

Taiwan with capabilities for self-defense and creates unofficial representation in Taiwan through the American Institute in Taiwan. The TRA names U.S. policy as being oriented towards resisting coercion of the unofficial U.S.-Taiwan relations. Although the U.S. must provide for the sale of arms to Taiwan, the TRA does not specify the types of armaments, requiring only that Taiwan should be able to maintain "sufficient" defensive capabilities. Under the purview of the TRA, the U.S., on August 25, 2008, announced its intent to sell 60 Harpoon missiles, worth approximately \$89.8 million, to Taiwan. On October 3, 2008, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of the possible foreign military sale of six different types of defense articles and equipment, which could have totaled a maximum of approximately \$6.4 billion. After increasingly tense relations between the U.S. and China, President Obama decided to defer the arms deal until 2011. Taiwan will still be able to purchase minor parts and upgrades.

We discussed the Taiwanese request, submitted in November 2009, to upgrade F-16A/D fighters which were initially sold to Taiwan in 1992. The Taiwanese request noted that the upgrades would render the fleet parallel to the new F-16C/D fighters, reducing the need for a substitute fleet. American contractors have estimated that this retrofit would take approximately 6 years to complete.

On August 15, we attended a working lunch hosted by Dr. Lyushun Shen, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs. The meeting was attended by Benny T. Hu, Chairman of CDIB BioScience Venture Management, Maj. Gen. Mike Tsai-Mai Tien of the Republic of China Air Force Academy, Mrs. Tien, Lawrence S. Liu, Senior Vice President of China Development Financial Holdings, Johnson S. Chiang, Section Chief of the Department of North American Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ms. Grace Ya-hung Lin, Assistant to Deputy Minister Shen, Eric Madison, Deputy Director of the American Institute in Taiwan, Ms. Judy Kuo, Deputy Chief from the Economic Section at the American Institute in Taiwan, and Ms. Astrid Ai-yun Chen, Officer, Department of North American Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

On Monday, August 16, we met with Wang Jin-pyng, president of the Legislative Yuan, before departing for Taipei International Airport. We flew on Eva Airlines from Taipei to Newark, NJ, for 16 hours leaving on August 16 and arriving on August 16 crossing the international date line.

I would like to recognize Major Lance Burnett and Dan Eisenberg of my staff for their support of this CODEL.

NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I rise today to discuss the significant threat

prostate cancer poses to the male population in the United States.

The American Cancer Society estimates that more than 217,000 American men will learn that they have prostate cancer in 2010, and 32,000 American men will lose their lives to the disease this year, making prostate cancer the second most common cause of cancer death among men.

One out of every six American men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer, and an estimated one in 36 men will die from this disease.

African-American men experience a significantly higher incidence rate of prostate cancer than White males, and more than double the mortality rate.

This disease is also affecting young Americans. Thirty percent of those battling prostate cancer are under the age of 65, prime years of productivity for families and for this Nation.

Doctors across our country agree: early detection presents the best chance for a cure. However, this motto is more than good public policy for me.

As a 10 year prostate cancer survivor myself, I know the value of early detection and surgery, and it is painful for me to know that many good people in this great country are not being diagnosed early and are therefore greatly increasing their risk. The simple PSA blood test can be the key to detection. Millions have taken advantage of it, but unfortunately millions do not. We must do better.

Approximately 98 percent of men diagnosed with early stage prostate cancer are still alive after 10 years, but only 18 percent of those diagnosed with advanced stage prostate cancer survive 10 years.

Increasing awareness of prostate cancer is particularly important to my home State of Alabama. Although we have world class medical research facilities at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and excellent doctors across the State, 3,300 men in Alabama will develop prostate cancer in 2010, and 600 deaths in our State will be attributed to prostate cancer this year.

In May 2006, Alabama was one of 5 States to receive a failing grade in regards to its "prostate cancer awareness" by the National Prostate Cancer Coalition. A 2006 CDC study found that 38 out of 100,000 Alabama men die from prostate cancer, ranking Alabama 47th in the US.

Every year since 2002, I have introduced a resolution to increase awareness about prostate cancer and to encourage men to talk with their doctors about this disease.

I am pleased to partner with ZERO: The Project to End Prostate Cancer in promoting this year's resolution and other activities throughout the month of September to increase public knowledge about prostate cancer including risk factors, prevention, and treatment options.

