

Over the years, M. Jacob & Sons has contributed to a number of local charities. Most recently, in honor of their 125th anniversary, the company endowed a \$125,000 scholarship to Wayne State University.

I know my colleagues join me in commending all those who have contributed to the success of M. Jacob & Sons over the last 125 years.●

#### REMEMBERING JOSEPH SHAWINSKY

●Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to the extraordinary life and service of Joseph Shawinsky, a teacher, a leader in our community, and personal hero of mine. Mr. Shawinsky was a true American patriot, a valued leader and teacher in the Stamford community who touched the lives of hundreds of students. Beloved for his enthusiasm and wit, his brilliant mind and big heart, Joseph Shawinsky will be missed deeply.

I knew Joseph Shawinsky for many years and have long treasured the example he set in his career of devoted service. As his student at Burdick Junior High School, Mr. Shawinsky made history come alive for me and my classmates and instilled in me a deep love of our country's story. He also taught me about the importance of leadership, how much good leaders could influence human history for the better. Mr. Shawinsky was himself a touchstone of the greatest generation and his own great story will inspire me and others around the country for years to come.

During the Second World War, Joe. Shawinsky served our country with courage and distinction as a Seabee in the 133rd Naval Construction Battalion. He was one of the first fighting Americans to go ashore during the 1945 assault on Iwo Jima, a battle in which some of the fiercest fighting in the Second World War took place a battle that revealed the uncommon courage of Joe Shawinsky and the Americans who served alongside him.

For decades, Joseph Shawinsky illuminated the hearts and minds of his students, his colleagues, and everyone who knew him. We, his students, were blessed with the opportunity to have learned from Joseph Shawinsky, and I believe more broadly that our State and this nation are blessed to have people like him who truly enrich our schools, our children, and our future.

My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Shawinsky family.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL W. SHERMAN

●Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I wish to commend and congratulate Michael W. Sherman upon his retirement as executive director of YMCA Camp Woodstock, located in Woodstock Valley, CT. Mike has been humbly shaping the lives of countless children and young adults in Connecticut's "Quiet

Corner" since 1987, and he will leave his position after 24 years of service. He has dedicated his life to making Camp Woodstock a safe and fun place for our kids to learn how to respect one another's differences, become leaders in their communities, and be good stewards of our environment.

A gifted storyteller, Mike is known for his boundless creativity and enthusiasm. As his friends will tell you, when Mike speaks, people listen; and he has masterfully used this talent to inspire a very special culture at Camp Woodstock, embodied in its "CHoRR" values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility. A truly remarkable man, Mike Sherman's contributions to the growth and success of Camp Woodstock, along with his unwavering commitment to helping young people, are his enduring legacy.

During his tenure, Mike has helped transition Camp Woodstock to year-round programming, reaching out to community leaders throughout the State and deepening ties to the YMCA of Greater Hartford. Camp Woodstock now proudly hosts the Discovery Center, which brings together children from urban and suburban schools to learn tolerance and celebrate diversity, and Moderate Voices for Progress, which teaches conflict resolution skills to young Israeli and Palestinian adults. Mike has also taken a special interest in helping disadvantaged youth in Hartford, championing special youth outreach and conflict resolution retreats throughout the year. Over the years, he has led volunteers in raising nearly \$1 million in financial aid so that less fortunate children throughout the State could experience the "Woodstock spirit."

Mike's most important contribution to Camp Woodstock has been his keen ability to recognize and nurture the human capital that makes Camp Woodstock so unique. Mike embraced a long tradition of campers growing up to become counselors and expanded on that concept by developing the leader-in-training and counselor-in-training programs for young adults. Also, under Mike's skillful leadership, Camp Woodstock has boosted its recruitment of international staff and has forged special relationships with YMCAs in Russia and the Dominican Republic.

Amid the tranquil pines of Woodstock and the calm shores of Black Pond, that have remained unchanged for generations, Mike has overseen the renovation and restoration of Camp Woodstock's facilities, including nearly all of the cabins, bathhouses, the Program Lodge, and the transformation of a beloved old barn into a program space containing an arts and crafts center, theater, and state-of-the-art indoor climbing wall. Mike's leadership has enabled Camp Woodstock to expand, as well, with the construction of a new climbing tower, the Roskin Lodge, for youth leadership training, the Lakeside Dining Hall, and, most recently, New Yurt City, a special living area for older campers.

