

learned from Colorado is that an effective RES, a real RES, can unleash the American entrepreneurial spirit.

I believe it is our job in the Senate to pursue these sorts of forward-looking policies that will help America seize and lead this growing market. Again, I want to urge my colleagues to support the strongest possible RES in any energy legislation that is brought to the floor this year.

I have alluded to the hesitation that some of my colleagues have felt about a robust RES. I saw that in Colorado firsthand for many years. It is tempting to dip your toe in the water when it comes to renewable energy. But make no mistake, we are in a race against foreign competitors, and we are being left behind. The Presiding Officer and I recently returned from China where we discussed clean energy issues with American businesses located there. And China, we found out, will soon be the owners of the largest wind and solar-powered facilities. They are pursuing renewable energy and clean energy technology so ambitiously, not because they necessarily want to save the planet, but because it makes good business and economic sense.

This week, we heard that China's energy use has surpassed ours for the very first time. But I have to tell you, in my opinion from what I read and hear, they are taking more bold action to address their growing demand than we are. Then they also announced last week that they are considering plans to invest \$738 billion over the next 10 years in clean energy development. That is nearly the entire size of our Recovery Act that we put in place last year in the United States. Just imagine, their economy is using a comparable amount of energy, but they take clean energy so seriously that they plan to invest a stimulus-size amount of money solely in renewables. I saw it firsthand. And to use a well-worn term, they are about ready to eat our lunch when it comes to clean energy.

I do not want to miss this historic opportunity to implement a strong RES, so let me take a few more minutes to explain what standard I believe we must meet. I want to put a chart up here to show what different levels of percentages would mean for job creation. When you set a standard, you want to set it at a level you can be proud of and one that would spur innovation and the creativity to achieve it.

Senator TOM UDALL and I filed a bill last year in the Senate which had previously passed in the House, where we served, mandating an RES of 25 percent of renewable electricity by 2025. That is this side of the chart here. Senator DORGAN has recommended a similarly aggressive standard.

Why is it important to aim for these ambitious levels? Well, looking again at the chart, if we were to invest wisely in a robust RES, a recent Navigant report estimates that the U.S. economy could add nearly 275,000 jobs.

These are excellent paying jobs. They cannot be outsourced, and they support this concept of energy independence.

I cannot think of a better deal than this for Americans. Make no mistake about it, our country must have an all-of-the-above energy policy. Conservation and energy efficiency efforts are the quickest way to reduce energy demand today. Nuclear energy and natural gas can and should fill a larger share of our energy portfolio as they both are cleaner fuels.

In addition, we all know that America is going to be dependent on fossil fuels for years to come, so all of those have to be in our energy mix. We have to acknowledge those facts in order to embrace 21st century solutions. But when you look at the future demands for clean energy and economic opportunities ahead of us, renewable energy holds the greatest promise.

The more homegrown renewable energy we can produce, the less money we need to spend buying oil from foreign nations that wish to do us harm or do not agree with our principles or values. I do not think anyone—I hope—I do think not anyone in this Chamber can argue with the proposition that we should be moving aggressively toward energy independence.

As I begin to close, it is time we make a concerted national effort to reclaim our position at the front of the pack. Many of the technologies that the Chinese are utilizing, the Europeans are utilizing, and other nations around the world, we developed in the 1970s and 1980s. But we have got to get back to the front of the parade, where we harness the wind and the Sun and other renewable resources here in America and we put Americans to work developing, building, and leading the clean energy revolution.

I urge and ask my colleagues to work with Senator DORGAN, Senator UDALL of New Mexico, and me and the many others who have joined us in this effort to have a strong renewable electricity standard. With all humility, let's follow Colorado's successful example, and let's adopt a clean energy policy that drives innovation, inspires entrepreneurs, and delivers commonsense American solutions to meet our 21st century energy challenges.

