

him, hope the classes he needed to take would be offered on a wheelchair-accessible building, and rely on friends to drive him and his wheelchair around before kneeling buses came along. Steve has since worked with an Independent Living Center, recruiting and helping people with disabilities transition from nursing homes back into the community, and sharing his personal insights with others in order to help them live more fulfilling and independent lives.

At the ADA's 20-year mark, it is clear that while we have accomplished a great deal, much change still lies ahead. The Aging Committee will continue to monitor implementation of health care reform initiatives that are designed to improve the quality of life for older adults, and will examine and explore new best practices and other efforts that can create better services, housing, and employment opportunities for the millions of Americans with disabilities.

#### STENNIS CENTER PROGRAM

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, for 8 years now, the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership has conducted a program for summer interns working in congressional offices. This 6-week program is designed to enhance their internship experience by giving them an inside view of how Congress really works. It also provides an opportunity for them to meet with senior congressional staff and other experts to discuss issues ranging from the legislative process to the influence of the media and lobbyists on Congress, to careers on Capitol Hill.

Interns are selected for this program based on their college record, community service experience, and interest in a career in public service. This year, 23 outstanding interns, most of them juniors and seniors in college, are working for Democrats and Republicans in both the House and Senate.

I congratulate the interns for their participation in this valuable program and I thank the Stennis Center and the senior Stennis fellows for providing such a meaningful experience for these interns and for encouraging them to consider a future career in public service.

I ask unanimous consent that a list of 2010 Stennis congressional interns and the offices in which they work be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD as follows:

Jonathan Alfuth, attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison interning in the Office of Rep. Ron Kind.

Evan Armstrong, attending Villanova Law School interning in the Office of Rep. Bob Latta.

Patrick J. Behling, attending St. Olaf College interning in the Office of Sen. Herb Kohl.

Andrew Clough, attending the University of Oregon interning in House Committee on Rules.

Paul Doucas, attending Georgetown University interning in the Office of Sen. Herb Kohl.

Justin Folsom, graduate of Montana State University interning in the Office of Sen. Jon Tester.

Aquene Freechild, attending NYU Wagner School of Public Service interning in the House Committee on Appropriations.

Elizabeth Garner, attending Vanderbilt University interning in the Office of Rep. Michael R. Turner.

Nicole Gill, attending the University of San Francisco interning in the Office of Sen. Michael Enzi.

Susan Gleiser, attending Vanderbilt University interning in the Office of Rep. Pete Sessions.

Matthew Hoppler, attending Providence College interning in the Office of Rep. Michael R. Turner.

Justin Lee, attending Utah State University interning in the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

Amber Manglona, attending San Jose State University interning in the Office of Rep. Zoe Lofgren.

Hallie Mast, attending Ashland University interning in the Office of Rep. Bob Latta.

Rachael Nelson, attending Augustana College interning in the Office of Sen. Kent Conrad.

Ryan Oxford, attending the University of Michigan interning in the Office of Rep. Michele Bachmann.

Kristin Palmer, attending George Washington University interning in the House Committee on Appropriations.

William Rohla, attending Minnesota State University Moorhead interning in the Office of Sen. Kent Conrad.

Wes Wakefield, attending the University of Mary interning in the Office of Sen. Kent Conrad.

Kasey Wang, attending the University of Michigan interning in the Office of Rep. David Wu.

Zachary Warma, attending Stanford University interning in the House Committee on Armed Services.

Jared Wrage, attending the University of Wyoming College of Law interning in the Office of Sen. Michael Enzi.

Hannah Wrobel, attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison interning in the Office of Rep. Ron Kind.

#### BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. LEMIEUX. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute and recognition to the Boy Scouts of America as they gather in our Nation's Capital to celebrate their 100th anniversary.

The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on February 8, 1910, by William Dickson Boyce. Over the last century, the Boy Scouts of America has reached more than 114 million young people by combining lifelong values and educational activities with the fun and wonder of the outdoors.

