

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.●

TRIBUTE TO WILLIE JEFFRIES

• Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, today I ask the Senate to join me in recognizing Coach Willie Jeffries on the occasion of his induction into the College Football Hall of Fame on Saturday, July 17, 2010. Willie Jeffries is a legend in the State of South Carolina. As the first African-American head coach of a NCAA Division I-A football program, he was a giant in the football world, and proved to be an incredible leader both on and off the field.

Coach Jeffries was born in Union, SC, on January 4, 1937. He graduated from South Carolina State University, SCSU, where he would later return as the head football coach. If there was ever a "glass is half full" guy, it was Willie Jeffries. Coach Jeffries was defined by his optimistic outlook on life and the world around him.

Willie Jeffries began his career at South Carolina State University where he served as coach from 1973–1978. From there, he went on to become head coach at Wichita State University in 1979. With his hiring, Coach Jeffries became the first African-American head coach of a NCAA Division I-A program. After winning only one game his first season, he held the post for five seasons and led his team to an 8–2 record his third year. During his tenure at Wichita State University, Coach Jeffries became the only man to coach against legendary coaches Eddie Robinson of Grambling and Paul "Bear" Bryant of the Alabama. He left Wichita State University with a record of 21–32–2, ranking him third in university history for total wins.

From 1984–1988 Coach Jeffries took over the program at Howard University, leading them to the first of his seven Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference—MEAC—Championships. In 1989 he returned to his alma mater to take his position as head coach for the South Carolina State University Bulldogs. Coach Jeffries finished out his career as the head coach of South Carolina State.

During his time in coaching, he led his teams to numerous post-season appearances, six Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference—MEAC—titles, and two Black college national championships. Coach Jeffries won almost 60 percent of the games he coached, and when he retired in 2001 he did so as the winningest coach in MEAC history with a 179–132–6 career record. In 2010, South Carolina State University further honored him by naming him Head Football Coach Emeritus by the University Board of Trustees.

Throughout his career, Coach Jeffries was named coach of the year on eight different occasions. In 2002 he was awarded the lifetime achievement award by the Black Coaches Association. In addition to being an inductee of both the MEAC Hall of Fame and SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame, Jeffries was awarded the Order of the Silver Crescent in 2001. This is South Carolina's highest honor for Outstanding Community Service.

Coach Jeffries success on the field is not only matched but exceeded by his actions off the field. He possesses a great spirit of optimism, humor, intellect, and decency that has made him a role model for all the young men he has coached and those of us who call him a friend.

I ask that the U.S. Senate join me in honoring him for his impressive coaching career and newest honor as an inductee into the College Football Hall of Fame.●

2010 ALTUS GRAPE FESTIVAL

• Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I join residents of Altus and all Arkansans to commemorate the 2010 Altus Grape Festival.

For 27 years, the Altus Grape Festival has celebrated area grape growers and recognized the heritage of the grape in Altus. The festival is sponsored each year by the area's local wineries—Post Familie, Mount Bethel, Wiederkehr, and Chateau Aux Arc—and by area grape growers, businesses, civic organizations and residents.

Known as the "Arkansas Wine Capital," Altus welcomes visitors from across the State, Nation, and world to celebrate the area's rich heritage during the festival. The 2-day event features a variety of activities, including a Friday night street dance and fireworks display, live music, grape-related games for children and adults, a grape stomp competition, quality juried arts and crafts, and wine and juice tasting by all local wineries. Amateur winemakers are also invited to bring the best of their homemade wine to the Amateur Winemaking Competition.

I commend the residents of the Altus area for their commitment to the history and heritage of Arkansas. I wish them all the best as they celebrate during this year's Grape Festival.●

ARKANSAS'S DELEGATES TO BOYS NATION AND GIRLS NATION

• Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I recognize four young Arkansans who have represented our State during Boys Nation and Girls Nation events in Washington, DC. These students represent the best of our State, and I was proud to visit with them during their trip to our Nation's Capitol.

Arkansas's Boys Nation delegates for 2010 are Alex Geiger from North Little Rock and Joseph Kieklak from Fayetteville. Arkansas's Girls Nation delegates for 2010 are Brittany Webb of Jonesboro and Devika Menta of Conway. These students were also a part of Boys State and Girls State, held earlier this summer in Arkansas.

I commend our Boys and Girls State delegates for their dedication and commitment to learning about our Nation's legislative process on the local, State, and Federal levels. The knowledge they gain will benefit them for the rest of their lives.

As a former delegate, I can say that attending Girls State was one of several experiences that heightened my passion for public service. It was a huge part of my overall process of growing up and learning to respect our country, government, and fellow man.

Sponsored by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, Boys and Girls Nation brings together high school students from across the country to learn about government and citizenship.

I also comment the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, of which I am a member, for their efforts to educate and inform our Nation's youth.●

2010 ARKANSAS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

• Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I congratulate recipients of the 2010 Arkansas Community Service Awards. I am proud of their dedication to helping fellow Arkansans, and I commend their spirit of volunteerism, community involvement, and service. These men and women represent the best of Arkansas, and I congratulate them on this prestigious recognition.

This year's winners are:

INDIVIDUAL

Neta Stamps of Berryville
James Brown of Norphlet
Lorrie Lindeman of Heber Springs
Raul Blasini of Pochontas
Theodoshia Cooper of Little Rock
Stella Lowe of Little Rock

YOUTH HUMANITARIAN

Matt Eckess of Maumelle

SMALL CORPORATE HUMANITARIAN

Reynolds Forestry Consulting and Real Estate of Magnolia

LARGE CORPORATE

CenterPoint Entergy

For 32 years the Arkansas Community Service Awards have recognized individuals and businesses for their dedication and commitment to supporting volunteerism throughout Arkansas. The awards are sponsored by the Department of Human Services-Division of Volunteerism, DOV, KARK Channel 4, the Governor's Office, and Duncan Law Firm.

We all know the challenges that face our State and Nation. Community service is a critical component of tackling these challenges and making us stronger. I encourage all Arkansans to embrace the spirit of volunteerism and community service on display by this year's Community Service Award winners. Working together, we can make a difference in our local communities and across our great State.●

ARKANSAS HISTORIC SITES

• Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I recognize two Arkansas historic sites that have been added to the National Register of Historic Places. These Arkansas landmarks help define our State's history and heritage, and I am