I want to close on a final note. I wanted to acknowledge that a wonderful young man, my energy fellow, Kelly Knutsen, who is in the Chamber right now, is leaving my office to join the office of Senator REED of Rhode Island as a legislative assistant. I wish to thank him for his work in my office, especially for his help on several bills I introduced this year, including my SUN Act and my E-Know bill. Although we will miss him, I know Kelly will be a very strong asset for Senator REED and Senator REED's focus on energy policy as well.

I yield the floor, and 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.

Mrs. HAGAN. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. UDALL of Colorado). Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mrs. HAGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

REMEMBERING CLARENCE WOLF GUTS

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Clarence Wolf Guts who passed away on June 16, 2010, at the South Dakota State Veterans Home at the age of 86. Clarence was the last surviving Lakota Code Talker. Code talkers played a crucial role in World War II in communicating positions and messages that the enemies could not decipher. Their contributions to the war effort are immeasurable. Clarence enlisted in the Army at age 18 and was the personal code talker for MG Paul Mueller, commander of the U.S. Army's 81st Infantry. He traveled with General Mueller and the 81st as the division moved from island to island during the fight against the Japanese during World War II.

Clarence did not seek the limelight; he simply served his Nation honorably. In later years, Clarence became a spokesman among tribal elders and traditional leaders about the importance of keeping Native languages alive for future generations. He was very proud to be a veteran, a full-blooded Lakota, and a Lakota speaker.

I had the pleasure of meeting Clarence at a ceremony honoring him in 2006 on Capitol Hill. Clarence is one of many South Dakotans who make us proud with their service to our Nation. Our nation owes him a debt of gratitude, and the best way to honor his life is to emulate his commitment to our country. Mr. President, I join with all South Dakotans in expressing my deepest sympathy to the family of Clarence Wolf Guts. He will be missed, but his service to our Nation will never be forgotten.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ROSE (PENNY) PENN ROSS

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, today I wish to thank Rose Penn Ross for her dedicated service to our Nation during World War II. Mrs. Ross, or Penny as she is called, is a retired school teacher who selflessly answered the patriotic

call to duty when she enlisted in the Women Airforce Service Pilots—WASP—organization during World War II.

Like many of her counterparts in the “Greatest Generation,” Penny wanted to help the war effort. As a licensed pilot, Penny wanted to serve by flying planes, and joined 25,000 women in applying for the WASP program. After completing exactly the same rigorous military flight training as her male counterparts, Penny became one of only 1,100 women to receive her Silver Wings.

While the WASP organization was not recognized as part of the military until 1977, Penny and the other women serving in WASP played a critical role in the war effort. Within the United States, Penny brought planes from factories to bases, flew experimental aircraft, and towed targets for the gunnery school vital tasks that also freed up male pilots for combat service and duties.

Prior to the war, Penny graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a bachelor's degree in business and earned her master's in education from the University of Missouri. She married her beloved Vernon M. Ross and settled in Missouri. Vernon and Penny started a family, which grew to include four children: Robert, Barbara, David, and Richard; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. After WASP was disbanded in 1944, Penny began her teaching career. She taught secondary school for 30 years in Harrisburg, Glasgow, and Moberly, molding young minds in the subjects of business, math, and French.

In addition to her legacy of family and her love of learning, Penny has created a legacy of service to our Nation.

Penny, her fellow female pilots, and the countless other men and women who served their nation during World War II made possible the conquering of some of freedom's worst foes of the 20th century: Hitler, Mussolini, and Hirohito. Thanks to the struggles and sacrifices of all of our troops from here at home, to Normandy, Tunisia, Midway, and Guadalcanal, those of us in subsequent generations have lived in relative peace and prosperity.

It is only fitting that earlier this year Americans like Penny were recognized for their contributions to the freedom we enjoy today. On March 10, 2010, Mrs. Ross attended the WASP Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony in the U.S. Capitol. With her family by her side, she was presented with a bronze medal replica of the Gold Medal. Today, Penny resides in the Veterans Home-Mexico, MO.

