

the decision to devote his formidable legal talents to public service. He defended numerous Federal agencies in a variety of matters during his years as a young trial attorney with the Department of Justice.

In 1997, he served as minority counsel to the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee during its campaign finance investigation. During 1998, Kevin was Deputy Chief Investigative Counsel to Minority Members of the House Judiciary Committee during the impeachment of President Clinton. In 1999, he became impeachment counsel to Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle and the Minority Members of the United States Senate.

Following his service in the legislative branch, Kevin returned to the executive branch as the Deputy General Counsel of Programs and Regulations at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, a position he held until the end of the Clinton administration. It was my pleasure to work with Kevin Simpson at HUD. Kevin earned a reputation for achieving results—all while maintaining unwavering respect for his colleagues and a dedication to fairness and courtesy. He made a difference, and he turned rivals into friends in the process.

It was this commitment to making a difference that led Kevin to join Max Stier, another outstanding HUD alumnus, in launching the nonpartisan, non-profit Partnership for Public Service.

Armed with the seeds of an exciting idea and a generous financial commitment from the late philanthropist Samuel J. Heyman and his wife Ronnie, Max Stier and Kevin Simpson built the Partnership for Public Service to inspire a new generation to serve and transform the way government works. This impressive organization works with Federal agencies to improve their leadership and management, conducts groundbreaking research, and works closely with universities and job seekers, especially young people, to build new pipelines of talent into government service. In less than a decade, the Partnership has made a measurable, positive impact on our government and the story of the Partnership's success cannot be told without Kevin Simpson in a leading role. As the Partnership's Executive Vice President and General Counsel, there are few achievements in the history of the Partnership in which Kevin has not played a pivotal part.

After doing so much to improve the effectiveness of the Federal Government and inspiring a new generation to serve, Kevin is once again answering the call to service—he will soon leave the Partnership for Public Service for his new position as Principal Deputy General Counsel at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. These are extraordinary times for our Nation and our government, and we need extraordinary talent. Kevin Simpson will bring to HUD his intellectual heft, a keen strategic mind and his natural ability to build bridges; he is a

stellar addition to an already strong leadership team led by a most able Secretary.

I thank Kevin Simpson for his years of service to and on behalf of our government and the Federal workforce, and I congratulate him on this next chapter of his public service career. I know all of those who have worked with Kevin share my optimism that our Nation will be a better place thanks to his pursuit of excellence in Federal service.●

RECOGNIZING CAMDEN'S AEROJET FACILITY

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I congratulate employees of the Aerojet facility in Camden, AR, for recently achieving the National Safety Council's "Million Work-Hours Award."

Camden Aerojet received the award for reaching one million man hours without "a day away from work injury or illness" between July 7, 2009, and June 14, 2010. In addition to achieving the prestigious "Million Work-Hours Award," the Camden facility also garnered Aerojet's President Safety Award.

I commend each and every employee at Camden Aerojet for this accomplishment, which speaks volumes about their dedication and professionalism. Safety should always be a top priority, and I am proud of these employees for their steadfast efforts to maintain a safe, secure workplace.

I also commend Alice Floyd, Safety Manager at the facility, for her dedicated efforts to maintain safety, and Paul Rich, executive director, for his leadership and commitment to safety.

Camden's Aerojet facility helps provide jobs and economic security for countless Camden-area residents. I am proud of the entire Aerojet team for this significant achievement of winning the "Million Work-Hours Award."●

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL FREY

● Mrs. MCCASKILL. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Mr. Michael Frey, a disabled Missouri veteran whose courage, perseverance, and fortitude are remarkable and in keeping with the finest traditions of Missouri and American values: hard work, independence, humbleness, selfless sacrifice, and more.

As a young 19-year old soldier in Vietnam, Mr. Frey served as a squad leader in Alpha Company 3/21 of the 19th Infantry Brigade. On July 14, 1969, Mr. Frey and the members of Alpha Company were ambushed near the Chu Lai base camp. His spinal cord was shattered by enemy fire, and the injuries rendered him paralyzed from the neck down and dependent on a ventilator for assistance in breathing. Given the extent of his injuries, many doctors would have given Mr. Frey a short time to live, but this special Missourian was

about to prove that his case and that he himself was special.