Scouting plays an important role in preparing generations of young men for the responsibilities of adulthood. Boys learn the importance of respect and community service. Through scouting activities, Boy Scouts discover the satisfaction of achievement and self-confidence. Today's Scouts embrace a lifelong commitment to service, and embody the values of personal responsibility and self-discipline. They share a

love of our environment, an appreciation of diversity, and an idealism and optimism in the future of our country. These are values that must continue to be cultivated and strengthened in communities all across our great Nation.

The Boy Scouts of America embody the moral values important to any society, and Scouts and Scout leaders are to be commended for their good work in promoting these values. As found in the Scout's Handbook, "A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent."

Let us welcome the Boy Scouts of America to Washington, DC, for their 2010 Boy Scout National Jamboree and recognize their enormous contributions to our country. I commend the Boy Scouts of America organization for a century's worth of service and commitment to instilling the finest values in America's future leaders.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### REMEMBERING GEORGE J. RITTER

• Mr. DODD. Mr. President, today I honor the life and career of George J. Ritter, who passed away on July 18, 2010, at the age of 90.

George was a remarkable public servant and a person of great principle and energy. His commitment to helping the less fortunate and for advancing social progress through the law made a lasting impact on the city of Hartford and the lives of many working families.

He grew up in New Jersey, raised by the children of German immigrants who were the very embodiment of the American dream. His grandfather had been sent to this country—alone—as little more than a child and began working full time to build a new life at the age of 12. His parents both began working when they were very young as well.

Their lives and the values they espoused had a deep impact on George, and it should come as no surprise that he would become a stalwart advocate for advancing the economic opportunities of all Americans, particularly for working families and minorities.

This clearly defined sense of social justice and the value of equal opportunities no doubt contributed to George's lifelong captivation with the law and the Constitution. He even hitchhiked as a teenager all the way to Washington, DC—just to observe the U.S. Supreme Court firsthand.

In our Nation, the will of citizens is the strongest force for social change. But building the coalitions necessary to make change happen is a difficult task and requires a common vision and commitment, and lots of energy.

George certainly had energy, and got to work building coalitions to push for change at a young age. As a student at Rutgers University, he worked to organize the nonfraternity members of the student body into a cohesive voting

block—which in turn, elected him to serve as the first nonfraternity student body president in the school's nearly 200 year history.

After college, his passion for the law took him to Yale Law School, in my home State of Connecticut. His legal education was interrupted by his distinguished service to the United States in the Pacific during World War II. Upon finishing his degree, he became active in the U.S. labor movement. He and his wife and partner in social activism, Patricia, had the opportunity to travel the United States and Europe studying unions and the labor movements that were beginning to gain steam and become a force in politics and society all across the globe. As a young labor attorney he worked to organize some of Connecticut's first municipal unions, and also served as an attorney for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

At the ripe old age of 36 he became Hartford Corporation counsel, which launched a career in public service that continued until 1980. He served on the Hartford City Council from 1959 until 1968, and in 1969 was elected to represent Hartford in the Connecticut General Assembly. During his time on the council and in the general assembly, George worked to highlight and pursue progressive solutions to issues that were not yet part of mainstream concerns; from civil rights, to elder and juvenile justice, to government accountability, and of course, working to provide equal opportunities for all.

He was truly a pioneer when it came to raising concerns about and finding solutions to address the issue of civil rights and equal opportunities. In fact, in the early 1960s—prior to the passage of the Civil Rights Act—he and Patricia started the Connecticut Housing Investment Fund to help finance minority home-ownership and integrated housing. This organization became a model for subsequent national programs to support affordable housing.

Throughout his career he fought tirelessly for the rights of workers, and the advancement of housing, employment, and other opportunities for minorities—including by recruiting and managing the campaigns of the first minority candidates for the Hartford City Council and Board of Education.

He was also the first man ever appointed to Connecticut's Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, an honor that always gave him a smile, and spoke volumes of his commitment to equal opportunities for all Americans.