Penny, we are grateful for your service to your family, your community, and your country. Your story is an inspiration to people in all generations today who want to make a difference.●

FRESNO CITY COLLEGE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Fresno City College, California's first community college and the second oldest in the Nation.

Fresno City College was the brainchild of Charles L. McLane, the superintendent of Fresno Schools in the early 1900s. Mr. McLane was concerned that many students from the San Joaquin Valley could not afford to attend the nearest universities located outside the San Joaquin Valley. He envisioned a junior college in Fresno that would allow young students to receive an affordable and quality education through their first 2 years of college while still being able to reside at home.

Mr. McLane worked diligently to recruit instructors and design the curriculum. He secured commitments from the University of California and Stanford University that students who completed their coursework in Fresno would be accepted to those schools to further their education.

In September 1910, Fresno Junior College officially opened with 20 students and 3 full-time faculty members. Students studied mathematics, English, Latin, history, and economics. In addition, the new campus provided vocational training in areas such as agriculture, commerce and the industries that many 4-year universities did not offer.

In 1958, Fresno Junior College adopted its current name, Fresno City College. A year later, it permanently moved to its home for over the past 51 years on 1101 E. University Avenue in central Fresno.

Today, Fresno City College has grown from a small campus of 20 students and 3 faculty members to a dynamic community college whose average enrollment is approximately 25,000 students. It is a highly regarded community college that features award-winning programs in several disciplines, including nursing and vocational training.

For the past century, Fresno City College has been a dependable and accessible institute of higher learning that has empowered generations of San Joaquin Valley residents, many of whom overcame challenging backgrounds, to realize their full potential in many different aspects of life.

It is my pleasure to congratulate the administration, students, faculty, staff and proud alumni of Fresno City College on 100 years of educational leadership and excellence in the San Joaquin Valley. I send my best wishes for many more years of continued success.●

TRIBUTE TO LEWIS MONROE HUDDLESTON

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, today I honor Lewis Monroe Huddleston on the upcoming occasion of his 80th birthday.

Mr. Huddleston has spent his life committed in service to his country, his church and, foremost, his family.

Lewis was born September 14, 1930, although this apparently has long been a source of discussion in his family. His actual date of birth may be September 13. His mother always swore he was born on September 13, and that all the legal documents, which list his birthday at September 14, were wrong. As one should, I think I will side with Lew's mother on this one and would like to share with you some of the commendable actions of Lew's life.

He honorably served our country in the military, entering the U.S. Navy in 1950. He was assigned to the USS *Henry W. Tucker* as a boatman's mate. His military service took him on reconnaissance missions both in Korea and Red China. He received four medals: Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal—2-Star—and United Nations Service Medal. Lew was honorably released in 1954, and then headed to the Midwest.

He found work in the oil fields there, and one of his jobs took him to Sidney, NE, where he fell head over heels for a lovely young lady, Joyce Sewell. They were married on December 20, 1955, and have built a happy life together in Sidney where they raised three children, Lewis, Jr., Cindy and Shawn, who have given them three wonderful grandchildren.

Lew and Joyce built a life committed to family, service to God and service to the community. Throughout his life, Lew has given of himself—first in military service, then to his church and his community. Always involved, he could be heard cheering for his kids at their sporting events or found heading up a DeMolay or Jobs Daughter fundraiser. Not ever characterized as shy, Lew walks into a room of strangers and leave that room as everyone's best friend. Those friends, spread across the country, know that if called upon for help and he will always answer.

Even as he approaches his 80th birthday, Lew remains very much involved with his community. Although his children are grown with families of their own, Lew continues to volunteer in the local schools and wherever he is needed.

I am honored to number his son Lewis, Jr., and his wife Leslie among my friends. Through them, I have come to know Lew Huddleston as a true patriot, who exemplified that label not only by his military service, but the continued gift he gives every day to family, community and country. Lew, it is individuals like you who are America's true heroes and give the United States its strength. We can never fully repay your contribution. Thank you for your service to our country, and happy birthday.●