am pleased that they will be able to share their talents at this special performance.

The Celebration Singers Choir is an award-winning choir comprised of students in 6th through 12th grade, and serves as the premier worship choir for the Student Ministry at Cornerstone Bible Fellowship in Sherwood, AR.

In addition to singing at Sunday worship services throughout the year, the choir takes an extensive mission tour every other summer as they share God's love through music and fellowship with people in other churches, nursing homes, retirement centers and various shelters that assist people in crisis and other needs.

Under the leadership of conductor Eddie W. Airheart, the choir has performed across the United States, including at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York's Battery Park, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and the United States Naval Academy Chapel in Annapolis, MD. The choir has also performed across Central Arkansas at The Cathedral of St. Andrew, First Presbyterian Church, and St. James United Methodist Church.

I commend these young people for their dedication to serving others through music and worship.●

#### WESTARK AREA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I recognize the Westark Area Council Boy Scouts of America as they celebrate the 90th anniversary of their founding with a day of recreation, fun, and learning at Camp Orr, on the Buffalo River north of Jasper, AR.

Founded in 1920, Westark Area Council serves 17 counties in northwest Arkansas.

Under the current leadership of Bryan Feather, Scout executive and CEO, and Dr. Paul Beran, president, the Westark Area Council helps Scouts gain a sense of pride, self-confidence and responsibility. Scouting instills virtues that are an integral part of shaping a young person's life, and they can be essential in building the strong character of a leader.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each and every scout, scoutmaster, volunteer, parent, staff member, and alumni of the Westark Area Council as they celebrate this milestone.●

#### TRIBUTE TO GENE STALLINGS

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, today I honor Coach Gene Stallings, who will be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame on July 18, 2010.

Eugene Clifton Stallings was born March 2, 1935, in Paris, TX. As a young man, Gene was an accomplished athlete who demonstrated his natural leadership as the captain for the Paris High School football, baseball, and golf teams. Whether on the gridiron, the diamond, or the links, his abilities were readily apparent. These talents coupled with a tireless work ethic earned him a football scholarship at Texas A&M University, where he would play end for Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant.

At Texas A&M, Stallings would ultimately help the Aggies bring a Southwest Conference Championship back to College Station. But the road to victory was paved with hardship, and it ran through Junction, TX.

When Bryant first signed on as the head coach for Texas A&M's football team in 1954, more than 100 players were listed on the Aggies' roster. What players were left after a grueling spring and summer regimen attended a preseason camp at an adjunct campus in Junction. After 10 days of practicing during a record Texan drought and heat that at times reached 100 degrees Fahrenheit, less than 40 players remained to take the field as the 1954 Aggies. Gene Stallings was among the strong that survived and have since been known simply as the Junction Boys.

The Junction Boys returned to campus stronger, with a clearer sense of purpose and unity. Though their success was not immediate—the 1954 Aggies won only one game—they persevered. These men, forged in the Texas heat, kept working through these setbacks and losses.

The Aggies would finish the 1956 season as undefeated Southwestern Conference Champions, thanks in no small part to the resolve of the Junction Boys that lead that team. They demonstrated the truth of the Bear's simple philosophy: "the price of victory is high, but so are the rewards."

Stallings finished his playing career after the 1956 season, but his football

career was far from over and would soon flourish. He followed Bryant to the University of Alabama in 1958 and served as an assistant coach for the 1961 and 1964 National Championship teams. After helping restore the winning Tradition of the Crimson Tide, Coach Stallings returned to his alma mater, where he would lead the Aggies to another Southwestern Conference Championship in 1967.

Stallings left College Station for the Dallas Cowboys in 1972. After 18 years in the NFL, he returned to the Capstone to lead the Crimson Tide back atop the elite of college football yet again.

In 1992, Coach Stallings' Crimson Tide, led by a stifling defense and a workhorse offense, won the inaugural Southeastern Conference Championship game and the National Championship in classic wins over the University of Florida Gators and the University of Miami Hurricanes. Scenes from these great moments in Crimson Tide history are to this day replayed before each and every game at Bryant-Denny Stadium.

In November of 1996, and after coaching the Crimson Tide to seventy victories in 7 years, Stallings announced that he would retire from football for the one thing that he loved more: his son John Mark Stallings. John Mark was born with Down syndrome and was not expected to live past the age of four. He lived 46 years, proving that uncommon strength is a common trait in the Stallings household.

Though he was greatly missed at the Capstone, it was not hard to understand why Coach Stallings left for his son. John Mark, himself, was much beloved by the Crimson Tide family. The equipment room at the football complex is even named in his honor. John Mark was known for his ability to positively impact the people around him with his kind nature and genuine interest in their lives. After his passing, athletics director Mal Moore stated that "For someone who never played or coached a game, I think John Mark may have touched more Alabama fans than any other person ever did."