I am honored today to pay tribute to Mike Sherman and wish him and his loving wife Susan all the best in their well-earned retirement. Mike has made Camp Woodstock a far better place; and, although he may be leaving as executive director, his lessons, like his stories, will live on for years to come. It is with great pride that I recognize such a distinguished leader, educator, and outstanding citizen for his service to Connecticut and the Nation.●

#### TIMBERFEST 2010

●Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I congratulate the residents of Sheridan in my home State of Arkansas as they celebrate Timberfest, a time-honored tradition that commemorates Sheridan and Grant County's longstanding involvement with the timber industry. As many as 12,000 visitors are expected in Sheridan during the event, which will take place Friday and Saturday, October 1-2.

Timberfest began in 1984 when members of the local Chamber of Commerce decided to combine the annual bluegrass festival and merchants' fair into one event.

Centered on the Grant County Courthouse Square, Timberfest offers a variety of events for the entire family, including a parade, 5K Run and 2K Walk, horseshoe tournament, talent show, games, petting zoo, Dutch Oven cook-off, music, and pancake breakfast.

The highlight of Timberfest is the Arkansas State Lumberjack Championships. Lumberjacks from across the country travel to Sheridan to compete in the championship, where competitors battle it out with ax and chainsaw to see who is fastest at cutting wood.

I salute the entire community of Sheridan and Grant County as they celebrate Timberfest 2010. I commend them for keeping the history and heritage of their community alive.●

#### ARKANSAS'S BUSINESS LEADERS

●Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I recognize four Arkansas business leaders who will be inducted into the Arkansas Business Hall of Fame early next year. They are L. Dickson Flake, cofounder and chairman of Colliers International-Arkansas in Little Rock; Wallace Fowler, chairman and chief executive officer of Liberty Bank of Arkansas and also Fowler Foods, both based in Jonesboro; Donald Soderquist, retired senior vice chairman of Wal-Mart Stores of Bentonville; and Leland Tollett, former chairman and chief executive of Tyson Foods of Springdale.

The Sam M. Walton College of Business established the first ever Arkansas Business Hall of Fame recognizing Arkansans—by birth or by choice—who have been successful business leaders. The Arkansas Business Hall of Fame is designed to honor, preserve and perpetuate the names and outstanding accomplishments of business leaders who have brought lasting fame to Arkansas.

This year's Hall of Fame class represents the best of our State, and I am proud to see them receive this significant achievement. Not only do they exemplify excellence in their chosen field, they also represent the highest standards of ethics and community service. I thank them for their contributions, along with the contributions of all business leaders in our great State.●

#### TRIBUTE TO BILLY AND DIANN SIMMONS

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I honor Billy and Diann Simmons from my home State of Arkansas for their exemplary efforts to support foster children in our State. I am proud to recognize them as my choice for this year's "Angel in Adoption" for Arkansas. They join adoption advocates from across the Nation who have received this prestigious recognition.

The Angels in Adoption program, sponsored by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, provides Members of Congress the opportunity to honor those who have made an extraordinary contribution on behalf of children in need of homes.

The Simmons are certainly worthy of this recognition. Diann Simmons became a therapeutic foster parent in 1997 and persuaded her soon-to-be spouse to join her in this noble endeavor prior to their marriage in 1998. The Simmons' have now been therapeutic foster parents for 13 years and have significant experience fostering children with difficult behaviors.

Despite their experiences with children with challenging emotional and behavioral difficulties, they love children and maintain a sense of strong family values. These values have resulted in the adoption of seven children, including two sibling groups of two. Their most recent adoption was finalized this year.

Because of their experience, flexibility, strong family values and their belief in the potential for every child, they have been successful in changing the lives of numerous children. According to those who know them best, the Simmons have developed a strong bond with every child placed in their home. In fact, four of their adopted children were in their home as foster children prior to adoption.

Affectionately called "Mama Diann" and "Daddy Billy," the Simmons' commitment, genuine concern and caring for their foster children has endeared them to many of these children's birth families, including families of their own adopted children.

