

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COMMUNITY SHARES OF
COLORADO

• Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Community Shares of Colorado, a philanthropic organization that is celebrating 25 years of supporting Colorado's communities. In its years of service, Community Shares has demonstrated a tireless commitment to supporting Colorado's non-profits and providing individuals with an opportunity to do the same.

Community Shares strives to connect Coloradans of any economic background with organizations that inspire them. The organizations staff and supporters firmly believe that philanthropy should not be restricted to the most affluent, but rather should be extended to include any and all who are willing to give. Using this approach, they have brought together average gifts of \$5 a week for a total of nearly \$20 million in support of more than 100 nonprofits.

Furthermore, Community Shares has recently begun a program entitled "My Colorado Project" aimed at encouraging our kids and young Coloradans to develop the habits of philanthropy and social responsibility. This innovative program expands traditional donation to include elements of social media and creates an engaging virtual community that involves our young, emerging philanthropists in supporting their communities and causes they care about with a geographic, age-accessible online tool.

The organizations that Community Shares supports are local and dedicated to the issues that define Colorado, from protecting our abundant natural resources to improving health care and promoting community leadership.

I join the State of Colorado in thanking the staff of this organization for their hard work and dedication, and I look forward to its continued success.●

MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS

• Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, today I recognize the 25th anniversary season of Music in the Mountains, a nonprofit classical music festival held in Durango, CO. This festival began in 1987 when Maestro Mischa Seminetsky assembled 11 musicians and offered 5 chamber music performances. Under the strong and capable leadership of executive director Susan Lander and current board president Terry Bacon, the festival has grown to more than 220 musicians, many of whom are esteemed first chairs from orchestras across the country and a number of world renowned soloists. The festival now offers nearly thirty orchestral and chamber performances as well as a number of nontraditional musical events.

In addition the festival includes a conservatory program that provides musical training and mentoring for up to 100 young musicians from around

the world. In 2000 Mischa Seminetsky and then-board president Ann Flatten began the Music in the Mountains Goes to School Program to reach out to local school children for instructional sessions and miniconcerts. Since then Music in the Mountains has become a regular partner with local schools in Durango offering a variety of teaching programs and activities during the school year that impact the life of hundreds of young students.

This festival would be remarkable in any community; I take particular pride in its being held in Durango, a town of 14,000 residents in the southwest corner of Colorado. The festival is a key component of southwest Colorado's summertime economy providing important economic benefits for the region. Most of the performances are held at the Durango Mountain Ski Resort, a stunningly beautiful resort north of Durango in the San Juan Mountains and an enchanting place to listen to world class music. I congratulate Music in the Mountains and all the volunteers, musicians and community leaders who have made this festival a brilliant success over the last 25 years.●

MAINE MILITARY FUNERAL
HONORS PROGRAM

• Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, today I recognize the contribution of the Maine Military Funeral Honors Program of the Army National Guard. The soldiers in this exceptional program perform military honors at the funerals for Maine's fallen warriors and veterans. They pay tribute to the men and women who have served our Nation, and provide comfort and dignity to the families during their time of loss.

On August 27, the Maine Military Funeral Honors Program performed its seven thousandth military funeral, a duty they have carried out since October 2004. Since that time, approximately 30 highly skilled and carefully selected soldiers of the Maine Military Funeral Honors Program have performed funerals for all of Maine's soldiers who have been killed in action, as well as funerals for veterans of every era, including one in July 2010 for a Civil War Veteran, William Wallace Clark, whose remains were recovered in July 2009 from an unmarked grave beside that of his wife. The team performed 424 military funerals in its first year, and this year they will perform over 1,300—sadly more than 3 funerals per day as our World War II veterans are leaving us.

The soldiers of the Maine Military Funeral Honors Program proudly and respectfully render final honors for our fallen heroes, both past and present, from Fort Kent to Kittery, in the sweltering heat or the bitter cold. They never break military bearing and conform to the same exacting standards that are expected of all honor guards across the country, including those at Arlington National Cemetery.

The Maine Military Funeral Honors Program provides services to 96 percent

of the Army veteran population in the State of Maine, a remarkable achievement unmatched by any other State. This year, the program will likely achieve 100 percent. As they continue to meet the growing number of requests to honor those who have answered the call to serve, I continue to be impressed by this exceptional program's dedication to honoring Maine's fallen Army veterans. On the occasion of their seven thousandth military funeral, it is an honor for me to pay homage to those who provide final honors to the best Maine and America have to offer.●

BONNEVILLE COUNTY, IDAHO

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, my colleague Senator JIM RISCH joins me today in recognizing Bonneville County's 100-year anniversary.

Established on February 7, 1911, by the Idaho Legislature, Bonneville County was formed out of Bingham County in eastern Idaho, along the Wyoming border. Bonneville County was named for CPT Benjamin Bonneville, an officer in the U.S. Army who was an explorer and fur trapper in the area in the 1830s.