Even outside of public life, George continued to work to help others. After retiring from the general assembly in 1980, he cofounded the Independent Energy Corporation. One of the projects of Independent Energy helped to streamline the electricity usage of the largest business in the Caribbean region. The electricity savings from that one business helped to lower the foreign exchange bill of the entire nation

of Jamaica—a truly notable achievement.

By any measure, the life of George Ritter was an utter success. In business, in public life, and as the loving father of five children, George led a life of principle and purpose. His work benefitted his community and helped to expand opportunities for the less fortunate.

Even though he has passed, George's spirit of public service lives on. His sons Thomas and John have both served in the State legislature, and his grandson Matt is a member of the Hartford City Council and is running to fill the general assembly seat George once held.

I am confident they will continue to build on George's legacy, and am proud to call them my constituents. I wish them the best of luck, and hope that they will continue to pass George's values and character on for generations to come.●

#### FAITH, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the 100th anniversary of Faith, SD. Faith is a strong community, and I am proud to represent them.

When the railroad announced its plan to settle a community at the edge of the Cheyenne Sioux Indian Reservation, settlers rushed to the area. Businesses sprung up before the town was officially mapped out. The railroad decided to plot the town south of the tracks so the town would expand into Meade County. Even after the drought in 1911, Faith continued to grow, making changes to its approach to farming and ranching. When the water supply was low in 1946, the town began shipping in water from Mobridge, and started constructing a water filtration plant. Faith is also known for the 1990 discovery of Sue, the most complete and best preserved Tyrannosaurus rex ever found. Sue is now on display at the Field Museum in South Dakota.

One hundred years after its founding, Faith holds its history close while continually looking to the future, demonstrating what is great about South Dakota, and why I am proud to call this great State home.●

#### FEDORA, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I honor the community of Fedora, SD, and to recognize the 125th Territorial Day. Situated in Miner County, Fedora is a testament to the great State of South Dakota.

From its beginnings, agriculture and small businesses have played an instrumental role in the livelihood of Fedora. Fedora was originally named after the daughter of a founding railroad executive. Upon the completion of the railroad, the town of Fedora slowly flourished. A creamery, grocery store and the Farmers Purchasing and Shipping Company gradually urbanized the

town's landscape. Over time, small businesses have come and gone, however, the town's bond to agriculture is unwavering.

The 125th anniversary celebration will be held July 24, 2010, kicking off with Ghost Parade. More activities include a road race, Jaws of Life demonstration, antique/history display, supper pie auction and a dance. People of all ages will be able to take part in the day's activities.

I am proud to publicly congratulate the community on this achievement. As the people of Fedora take this opportunity to appreciate and reflect on how far the town has come from its beginnings, I know they understand the important role Fedora plays in making South Dakota a great State to live.●

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#### SOUTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR QUASQUICENTENNIAL

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, it is with great honor that today I recognize the 125th anniversary of the South Dakota State Fair. This quasquicentennial is meaningful to the citizens of South Dakota, as many visit this event each year for entertainment, competition and great company. Whether it is the 4-H competitions, carnival rides, live music, informational booths or the many commercial vendors there is something for everyone at the State fair.

From its humble beginnings, the State fair started with only 85 acres of land that was deeded to the State of South Dakota by the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company for \$50,000. With time, the fair grew as the South Dakota population grew. More land has been purchased, buildings have been constructed, and several improvements have been made. Today, the grounds host a wide range of buildings from the 4-H livestock complex to grandstands. Although changes have been made to fair ground's landscape since its founding, the South Dakota State Fair has stayed true to its mission, which is to have the fairgrounds be seen as a successful year-round, family-friendly venue that showcases youth, achievement, agriculture and community.

September 2–6, 2010, South Dakotans from across the State will gather at the State fairgrounds in Huron to celebrate 125 years of our State's history. With live entertainment, livestock events, the South Dakota Outdoor Expo, and more, all ages will celebrate in the day's activities. I hope this celebration gives our citizens a chance to reflect on our shared State history, as well as our promising future.

As frequent visitor to the South Dakota State Fair, I congratulate the South Dakota State Fair on reaching this monumental anniversary, and I look forward to the future as the fair continues to prosper.●