I commend both Diann and Billy for their dedication and perseverance helping children in need. They represent the best of Arkansas, and I commend them for their work on behalf of Arkansas's children.●

#### TRIBUTE TO PHIL E. MATTHEWS

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I recognize Phil E. Matthews for his dedicated years of service at the Arkansas Hospital Association. His efforts on behalf of our State's hospitals are to be commended, and I thank him for his efforts to maintain high-quality hospital care for the citizens of Arkansas.

Phil has been a part of the Arkansas Hospital Association, known as AHA, since 1969 and was named president in 2005. During his tenure, he has worked hard to cultivate constructive relationships with State and Federal legislators in order to achieve great results for Arkansas. He has reinforced the AHA as a trusted partner for Arkansas hospitals and other health care providers and entities from all across the State.

In recent years, the AHA has helped to pass laws on the State level that will enhance the health of and health care services for Arkansans, including for the development of a statewide trauma care system, expansion of health insurance coverage for more than 6,000 additional children through ARKids, and public health initiatives that will increase seatbelt usage and decrease tobacco use in the State.

On the Federal level, it has been my pleasure to work closely with Phil and the AHA to develop and pass policies to expand health insurance coverage to more than 400,000 Arkansans, grow the health care workforce in Arkansas, modernize health care delivery and the use of health information technologies, and preserve the viability and valuable role of Arkansas's community hospitals. Together, we have fought back on policies that might have had a negative impact or unintended consequence for Arkansas hospitals, providers, and patients, and we have worked to advance policies that are best for our great State.

I am extremely proud of Phil's and the AHA's efforts to help Arkansas hospitals provide quality care to their patients, provide charity care for those in need, serve refugees of gulf coast hurricanes and other natural disasters, and play an active role in improving health care coverage and quality in Arkansas. I wish Phil all the very best in his retirement, and to Bo Ryall, who will serve as his successor as president of the AHA.●

#### ARKANSAS'S TRAUMA CENTERS

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I recognize Arkansas's newly established trauma system, and I commend three facilities in the State for garnering the highest designations of trauma care.

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock and the Regional Medical Center in Memphis were selected to provide the highest level of trauma care under the system, which is aimed at getting patients spe-

cialized care in emergency situations. Jefferson Regional Medical Center in Pine Bluff was designated a Level 2 center, which can provide comprehensive clinical care.

The new system will connect hospitals, ambulance services and other emergency responders to act as a statewide triage, transporting trauma patients as quickly as possible to the facility best able to treat their specific injuries. Furthermore, it will help elevate Arkansas's status nationwide in terms of large-scale emergency management and disaster preparedness capabilities.

Eighty-six hospitals in Arkansas could eventually become a part of the new trauma system. Of those, 73 have already begun the process by filing letters of intent to request designation as one of the four levels of centers.

I commend all of Arkansas's health care providers for their dedicated efforts to save lives and keep Arkansans safe, healthy and strong. With this new trauma system, Arkansas has achieved a new level of high quality care, and I am pleased to see our State attain this significant designation.●

#### IRON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

● Mrs. MCCASKILL. Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in honoring the 150th anniversary of the completion and opening of the Iron County Courthouse in Ironton, MO.

Chosen as the county seat in 1857, Ironton is home to the only courthouse in Iron County. Ironton businessmen David Carson and Hiram Tong donated town lots to the county, which covered more than \$10,000 of the \$14,000 cost of the courthouse.

Architect Henry H. Wright received \$25 for his proposed design of the building. George S. Evans and William F. Mitchell earned the building contract and used locally made red brick and white limestone from a nearby quarry. The original building measured 50 by 65 feet, with 6 rooms on the first floor and the courtroom on the second floor. The community laid the cornerstone on July 4, 1858, and officially opened the courthouse in October 1860.

The courthouse today serves as the home of several county offices and is a national registered historic site that still bears damage from the Civil War and the Battle of Pilot Knob in September 1864.

As the birthplace of Missouri's 4-H Program and a symbol of the commitment of the residents of Iron County to justice and service to the community, the Iron County Courthouse deserves commemoration on this important day in its history.

I ask that the Senate join me in recognizing the 150th anniversary of the Iron County Courthouse.●

#### TRIBUTE TO SHANNON MCDANIEL

● Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate a hard-working