Mr. Frey returned to the United States and began receiving full-time care through St. Louis-area Veterans Administration, VA, hospitals, where he gained the respect and admiration of the hospital staff for his resilience, problem-solving approach, and positivity even as he faced almost unthinkable limitations. On December 7, 1984, 15 years after his spine was shattered in Vietnam, more than double the time individuals with his type of injuries are projected to survive, Mr. Frey moved out of the Spinal Cord Injury facility at Jefferson Barracks Veterans Hospital and into his own home—a remarkable accomplishment for a person with complete tetraplegia.

Since then, Mr. Frey has lived on his own for over 25 years, and he is still going strong. Today he actively manages his daily care with the help of a team of care specialists, and he continues to take full charge of his health through preventative care and regular collaboration with VA doctors. He has the benefit of a strong social network and a self-confidence that has allowed him to bounce back from setbacks. He also remains an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan and regularly attends games. In fact, Mr. Frey developed a special friendship with the late, great St. Louis Cardinals broadcaster Jack Buck, who befriended Mr. Frey in the 1970s and encouraged him along the way.

Having survived over 40 years since his injury, Mr. Frey is one of the longest living tetraplegics in the VA system. I honor him today for his wonderful example in coping with his disability. His spirited approach to life is emblematic of the courage, honor, and strength of this country's veterans who fight for our freedom. His partnership with the many great professionals in the VA healthcare system in St. Louis, who at once serve him and revere him, is uplifting and embodies how our VA system can work best. I join the people of Missouri, and all Americans, in saluting Mr. Frey's courage and to humbly thank him for all that he has done, and for all that he endured, for this country. Mr. Michael Frey is a true American hero.●

REMEMBERING EERO SAARINEN

● Mrs. MCCASKILL. Mr. President, I wish to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Mr. Eero Saarinen.

Mr. Saarinen was born in Finland on August 20, 1910, immigrated with his family to the United States in 1923, and became an American citizen in 1940. A master of American 20th century architecture, Mr. Saarinen passed away on September 1, 1961.

In 1948, Mr. Saarinen won the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Competition with his design for the Saint Louis Gateway Arch, creating a monument which, in his words, "would

have lasting significance and would be a landmark for our time." One of our Nation's most iconic monuments, the Gateway Arch symbolizes Saint Louis' role as the "Gateway to the West" and celebrates our Nation's westward expansion. Famed architect Cesar Pelli commented that the Arch is "a perfect combination of a free gesture with a romantic view of modern technology." Today, the Arch remains Mr. Saarinen's most widely recognized work.

Mr. Saarinen also designed several well known structures including the Trans World Airlines Flight Center at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport and the main terminal at Washington Dulles International Airport, which is renowned for its gracefully curving roof, suggestive of flight. Missouri is fortunate to also host the Firestone Baars Chapel. Designed by Mr. Saarinen, the chapel features a unique four-foyer design, and is located on the campus of Stephens College in Columbia.

In addition to his accomplishments in the field of architecture, Mr. Saarinen was also a groundbreaking designer of furniture. In 1956, he created the tulip chair, featured on the original Star Trek television series and considered a classic of industrial design.

In recognition of his many achievements, Mr. Saarinen was elected, in 1954, a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, considered the highest formal recognition of artistic merit in the United States. In 1962, Mr. Saarinen was posthumously awarded the Gold Medal from the American Institute of Architects. The highest honor bestowed by the organization, it is conferred in recognition of a "significant body of work of lasting influence on the theory and practice of architecture."

On behalf of me and the people of Missouri, it is my sincere pleasure to honor the life, achievements, and enduring contributions of Mr. Eero Saarinen to Missouri and the Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN "JACK" BISCOE

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I pay tribute to a Maine champion for the wilderness and a strong proponent of protecting our natural world. John "Jack" Biscoe, who died last year on November 20, possessed a stirring passion for the uninterrupted forests of Maine, the mighty Penobscot and Kennebec Rivers, and the White Mountains which extend from Maine into New Hampshire.

