

I have often said that there is something magical about living in Wyoming. The way I see it, although Kay is celebrating her 107th birthday, since she moved to Wyoming when she was in her seventies, she is only in her thirties in Wyoming years.

Happy Birthday, Kay. Wyoming couldn't be more proud of you. Because of you and your service for so many years of a very wonderful and productive life, our Nation is a much better place to live—from coast to coast. You have made a difference wherever you have been, and we hope you continue to enjoy every day of your life in Wyoming.●

RECOGNIZING ECCO, INC.

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I recognize ECCO, Inc., a wonderful organization based in Madison, SD, that provides support services for people with disabilities. ECCO has steadily grown in the last 35 years to become a thriving center for employment and housing assistance.

In its beginning, the organization was a day program serving four individuals; however, with hard work and a devotion to serving others, ECCO has grown dramatically. Currently it is able to provide a 24-hour support staff to individuals throughout the community. ECCO's 91 full-time and part-time employees work to see that all individuals are able to maintain their independence. Sixty-eight people receive services from ECCO, and half of those live in ECCO housing. With three group homes and an apartment building, ECCO strives to make sure all citizens are able to have their own lives.

To celebrate reaching its 35th anniversary, ECCO will have an open house August 6 with tours of the main building. I am proud to recognize this organization and all the people who have made it a success. The goals of ECCO are praiseworthy, and I am thankful we have such a wonderful organization serving the Madison area.●

REMEMBERING ROBERT HICKS

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, it brings me great sadness that I come to the Senate floor today to reflect upon the passing of Robert Hicks, a lion in the Louisiana civil rights movement whose legal victories helped topple segregation in Bogalusa and change discriminatory employment practices throughout the South, passed away Tuesday, April 13, in his home at the age of 81.

Born in Mississippi, but moved to Bogalusa at a young age, Robert Hicks was the youngest of three children born to Quitman and Maybell Hicks in 1929. He graduated from Central Memorial High School, where he played on the school's State champion football team. He later played offensive guard on The Bushmen, an all-Black semipro team.

Mr. Hicks began his civil rights work as a member of the local NAACP before

working with the Voter and Civic League. He helped organize daily marches to protest racial discrimination by merchants and city government in a crusade that thrust Bogalusa into the national spotlight. The Hicks family opened their home to White civil rights workers and national figures. Because of this, the family was targeted by the Ku Klux Klan, which in turn motivated the formation of the Deacons for Defense and Justice, an armed band of African-American men who stood guard at the Hicks' home and protected civil rights workers in the city. The 2003 Showtime movie "Deacons of Defense" was loosely based on the group.

As fellow civil rights worker Peter Jan Honigsberg wrote in his memoir recalling his experience volunteering in Bogalusa in the summers of 1966 and 1967 about Hicks, "Even today I still think of him . . . He was determined to do what he had to do to change the South." Mr. Hicks filed a landmark lawsuit against the city and police department of Bogalusa, obtaining a Federal court order requiring the police to protect protest marchers, and a lawsuit that overturned officials' refusal to allow protest marchers. In 1967, Mr. Hicks filed a suit against the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing, which resulted in the prohibition of the construction of public housing in segregated neighborhoods in Bogalusa.

Mr. Hicks began working at Crown Zellerbach, the local paper mill, at a time when few Black people were employed there and eventually he served as president of the Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers. After fighting Crown Zellerbach for years in Federal court, Mr. Hicks became the company's first African-American supervisor, a position he held until his retirement.

Mr. Hicks and his wife Valeria had six children during their 62-year union. With his wife, Mr. Hicks traveled the country, spreading the word about the conditions for Black people in the South and encouraging people to travel to Bogalusa and other Southern cities to campaign for civil rights. Besides his wife, thoughts and prayers go out to his survivors, including a daughter, Barbara Maria Hicks; three sons, Robert Lawrence, Gregory Vince, and Darryl Hicks; a sister, Grace Berry; 17 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. The work of Robert Hicks will be forever remembered by the Bogalusa community, which is renaming a street and holding a ceremony in his honor.●

2010 CAVE CITY WATERMELON FESTIVAL

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I congratulate the residents of Cave City in my home State of Arkansas as they celebrate the annual Cave City Watermelon Festival, a time-honored tradition that commemorates watermelon growing and its importance to the local community.

Home to the "world's best watermelons," Cave City is a close-knit community located in Northern Arkansas. Since the 1930s, Cave City residents and other Arkansans have gathered to take part in the Watermelon Festival.

Sponsored by the Cave City Area Chamber of Commerce, this year's event will take place August 12-14 and will feature a variety of music, games, a parade, and a beauty pageant.

Mr. President, I salute the entire community of Cave City as they celebrate this annual event. I commend them for keeping the history and heritage of their community alive.●

2010 HOPE WATERMELON FESTIVAL

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I congratulate the residents of Hope in my home State of Arkansas as they celebrate the annual Hope Watermelon Festival, a time-honored tradition that commemorates the history and technique of watermelon growing and its importance to the local community.

