

VIENNA, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I recognize the town of Vienna, SD, on reaching its 125th anniversary. Throughout its history, this small, rural community in Clark County has faced many hardships yet it still remains a strong town, and I congratulate the people of Vienna for all that they have accomplished.

Vienna was founded in 1887 along the Milwaukee railroad. Named by the Austrian founders after Vienna, Austria, this small town quickly grew as a result of daily freight and passenger trains. Unfortunately, a fire in 1913 destroyed six buildings on Main Street, slowing down the progress of the town. However, Vienna persevered and rebuilt two brick buildings which housed a meat market and a drug store. In 1937, a new elevator was built by the Vienna Grain Company, which greatly enhanced the community.

Residents of Vienna will kick off their July 30–August 1 celebration with a lawnmower only poker run followed by the Fireman Olympics, threshing bee, all-school reunion, dance, and conclude with a Sunday morning service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. I am proud to honor Vienna, a town that contributes so much to the identity of rural South Dakota, for its historic milestone.●

ARKANSAS'S FARM FAMILIES

• Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I recognize eight Arkansas families who were recently selected as district winners of the Arkansas Farm Bureau's 64th Annual Farm Family of the Year program. This year's winners are:

Michael and Sarah Oxner of Searcy (White County) in the East Central District. The Oxners own Red River Farms, where they grow 2,700 acres of rice, 2,100 acres of soybeans, 300 acres of corn, 280 acres of cotton and 700 acres of moist soil, millet, and native grasses for wildlife. They have three children, Mary, Laura, and Paten.

Mark and Nancy Satterfield of Norfolk (Baxter County) in the North Central District. The Satterfields are registered seed stock producers of Charolais and Angus cattle with a production herd of 110 cows. They have had champion bulls and females in both Arkansas and Missouri. They have two children, Taylor and Justin.

Lammers Farms Partnership located in Manila (Mississippi County) in the Northeast District. Lammers Farms Partnership is a family operation with three generations of farmers. Louis and Carol Lammers, their children Jeff Lammers and Laura Weiss, and their respective families, are partners of Lammers Farm. Louis and Carol Lammers also have seven grandchildren. On 6,662 acres, Lammers Farms grows 530 acres of irrigated upland cotton, 1,072 acres of nonirrigated upland cotton, 2,060 acres of long grain rice, 80 acres of grain sorghum, 1,207 acres of irrigated soybeans, 742 acres of nonirrigated soybeans and 971 acres dedicated to the Conservation Reserve Program. Lammers Farms Partnership also owns a grain storage facility in Blytheville that is currently leased to Riceland.

Randy and Anjie Cockrum of Rudy (Crawford County) in the Northwest District.

Randy and Anjie Cockrum have 578 acres, 400 of which produce hay. They also have 160 cow/calf pairs and a meat processing operation. When calf prices are low the Cockrums market their calves as beef through their processing operation. They have three children, Siera, Tyler and Shelby.

Curt and Ellen Rankin of Lake Village (Chicot County) in the Southeast District. The Rankin's farm consists of 500 acres of corn, 1,950 acres of irrigated soybeans and 150 acres of nonirrigated soybeans. They have two children, Seth and Jacob.

Darrell and Jennifer Ford of Hope (Hempstead County) in the Southwest District. The Fords graze about 700 yearling calves per year. The cattle-grazing operation also provides pasture for outside farmers. The Fords own 100 cows and about 25 percent of the calves they graze. The Fords also co-own the Hope Livestock Auction, which sells roughly 45,000 head of cattle each year. They have four children, Kade, Kylan, Grace and Aubrie.

Jeremy and Leslie Allmon of Murfreesboro (Pike County) in the West Central District. The Allmons have 103 cows, 92 calves, 35 heifers, 2 bulls, 2 poultry laying houses containing approximately 28,400 hens and 100 acres of hay on their 420 acre operation. They have one child, Holden, who is 2.