Jack's passion for the environment was not limited to Maine, and in fact extended to the breathtaking wilderness of Alaska. He first traveled to Alaska in the 1950s tagging salmon in the Aleutian Islands for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Subsequently, his involvement in the cleanup of the Exxon Valdez oil spill only spurred his engagement in wildlife conservation.

At the end of his career, Jack was one of Maine's most renowned organizers behind protecting Alaska's wilderness, and he frequently reminded me that Mainers care about protecting the environment throughout the world.

Upon his return to Maine, Jack's concern for wildlife was channeled through the Sierra Club, and other groups, of which he was an avid member, including the Alaska Wilderness League and the Alaska Coalition of Maine. Jack's zeal for environmental protection never waned and his vision for a better environment never faltered, and we will long remember him as an inspiration of what one person can contribute to the greater good. Jack's life and legacy were emblematic of Maine's deep commitment to retaining our quality of life, and I appreciate the effort that he provided on behalf of our Nation's wilderness.●

RECOGNIZING COURTYARD CAFÉ

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, small businesses are not only the lifeblood of our economy, they are often quite literally the heart of our neighborhoods and communities. One such business is the Courtyard Café in the northern Maine town of Houlton, which is at the top end of Interstate 95 in the United States. Houlton is the county government seat for Aroostook County—the largest east of the Mississippi River geographically—and it serves as a major border crossing with our State's largest trade partner, Canada.

Yet, despite Houlton's critical role in international commerce, it is at its core a prime example of small town America. And although downtowns across America, including Houlton, have been suffering over the past several years, people like Joyce and Henry Transue, the owners of Courtyard Café, have stepped forward to help revitalize these regions by opening small businesses that bring new customers and increases revenues to downtown stores. In recognition of their efforts, today I honor Courtyard Café and its owners for the tremendous work they have done to bring their world-class dining establishment to Houlton.

The Courtyard Café got its start over a decade ago, when Chef Joyce Transue and her husband Henry opened the quaint restaurant on Main Street in downtown Houlton. But the restaurant's origins date back to 1993, when Chef Transue began small catering business that she called the Traveling Gourmet. This operation allowed Chef Transue to merge her passion for cooking with her zeal for beautiful presentation and exceptional hospitality. The Courtyard Café continues this tradition as Chef Transue offers her catering services to local clients either at the restaurant or at a location of their choosing.

The Courtyard Café has quickly earned a reputation for fresh and exciting meals prepared with tremendous skill and attention. Given the abun-

dance of local fruits and vegetables in Aroostook County, most notable potatoes, Chef Transue takes painstaking efforts to carefully incorporate these items into her divergent menu options, while also utilizing other items such as farm-fresh eggs and locally produced maple syrup. All breads, salad dressings, and desserts are homemade at the Courtyard Café, and the restaurant sells its famed Raspberry Vinaigrette, Greek, and White Wine Vinaigrette salad dressings to customers in store or online thanks to a small manufacturing grant she accessed through the Northern Maine Development Center.

The restaurant offers delicious and affordable lunch dishes, and provides fresh seafood, poultry, and meat dishes for its dinner entrees. Desserts made from scratch include seasonal fruit crisp, cheesecake, and tiramisu. In addition, guests can sit at the newly renovated Garden Bar for a more casual dining option. As a truly hands-on owner, Chef Transue takes her craft seriously, and can always be seen in the kitchen arranging meals for customers, starting early in the morning preparing fresh sauces and soups for the day ahead. She has certainly succeeded in providing clients with a small, intimate restaurant tailored to producing exquisite gourmet food in a comfortable setting and relaxing atmosphere.

The Courtyard Café has rightfully gained recognition as an upscale dining destination, with customers travelling from as far away as Presque Isle and beyond just to enjoy the delicious meals prepared by Chef Joyce Transue. Her dedication and enthusiasm for culinary excellence have been exemplary, and I wish her and everyone at the Courtyard Café continued success in their delectable endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO EDMUND CURRY

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Edmund Curry, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Edmund is a graduate of the University of Maryland, where he majored in political science and government. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Edmund for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO DANIELLE HANSON

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Danielle Hanson, an intern in my Rapid City, SD office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Danielle is a graduate of St. Thomas More High School in Rapid City, SD.