Home to more than 100,000 Idahoans in an area of nearly 2,000 square miles, the county has diverse geography and industry. It is Idaho's fourth largest county and includes the six incorporated cities of Idaho Falls, Ucon, Iona, Ammon, Swan Valley, and Irwin. Outside of these cities, the county has many beautiful natural features, including the Snake River, Palisades Reservoir, Caribou National Forest, Grays Lake National Wildlife Refuge, and Targhee National Forest. Family farmers produce an abundance of agricultural products, including grain, livestock, fruits and vegetables, floriculture, and poultry, throughout the county. Bonneville County also leads the Nation in energy research and development through the Idaho National Laboratory, the Center for Advanced Energy Studies, and the AREVA Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility.

Bonneville County residents have much to celebrate with 100 years of accomplishments. The work of the Bonneville County Heritage Association and volunteers to organize events observing this milestone, including the centennial Gala Celebration in November, is commendable. Many people have worked hard to make this celebration possible.

I was blessed to grow up and together with my wife raise our children in Bonneville County, where we experienced firsthand the exceptionalism of the people and the communities of the county.

Senator RISCH and I are proud to recognize this landmark anniversary. We congratulate Bonneville County residents for this centennial, and we wish its communities many more years of success.●

SECURITY STATE BANK

• Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 100th anniversary of Security State Bank. I am honored to have the opportunity to celebrate this extraordinary milestone.

For over a century, Security State Bank has provided its customers with the highest quality banking services. Since 1911, this locally owned institution has grown substantially and continues to promote economic growth throughout northern Wisconsin. Furthermore, Security State Bank has demonstrated an incredible commitment to customer service, as well as to the communities and employees it serves. Under the leadership of the bank's chairman and president, Mr. Willard Ogren, Security State Bank has prospered, further cementing its reputation as a fine lending institution but, more importantly, as a community leader dedicated to promoting financial stability and improvement.

I have both personal and professional admiration for independent banks that are focused on strengthening communities in both the best and worst economic times. For more than 100 years, Security State Bank has embodied the importance of building strong local connections.

It is for this commitment to providing every customer with the highest quality banking services and for their crucial role in community improvement that I am proud to recognize this occasion and 100 years of service that Security State Bank has provided to the people of the State of Wisconsin.●

CENTENNIAL OF MADISON COLLEGE

• Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I am honored to have the opportunity to congratulate Madison College on their centennial celebration marking 100 years of providing high quality education to students in my State.

Wisconsin was the first State to establish schools for technical and vocational education. Madison College, founded in 1912 as the Madison Continuation School, was opened to provide vocational education to students who dropped out of school. School administrators also targeted adult workers in their current jobs and also work toward obtaining new ones by providing the classes to help them do so. Throughout the years, Madison College tailored its educational role by responding to the Great Depression with increased craft specialty offerings, such as millinery and woodworking, and later in the post-World War II era, with the help of Federal funding, by honing workers' skills necessary for wartime jobs.

The focus and plan to ensure that every person gets a high-quality education remain true today at this fine institution. Currently, Madison College operates 12 locations in Madison and 4

regional campuses throughout a 12-county district in order to offer a wide variety of educational opportunities to the greatest number of students possible. Today, Madison College continues to add new programs, such as biotechnology and renewable energy, to keep up with the trends of the 21st century and continue to live up to their mission.

For a century of service I commend Madison College and recognize the faculty, students, alumni, and communities they call home. In these tough economic times, access to high-quality education and workforce development are critically important to our State and country finding our way to better financial times. Madison College has stood the test of time as well as economic cycles. I am honored to recognize Madison College on its centennial celebration and for all it has done for the State of Wisconsin and its citizens.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:45 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1059. An act to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2076. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the longstanding practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2633. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the time limits for appeals in civil cases to which United States officers or employees are parties.

At 2:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2887. An act to provide an extension of surface and air transportation programs, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1059. An act to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2076. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the longstanding practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2633. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the time limits for appeals in civil cases to which United States officers or employees are parties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 2832. An act to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2887. An act to provide an extension of surface and air transportation programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1549. A bill to provide tax relief for American workers and businesses, to put workers back on the job while rebuilding and modernizing America, and to provide pathways back to work for Americans looking for jobs.

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-3168. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Intergovernmental Review" (7 CFR Parts 1778, 1942, 1944, 1948, 1951, 1980, 3560, 3565, 3570, 4274) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3169. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commercial Transportation of Equines to Slaughter" ((RIN0579-AC49) (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0168)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3170. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atrazine, Chloroneb, Chlorpyrifos, Clofencet, Endosulfan, et al; Tolerance Actions" (FRL No. 8883-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3171. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sulfur Dioxide; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 8887-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3172. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Passive Radio Frequency Identification" ((RIN0750-AH05) (DFARS Case 2010-D014)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3173. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Discussions Prior to Contract