Larry and Marilyn Huddleston of Waldron (Scott County) in the Western District. The Huddlestons run 100 cows, 700 stocker calves and produce hay on 1,340 acres. They have two children, Hannah and Cole.

As a seventh-generation Arkansan and farmer's daughter, and as chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I understand firsthand and appreciate the hard work and contributions of our farm families. Agriculture is the backbone of Arkansas's economy, creating more than 270,000 jobs in the State and providing \$9.1 billion in wages and salaries. In total, agriculture contributes roughly \$15.9 billion to the Arkansas economy each year and is responsible for one out of every four Arkansas jobs.

We must work to continue the farm family tradition, so these families are able to maintain their livelihoods and continue to help provide the safe, abundant, and affordable food supply that feeds our own country and the world and that is essential to our own economic stability.

I salute all Arkansas farm families for their hard work and dedication.●

2010 TONTITOWN GRAPE FESTIVAL

• Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I join residents of Tontitown and all Arkansans to commemorate the 2010 Tontitown Grape Festival. For 112 years, the festival has celebrated the history and heritage of this unique community nestled in the Ozark Mountains.

Like many American towns, the history of Tontitown begins with the story of immigrants. Facing high taxes and political unrest, a group of Italian farming families set sail for the United States in 1895, hoping to start a new life. Father Pietro Bandini bought a plot of land in northwest Arkansas and brought some 40 families to what would soon become Tontitown. Today, Tontitown is a culturally rich and

business-friendly community, home to approximately 1,000 citizens and 100 businesses.

Every year, the Tontitown Grape Festival, sponsored by St. Joseph's Church, has welcomed visitors of all ages. The festival celebrates Tontitown's Italian heritage with live entertainment, a carnival, an arts and crafts fair, a used book sale, a Run for the Grapes, for both kids and adults, and the annual coronation of the Queen of the Festival.

I commend the residents of the Tontitown 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.●

TRIBUTE TO SHARON CAMPBELL

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Sharon Campbell, regional representative for my office in Presque Isle, ME, as she was recently honored with the prestigious Frank Hussey Award from the Presque Isle Rotary Club, named for a highly regarded former Presque Isle Rotarian.

Sharon could not be more deserving of this prestigious accolade as it recognizes her selfless commitment to Aroostook County and our great State of Maine. As I have witnessed firsthand, whether through her outstanding tenure with me which began more than a decade ago to her exceptional examples of giving back as a Rotary member, Sharon is the epitome of our State's motto, "Dirigo or I Lead," many times over.

Just in the past 2 years alone, Sharon has diligently promoted greater literacy in The County, leading the Rotary's Literacy and Thesaurus Project, which distributes thesauruses to area children, and raising close to \$2,000 to start a "Children's Book of the Month Club," where books are purchased every month for school libraries.

Described by her Rotary peers as a "get it done" Rotarian, Sharon strives to make a substantive difference in the lives of others and in a way that garners lasting results. And when it comes to galvanizing support for a new task, it is helpful that people find it incredibly difficult to say "no" to her. By the same token, she is the last person who would say "no" herself to a challenge to help someone else. She is that caring and that determined. Sharon truly exemplifies the can-do spirit and tireless work-ethic that are the hallmarks of the people of Maine she serves, in particular those who proudly call The County home.

Nothing crystallizes Sharon's contributions as a Rotarian and as someone devoted to public service than the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self." Her receipt of The Frank Hussey Award is an enduring testament to her dedication to that precept.●

RECOGNIZING HUGO'S

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, the city of Portland, ME, is quickly becoming one of America's most recognized locations for five-star dining experiences. Recognized as the 2009 "Foodiest Small Town in America" by Bon Appétit, it has been reported that visitors and residents alike spend more money in Portland restaurants per capita than in any other U.S. city, with the exception of San Francisco and New York. The demand for delicious, well-prepared food has drawn a plethora of culinary artists to the city, inspired by both the challenge of cooking for an avid audience and incorporating the bounty of Maine's natural resources into their recipes. Using native ingredients such as corn, blueberries, fiddleheads, and off-the-dock seafood, Portland restaurants have transformed even casual dining into something brilliant. As such, today I wish to recognize Hugo's, one of the many restaurants that has been an integral part of this lively city's culinary renaissance.