By anyone else's standards, Coach Stallings' time in Tuscaloosa was his most successful, but Stallings doesn't measure success in wins, trophies, and championships. He measures his success by the lives that he has positively affected. As a football coach, he did so by instilling the values of character, discipline, and integrity in young men. He did just that at every stop on his coaching path, and, even after football, he continues to succeed in affecting his community and our Nation.

John Mark inspired his father to advocate on behalf of persons with disabilities. Coach Stallings worked to start a golf tournament to benefit the Arc of Tuscaloosa County, a local non-profit organization devoted to helping the intellectually and developmentally disabled. This tournament raised more than \$1 million for the program by the time he left Tuscaloosa in 1996.

Stallings has also been a prolific fundraiser for the RISE School at the University of Alabama, which provides family-oriented services to children with developmental disabilities. When he returned to the Capstone, the RISE School had devoted educators and a special cause, but the underfunded program languished in subpar facilities. RISE's staff worried that each year would be their last.

The value of RISE was not truly known nor its potential realized until Coach Stallings came on the scene. Following a 2-year capital campaign, the RISE School moved to a state-of-the-art building with six classrooms that serve more than 80 students. This beautiful building on the Alabama campus is named the Stallings Center in honor of Coach Stallings' tireless efforts on RISE's behalf, and John Mark is remembered at the school's playground, which is named for him.

With John Mark's inspiration and Coach Stallings' signature work ethic, the RISE program spread from Tuscaloosa to Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Houston, Denver, and Stillwater. Today, families across the country can receive early intervention services for their young children with disabilities. The dedicated teachers and administrators of the RISE program teach these children what they can do, rather than what they cannot.

For enduring the trials of Junction, for passing on these lessons of character, and for helping to grow a culture that embraces and encourages persons with disabilities, Eugene Clifton Stallings has certainly proven himself worthy of being immortalized in the College Football Hall of Fame.

On behalf of the University of Alabama, the Crimson Tide faithful, and the whole of the great State of Alabama, I thank Coach Stallings for his contributions to my alma mater and our community. We are truly fortunate for the examples he has set as a player, coach and philanthropist.●

#### RECOGNIZING OXFORD NETWORKS

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I recognize a small telecommunications company from my home State of Maine that has proved itself to be a dedicated leader throughout northern New England. Oxford Networks, based in Lewiston with offices in Bangor and Norway, has been serving customers across Maine for over a century, and it has shown no signs of letting up.

Alva Andrews, Oxford's founder, laid the foundation for the company in 1893 by setting up phone service between his family-owned business, located in South Woodstock, and the nearby railroad station in West Paris. Seven years later, in 1900, Mr. Andrews incorporated his firm as Oxford Telephone and Telegraph, a provider of telephone services to the local community in western Maine.

The company has expanded and grown significantly over the last 110

years. In 1981, the company acquired Bryant Pond Telephone Company, and two decades later, purchased Revolution Networks to continue growing its reach. By 2004, Oxford was able to provide cable television, Internet, phone, and long distance service, one of Maine's only facility-based competitive providers to do so. Additionally, the company's fiber optic backbone network presently spreads north as far as Bangor and south down to Boston.

A member of 12 different Chambers of Commerce throughout the State, Oxford Networks, which now employs 125, has been named a Best Place to Work Company for each of the last four years, indicative of the environment the company fosters for its employees. But beyond this remarkable feat, Oxford has demonstrated its commitment to others by becoming an active partner in the community, supporting a host of local charities and initiatives, from the United Way to the Maine Discovery Museum. Company employees raise money for Big Brothers/Big Sisters each spring during the Bowl for Kids Sake fundraiser, and also participate in walking teams for the American Heart Association's Heart Walk. The company has also been the Presenting Underwriter for the Maine Cancer Foundation's Pink Tulip Project since 2007. The project raises money for the Maine Cancer Foundation's Women's Cancer Fund while paying tribute to those who have courageously fought the disease.

From its start in the 1890s with a simple telephone connection, Oxford Networks has transformed the way Maine connects with the world. Because of its forward-thinking and innovative efforts, Oxford is now able to offer a wide range of cutting-edge telecommunications options to its varied client base of small and large businesses, as well as individual residences. Indeed, no problem is too large or too small for this incredible company, which continues to impress its customers with its rapid responsiveness and quality service. I thank everyone at Oxford Networks for the great work they do in the community, and wish them continued success in the future.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CAROLYN "JEANNE" LAURENCE

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Jeanne Laurence, who will celebrate her retirement from Rapid City Area Schools this June after 23 years of service. In reaching her retirement milestone, Jeanne Laurence is finishing a career that pioneered computer usage within area schools in Rapid City, SD. Jeanne began her career in the real estate field in Wyoming, but after eight years moved to Rapid City and joined Stevens High School as a secretary. At Stevens she tracked student attendance, grades, and discipline issues. In 1985, the school district was not equipped with computers, so Jeanne performed all tracking and management functions by