Last night the Senate passed S. Res. 597, a resolution to designate September 2010 as National Prostate Can-

cer Awareness Month. The purpose of this resolution is to bring attention to prostate cancer and encourage Americans to take an active role in the fight to end the devastating effects of prostate cancer on individuals and their families.

I am honored to be joined on this resolution with 28 cosponsors, including Senators BAYH, BENNETT, BOXER, BURR, BURRIS, CARDIN, CASEY, CHAMBLISS, COCHRAN, CRAPO, DODD, DORGAN, FEINGOLD, FEINSTEIN, HATCH, INHOFE, INOUE, ISAKSON, JOHANNES, JOHNSON, KERRY, LANDRIEU, LUGAR, SCHUMER, SHELBY, SPECTER, TESTER, and VITTER.

I thank my Senate colleagues that have worked to increase prostate cancer awareness through this resolution, and I applaud the work of countless Americans who give up their time and energy to raise awareness of this disease and fight prostate cancer's impact on families and our Nation.

AMERICA'S CUP INDUCTION

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, this Saturday I will attend the 17th annual America's Cup Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in Newport, RI. Today, I would like to congratulate this year's inductees: Simon Daubney, Warwick Fleury, Murray Jones, Dean Phipps, Mike Drummond, and Halsey Herreshoff. I would also like to say a few words about Rhode Island's connection with sailing and with the America's Cup.

I should call special attention to the Rhode Islander being honored, Halsey Herreshoff. Halsey has made numerous contributions to the sailing world. His four defenses of the America's Cup and his legendary naval designs continue the long and proud history of the Herreshoff family. His grandfather, Nat "the wizard of Bristol" Herreshoff, designed 27 years of defenders of the America's Cup, and that tradition was passed down through his father to Halsey. Halsey Herreshoff is the editor of the classic "The Sailor's Handbook" and has served his community as the Bristol town administrator for 8 years. He continues his service as president of the Herreshoff Marine Museum and as a member of the Bristol Town Council. He is a friend, a public servant, and a great sailor, and I congratulate him on this honor.

In 1930, Newport hosted its first America's Cup race. For many decades, Newport and the America's Cup were so closely identified as to be virtually indistinguishable. Our excellent sailing waters and winds, our beautiful venue, our legendary hospitality, and a long string of successful defenses kept this link firmly forged.

It is thus no coincidence that this ceremony is held in Newport or that the America's Cup Hall of Fame resides in Rhode Island. People across the country closely associate our great Ocean State with our sailing culture. And nothing is more responsible for that association than our long connection with the America's Cup. Newport

hosted the Cup for over 50 years; its departure in 1983 left our State without one of its most cherished icons.

For Rhode Island, the Cup represented more than the pride of years of successful defenses: the Cup was a huge boost to our economy. San Francisco, the site of the next race, estimates that the competition will bring \$1.4 billion in additional revenue, and a 2007 study estimated that Newport could see a \$886 million boost if we were the host site. Imagine what that investment would do for Rhode Island with our nearly 12 percent unemployment rate. The Cup brings millions of dollars in construction, hospitality, boat maintenance, and media jobs—jobs our State sorely needs.

While the Cup may no longer be held in our Ocean State, Rhode Island continues its love for sailing and remains a great host site for national and international races. Efforts are underway to bring some of the America's Cup qualifying races to Newport—efforts I enthusiastically support. It would be heartening to see the Cup come full circle, to what we still consider its true home.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REISTERSTOWN AMERICAN LEGION POST 116

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I would like my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Reisterstown American Legion Post 116, which will celebrate its 75th anniversary on November 6, 2010. The American Legion Department of Maryland has 147 active posts. Reisterstown Post 116 is the largest post and the largest wartime veterans service organization in the State of Maryland. The Reisterstown American Legion Post 116 was formed on November 6, 1935, by a group of 13 charter members. By 1986, the post had expanded to more than 400 members, including a Sons of the American Legion Squadron of 75 members, an American Legion Auxiliary of about 100 members, and an active Legion Riders organization.

Part of the Reisterstown American Legion Post 116's success has been its involvement in the northwest Baltimore County community. The post awards scholarships to students, participates in the American Legion Boys and Girls State programs, and assists the Reisterstown Recreation Council. Post 116 also provides volunteers and donations to many charitable organizations, including the Maryland Special Olympics, the Epilepsy Foundation, United Cerebral Palsy, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Post 116 on its 75th anniversary, and to join me in commending the post's leadership, past and present, and in extending our thanks to its members for their service to

Reisterstown Post 116, the Baltimore community, and to our country.●

REMEMBERING RALPH SMEED

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, today I honor the life of Ralph Smeed, who will be remembered affectionately for his great love for this country.