Hugo's is among the restaurants that stay true to the Portland tradition of local and organic food. As a member of the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, Hugo's is active in increasing local food production and simultaneously supporting other Maine small businesses. Working with these organic ingredients, Hugo's puts a modern twist on American cuisine with various international influences. They produce imaginative dishes that make the restaurant not only a favorite to the locals, but also to out-of-town "foodies" looking for an elegant meal as well.

Chef Rob Evans, the driving force behind Hugo's turned his restaurant job into a career after he landed positions at the famed Inn at Little Washington in Virginia and French Laundry in California, studying under some of the best chefs in the world. In 2000, Chef Evans took over the former Hugo's Portland Bistro with his wife, Nancy Pugh. Soon Hugo's became distinguished as one of the top restaurants in Maine, as well as throughout New England.

Indeed, Chef Evans's culinary creativity has not gone unnoticed by both his peers and others in the industry. In 2004 Food & Wine Magazine recognized him with the "Best New Chef Award." Hugo's has also been given the Four-Diamond title by the American Automobile Association, or AAA, for the past 5 years. Most notably, Chef Evans was named the recipient last year of the James Beard Award, arguably one of the most coveted honors in the culinary world, as the best chef in the Northeast.

Since receiving the award, traffic at Hugo's has significantly increased, with more locals intrigued by what Chef Evans can do with the resources that make Maine the unique place that it is. But even with an uptick in new patrons, Chef Evans insists that Hugo's will stay the same and not forget its humble origins.

Additionally, Chef Evans and his wife Nancy are also the proud owners of Duckfat, another popular restaurant situated just down the street from Hugo's serving European fries and sandwiches. Duckfat, whose name derives from the manner in which they cook their fries, is yet another example of Evans' and Pugh's efforts to promote all that Maine's restaurant industry has to offer.

Hugo's is an excellent representative of a trend in Maine's dining culture that showcases a wide variety of exciting, creative chefs and restaurants eager to put Maine on the map when it comes to food. The initiatives of Rob Evans and Nancy Pugh have helped foster a revitalization of Portland's restaurant scene, and I commend them for their outstanding work. I thank everyone at both Hugo's and Duckfat, and wish them much success in their future endeavors.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:37 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 415. An act to provide Capitol-flown flags to the immediate family of fire fighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical technicians, and other rescue workers who are killed in the line of duty.

H.R. 2780. An act to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code.

H.R. 4748. An act to amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2006 to require a northern border counternarcotics strategy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5138. An act to protect children from sexual exploitation by mandating reporting requirements for convicted sex traffickers and other registered sex offenders against minors intending to engage in international travel, providing advance notice of intended travel by high interest registered sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known child sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5143. An act to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission.

H.R. 5281. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5662. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the offense of stalking.

H.R. 5681. An act to improve certain administrative operations of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5682. An act to improve the operations of certain facilities and programs of the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5730. An act to rescind earmarks for certain surface transportation projects.

H.R. 5810. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for aiming laser pointers at airplanes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5825. An act to review, update, and revise the factors to measure the severity, magnitude, and impact of a disaster and to evaluate the need for assistance to individuals and households.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution:

H. Con. Res. 258. Concurrent resolution congratulating the Commandant of the Coast Guard and the Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy and its staff for 100 years of operation of the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 5849. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 201(B) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431), and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Speaker announces the following correction to the appointment of June 23, 2010, of the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on International Religious Freedom, upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader: Mr. Ted Van Der Meid of Rochester, New York, for a two-year term ending May 14, 2012, to succeed Ms. Felice Gaer.

At 3:59 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House recedes from its amendment to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4899) making emergency supplemental appropriations for disaster relief and summer jobs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4899) making emergency supplemental appropriations for disaster relief and summer jobs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

At 6:47 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks,