

who served in the military during World War II. They will receive cards and letters of appreciation from local school groups and other members of the community. To date, more than 700 cards and letters from the northwest Arkansas community have been collected.

In Arkansas, there are approximately 26,714 living World War II veterans, and each one has a heroic tale. World War II was one of America's greatest triumphs, but was also a conflict filled with individual sacrifice and tragedy. More than 60 million people worldwide were killed, including more than 35 million civilians, and more than 400,000 American servicemembers. The ultimate victory is a testament to the valor of American soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines.

I salute these World War II veterans, along with all of our 260,000 Arkansas veterans. My father and both grandfathers served our Nation in uniform and taught me from an early age about the sacrifices our troops and their families make to keep our Nation free. All of our veterans—from the greatest generation to Vietnam war veterans to the new generation of servicemembers in the Middle East and across the globe—have sacrificed greatly on behalf of our country. I thank them for their service and sacrifice.●

#### FORT SMITH'S RIVERFRONT BLUES FESTIVAL

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I recognize the Fort Smith Riverfront Blues Festival in my home State of Arkansas for being named one of the Top 100 Events in North America by the American Bus Association.

Each year, the association compiles a list of the most appealing events across the continent for tour operators who are planning trips for the coming year. More than 600 events competed for inclusion on the 2011 list. This year marks Fort Smith's first appearance on the list.

Riverfront Blues Fest will celebrate its 21st year in 2011, and is known as "The Best Little Bluesfest in America." The festival draws thousands of music lovers to enjoy top musical talent on the banks of the Arkansas River on two summer nights.

Fort Smith Riverfront Blues Fest's entry in the 2011 Top 100 Events in North America reads:

The Fort Smith Riverfront Blues Fest is the premier blues event on the Arkansas River. It's big enough to draw national and international musical talent, yet intimate that you don't have to fight the crowds to enjoy the music. Set on the banks of the Arkansas at Fort Smith Riverpark, this blues festival brings people from several states to enjoy two low-cost nights of family entertainment. Because the festival gets started after 4 p.m., this leaves plenty of time to see the sights in and around historic Fort Smith.

Two other Arkansas events made the 2011 Top 100 Events list: the World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade in

Hot Springs and the Arkansas Trail of Holiday Lights, which occurs in 60 communities across the state, including Fort Smith.

I congratulate all of these Arkansas events and communities for preserving and promoting the history and heritage of our State.●

#### RECOGNIZING KELD RADIO

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I recognize radio station KELD 106.5 in El Dorado, AR, as they celebrate their 75th anniversary.

As the longest and oldest continuous radio station in Arkansas, KELD has educated and informed residents across South Arkansas for more than seven decades. From music to news and community events, KELD offers a mix of programming to meet the needs of its listeners.

Radio stations like KELD are an important part of Arkansas's culture, providing essential information to listeners across our State. I am proud of their efforts to broadcast thoughtful, educational, and entertaining programming.

KELD represents the best of Arkansas, and I am proud of the station for reaching this historic milestone. Along with all Arkansans, I thank KELD for their many contributions to the El Dorado community and South Arkansas over the past 75 years.●

#### TRIBUTE TO KATHY MANIS FINDLEY

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I congratulate Kathy Manis Findley for being named Arkansas Business' Non-profit Executive of the Year. Kathy serves as the executive director of Safe Places of Little Rock, which she founded in 2002.

Safe Places is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides individual and group support, counseling, education and training, criminal justice advocacy and other services to encourage and strengthen the healing process for survivors of violence. Many of Safe Places' services, including its Crisis Line, are provided throughout the State.

Located in Little Rock's Governor's Mansion Historic District, Safe Places serves children and families who live in areas of Pulaski County that present the highest risk for violent victimization.

Safe Places' mission speaks volumes about the work they do each and every day to keep Arkansas's children safe:

We envision a world without violence, a world in which every child can experience safety, nurture, and opportunities that ensure a future filled with hope.

From that Vision our Mission takes its form.

In fulfilling our vision of a world without violence, Safe Places works in the community to help children, young people and families create safe homes, schools, and communities through counseling, advocacy, support, and education.

I commend the entire team at Safe Places for their efforts to protect our

most vulnerable young citizens. Their efforts have improved the lives of countless young Arkansans, and I am proud of their hard work and dedication.●

#### NASHVILLE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL'S QUIZ BOWL TEAM

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I recognize Nashville Junior High School in my home State of Arkansas for winning the Junior High Quiz Bowl National Championship in New Orleans, LA, earlier this summer. Along with all Arkansas, I congratulate the Nashville team for this tremendous accomplishment.

Under the leadership of coach Tammy Alexander, the school competed in the event as two separate teams, A team and B team.

The A team came out national champions with the only undefeated record of 9-0 at the tournament. The group included Jonathon Lance, Hayden Kirchhoff, Cameron Alexander, Alex Perrin, Alex Kwok and Tyler Tollett. I also wish to recognize student Jonathon Lance, who was named national MVP at the tournament.

The B team included Luke Dawson, Blake Hockaday, Kathleen Lance, Sydney Hughes, Braden Bowman, Nicole Drummond and Dillon Roberts.

I am proud of the hard work and talent of these students, who exemplify the best of our state. Not only are they to be commended for achieving this championship, they are also to be commended for their teamwork and dedication to sportsmanship and education. They set a fine example for all Arkansas students, and I commend them for their exemplary efforts.

I also salute the entire community of Nashville for providing support and encouragement to these young students. Nashville is a strong, thriving community, and I am proud of the community's efforts to encourage education and learning.

I join all Nashville residents in congratulating the Junior High School Quiz Bowl Team on this significant achievement.●

#### ROGERS HISTORICAL MUSEUM

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I congratulate the staff of the Rogers Historical Museum in my home State of Arkansas for being awarded accreditation through the American Association of Museums. The Rogers Historical Museum joins an impressive group of 778 institutions currently accredited nationwide. This accreditation represents the highest recognition of the Rogers Historical Museum's commitment to public service, professional standards, and excellence in education.

Museums like the Rogers Historical Museum play an important role in promoting lifelong education, travel and tourism, and quality of life. They offer a center of exploration, discovery, and lifelong earnings for students and citizens of all ages and all walks of life.

I commend the Rogers Historical Museum's leaders and the entire community for their efforts to maintain the history and heritage of their community. Their tireless efforts helped make this accreditation a reality. They represent the best of our State, and I am proud of their accomplishments. I join all Arkansans to congratulate the Rogers Historical Museum for this distinguished recognition.●

#### RECOGNIZING NORTHWEST ARKANSAS'S "40 UNDER 40"

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I honor and congratulate 40 of Arkansas's brightest young professionals, who were recently named to Northwest Arkansas Business Journal's "40 Under 40" list for 2010.

These young adults represent the best of our State, and I am proud to see them earn this recognition. They now join an elite group of business and community leaders, and I look forward to working with them as they continue to grow in their careers.

I also commend the editors and readers of Northwest Arkansas Business Journal for highlighting these young individuals and their efforts for our State.

Members of the 2010 "40 Under 40" group, as named by Northwest Arkansas Business Journal, are:

Adam Rutledge, 29—First Security Bank; Annette Nichols, 38—Hyatt Place Hotel; Barry Graves, 39—Weichert Realtors—The Griffin Co.; Brandon Pinkerton, 32—HP Engineering Inc.; Brent Farmer, 36—Flintco Inc.; Brian Henry, 36—Wal-Mart Stores Inc.; Bryan Billingsley, 36—HEBCO Inc.; Christie King, 34—Wittenberg Delony & Davidson Architects; Clint Lazenby, 37—ConAgra Foods Inc.; Cody Crawford, 31—C.R. Crawford Construction LLC; Erin Rushing, 39—CEI Engineering Associates; Greg Primm, 36—WellQuest Medical & Wellness Corp.; Heather M. Bell, 35—Mitchell Williams Selig Gates & Woodyard PLLC; Hernan Muntaner, 38—Wal-Mart Stores Inc.; James Brandenburg, 36—JVS International; Jason Carter, 39—Simply Home Lending Inc.; Jeremy Wilson, 38—Rockfish Interactive; Jody Dilday, 39—Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Northwest Arkansas Inc.; John Sampson, 32—Cox Communications; Jonathan Janacek, 28—Janacek Construction Inc.

Justin Mills, 39—Justin Mills Insurance Agency Inc.; Kyle Jack, 33—Rapid Prototypes LLC; Laura Kellams, 38—Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families; Luke Briggs, 31—Ghirardelli Chocolate Co.; Mark McWhorter, 37—Clorox Co.; Mark Wagstaff, 37—AAA Business Systems Inc.; Martine Downs Pollard, 37—Rogers-Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce; Marty Shell, 38—Five Rivers Distribution LLC; Melanie Arterbury, 38—Mitchell Communications Group Inc.; Patrick Curry, 32—WACO Title Co.; Paul D. Morris, 35—Wright Lindsey & Jennings LLP; Rebecca Hurst, 31—Friday Eldredge & Clark LLP; Robyn Goforth, 35—BiologicsMD, University of Arkansas; Ryan Gribble, 38—ISP Sports LLC; Ryan Hale, 35—The Soderquist Center for Leadership and Ethics; Tim Singleton, 36—Simmons Prepared Foods; Tina

Winham, 35—Cott Beverage; Troy A. Kestner, 39—Arvest Private Banking; Ulanda Terry, 30—Tyson Foods Inc.; and Wendi Phillips, 39—Arvest Bank Group Inc.●

#### REMEMBERING JEFFERSON THOMAS

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, with the passing of Jefferson Thomas, my home State of Arkansas has lost a true legend and leader. My heart goes out to his family, friends, and loved ones, and I pray for them as they mourn this loss. They can be proud of the legacy that Jefferson has left behind for our State and Nation.

A member of the "Little Rock Nine," Jefferson bravely stood up for what he believed was right, at a time when it wasn't easy or popular to break against convention. His courage set an example for future generations, who learned that education and equality go hand in hand. His desire to follow his educational dreams inspired countless Arkansans and Americans, and we all suffer his loss.

Throughout his life, Jefferson was committed to service. He bravely served his country in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968 as a staff sergeant and an infantry squad leader in Vietnam. He later worked as an accounting clerk with the U.S. Department of Defense.

According to those who knew him best, Jefferson's humor and light heart helped fellow members of the Little Rock Nine stay strong as they pursued their studies. Jefferson maintained that strong sense of humor even in his final days.

Arkansas has lost a cherished member of its community. Jefferson represents the best of our State, and our world is a better place because of his courageous actions and commitment to equality.●

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3772. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 3773. A bill to permanently extend the 2001 and 2003 tax relief provisions and to provide permanent AMT relief and estate tax relief, 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-7223. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the transfer of de-

tainees (OSS Control No. 2010-1251); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7224. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the transfer of detainees (OSS Control No. 2009-1392); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7225. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a foreign terrorist organization (OSS Control No. 2010-1250); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7226. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the transfer of detainees (OSS Control No. 2010-1002); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7227. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to foreign terrorist organizations (OSS Control No. 2010-1321); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7228. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employment Authorizations for Dependents of Foreign Officials" (RIN1615-AB87) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2010; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7229. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Torts Branch of the Civil Division, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Radiation Exposure Compensation Act; Allowance for Costs and Expenses" (RIN1105-AB33) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2010; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7230. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TRICARE: Extended Care Health Option" (RIN0720-AB33) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7231. A communication from the Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act: Increase in License Fees" ((RIN0581-AC92) (Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0098)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7232. A communication from the Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Walnuts Grown in California; Changes to the Quality Regulations for Shelled Walnuts" (Docket No. AMS-FV-09-0036; FV09-984-4 FR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 13, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7233. A communication from the Administrator of Dairy Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Northeast and Other Marketing Areas; Order