Home to the world's largest watermelon, Hope is a thriving community in southwest Arkansas. Since the 1920s, Hope residents and other Arkansans have gathered to take part in the Watermelon Festival.

According to event organizers, the early Watermelon Festivals bear little resemblance to those in recent years. During the 1920s era, citizens served ice-cold watermelon to passengers on the many trains that stopped in Hope. These early festivals brought upwards of 20,000 people in a day to Hope. The end to the first festivals came around 1931 when the city, suffering from the effects of the Depression, could no longer accommodate the crowds.

In 1975, the city of Hope celebrated its centennial anniversary, which prompted local residents to consider staging the Watermelon Festival once again. Since the 1970s, the festival has continued to grow, attracting approximately 50,000 visitors to Hope over a 4-day period each year.

I am looking forward to attending this year's Watermelon Festival, which will take place August 12-14 at Fair Parkin Hope. Sponsored by the Hope-Hempstead County Chamber of Commerce, this year's event features southwest Arkansas's largest arts and crafts show, live music, a 5K run/walk, games and children's activities, food, an antique car show, and of course, ice-cold Hope watermelon by the slice.

Mr. President, I salute the entire community of Hope and Hempstead County as they celebrate this annual event and enjoy "a slice of the good life." I commend them for keeping the history and heritage of their community alive.●

HUMANE SOCIETY OF PULASKI COUNTY

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I congratulate staff members and volunteers of the Humane Society of Pulaski County as they celebrate the 10-

year anniversary of their current shelter. I commend them for reaching this milestone.

The mission of the Humane Society of Pulaski County is to rescue, care for and find homes for abandoned, abused, homeless and unwanted animals. The group provides access to healthy animals for people seeking to adopt pets. In 2009, the Humane Society of Pulaski County adopted out almost 1,000 animals.

The Humane Society of Pulaski County is supported solely by donations, fund-raisers, bequests and grants. The group has achieved a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, which means the smallest percentage of donations is allocated for administrative costs.

As a part of the "Puppy Love" program, the Humane Society also works throughout the community, taking animals to visit residents of nursing homes, retirement centers, and women's shelters. Puppy Love makes approximately 40 visits to local facilities each year.

Mr. President, I again congratulate the staff and volunteers of the Humane Society of Pulaski County as they celebrate this anniversary. I wish them the best in the years to come.●

ARKANSAS SPORTSCASTERS AND SPORTSWRITERS HALL OF FAME

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I congratulate this year's inductees to the Arkansas Sportscasters and Sportswriters Hall of Fame. These sports journalists represent the best in their field, and I commend them for this prestigious honor.

This year's inductees are:

Former Razorback place-kicker Pat Summerall, legendary sportscaster of CBS and FOX television.

Jerry McConnell of Greenwood, longtime Arkansas Gazette sportswriter who was instrumental in the creation of the Meet of Champions.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to former Razorback coach Ken Hatfield for his lifelong service to college football throughout the Nation.

Along with all Arkansans, I thank these honorees for their countless contributions to Arkansas sports.●

RECOGNIZING THE LITTLE ROCK HI-NOON TOASTMASTERS

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I congratulate members of the Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club of Little Rock as they celebrate the 50th anniversary of their founding. Each Friday, members gather to improve and hone their public speaking and professional skills.

Under the leadership of president William Porterfield, the Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club is one of the largest in the United States, with over 50 active members.

The club works to help its members develop and improve their communica-

tion, public speaking, and leadership skills. Over the years, the Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club has been regularly recognized by Toastmasters International as a Select Distinguished Club, Toastmasters' highest honor. This continuing excellence—unusual to find in any club—has come to be known as the "Hi-Noon Tradition" among its members.

Mr. President, I commend the Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club for their pursuit of excellence in public speaking and extend my congratulations as they celebrate their 50th anniversary.●

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.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill and joint resolution were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 38. Joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

H.R. 3534. An act to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6948. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Halosulfuron-methyl; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8835-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6949. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Castor Oil, Ethoxylated, Dioleate; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 8835-3) received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on July 29, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6950. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Kenneth W. Hunzeker, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6951. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6952. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67) (Docket No. FEMA-2010-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6953. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Form ADV" (RIN3235-A117) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6954. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Progress of the Federal Government in Meeting the Renewable Energy Goals of the Energy Policy Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6955. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9183-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6956. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incorporation by Reference of State Hazardous Waste Management Program" (FRL No. 9178-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6957. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List: Deletion of the SMS Instruments, Inc. Superfund Site" (FRL No. 9183-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6958. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Authorization of State-initiated Changes and Incorporation by Reference of Approved State Hazardous Waste Management Program" (FRL No. 9172-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.