Ralph had many accomplishments throughout his life. Born into a pioneer family in southwestern Idaho in 1921, Ralph embodied strength, perseverance and devotion. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, attended the University of Idaho, and was a successful and able businessman who ran his family's ranching operation after Ralph's father passed away. Ralph was also a dynamic thinker, debater and writer, who contributed significantly to State and national political discussions, cofounded the Center for the Study of Market Alternatives, served on the board of the Foundation for Economic Education, and was a long-time newspaper columnist. Ralph had a unique and powerful way of communicating his ideas, and his presence in Idaho political discourse will be greatly missed. One could not ignore Ralph's electronic reader board that gave passersby food for thought. Understandably, Ralph has been honored for his strong commitment to free market ideals, liberty and his defense of the principles of freedom.

Ralph will continue to be recognized for his numerous accomplishments, but it is his example of conviction that will be most remembered. Ralph had strong principles and held true to his values. He thought deeply, understood the value of listening albeit many times with great restraint, and delivered his points with passion and humor. Ralph could not be rightly accused of caring too little. He did not sit on the sidelines. Ralph embraced the dialogue and tackled the tough issues. He was always engaged and challenged others. Ralph's interjection of free-thinking, strong, libertarian views shaped discussions and opinions. He added flavor and insight from his many years of experience, discussion and contemplation. He sought to protect individual liberties and contributed substantially to conservative knowledge.

Ralph was a spirited, dedicated, witty, generous, sincere individual and true patriot. Ralph touched and enriched the lives of all those he met, and I am grateful to have known him. There is no doubt there will be a significant void left by Ralph's passing. As we honor Ralph Smeed's life, and extend thoughts and prayers to Ralph's family, friends and loved ones for this great loss, Ralph's individuality and dedication will not be forgotten. Ralph was a true thought provoker who was devoted to the promotion of liberty and encouraging others to work for liberty. Ralph Smeed will be greatly missed.●

REMEMBERING BOBBY EUGENE HANNON

• Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I recognize Bobby Eugene Hannon Sr., 76, of Hot Springs, who passed away Saturday, August 28, 2010. A beloved member of the Hot Springs community and the entire State, "Coach Hannon" was one of Arkansas's finest citizens. His legacy will long be remembered at Hot Springs High School, where he coached football from 1970 to 1979. His many championships and accomplishments in coaching were highlighted by his undefeated 1970 State Championship Team, voted No. 1 in the State by the Associated Press.

In 2008, Coach Hannon was inducted into the Arkansas High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He received the Lowell Manning Award in 1970 as the Arkansas High School Coach of the Year and was selected head coach for the West Squad in the AHSCA All Star Game. His teams competed in five more championship games, including the longest high school football game in Arkansas history against Jonesboro in 1972 that ended in a tie for co-championship.

Before his coaching career, Coach Hannon was an outstanding athlete with many accomplishments, including serving as quarterback of Little Rock High School and being selected All-State and All-Southern quarterback. Coach Hannon received a football scholarship at Arkansas Tech University and played there for 4 years, where he received all AIC conference honors.

Drafted into the U.S. Army, he played on the Fort Lewis Washington Championship football team for 2 years. Coach Hannon also played shortstop for the famed Little Rock Doughboys baseball team next to Major League Baseball Hall of Fame third baseman Brooks Robinson.

After retiring from coaching, he continued his working career selling team sporting goods for Spaulding and Sportstop Athletics. Most recently Coach Hannon was employed by Hurst, Morrisey and Hurst Law Firm.

Coach Hannon was involved in numerous community services. He was a member of Brookwood Baptist Church, a lifetime member of Elks Lodge No. 380, American Legion Baseball commissioner for 4 years, served as cochairman for the State Multiple Sclerosis Fund Raisers and was a member of the Hot Springs Quarterback Club prayer group.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Janice (Avra) Hannon; his three children, Lisa Hannon Madden, Bobby Eugene Hannon Jr., and Bridget Hannon Summers; four grandchildren, Beau Harvey, Trish Madden Jordan, Lauren Hannon Madden Pope, and Don Allen Madden III; four step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and three step great-grandchildren.

Along with all Arkansans, I thank Coach Hannon for his years of service to our State. He will be greatly missed.●