

advocate for keeping the Ute Mountain Tribal Park in pristine and undeveloped condition.

As the grandson of Chief Jack House, the last traditional chief of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Ernest House Sr. was raised from a young age to be a leader of his tribe. And he proved himself equal to the task. In his years of leadership, he was widely respected for his ability to bring people together and get results for his tribe and the greater Four Corners community. Ernest House Sr. worked his entire life to move his tribe forward while still maintaining its traditional tribal identity and heritage. He urged young Native people to be proud of their tribal heritage.

Mr. House Sr. also served his country in the Army National Guard, the Signal Corps, and the Special Forces.

I ask you to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Mr. Ernest House Sr., a visionary leader who was dedicated to serving his tribe, his community, Indian country, the State of Colorado, and our country. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and the entire Ute Mountain Ute Tribe at this time of loss.●

LITTLE ROCK 2011 RODEO TEAMS

● Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the 314th Airlift Wing Air Mobility RODEO 2011 members who were awarded for excellence in their field at the Air Mobility Command RODEO 2011 at McChord Air Field.

In addition to winning the Moore Trophy for Best Air Mobility Wing, the team was recognized as the Best Airdrop Wing and maintainers and flyers also earned top honors for their maintenance skills, earning the Maintenance Skills Competition Award—C-130 maintenance and the Maintenance Skills Competition Award—overall winner. The C-130E team snagged the Best Overall Maintenance Team award, Best Team Overall—Maintenance and Operations—Best Overall Aircrew Team.

This outstanding crew, led by COL Mark Czelusta, excelled during the international air rodeo competition which draws the “Best of the Best” from air forces around the world. More than 40 teams and 2,500 people from the U.S. Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, and selected foreign countries participated in this competition.

The group put in hours of hard work and deservedly earned these awards. In true Arkansas spirit of teamwork COL Czelusta acknowledges this couldn't have been done without the help of the 19th Airlift Wing and the community.

The 19th Airlift Wing also took home accolades. Members of the team were recognized as the Best C-130 Airdrop Aircrew.

What is even more amazing is that these crews accomplished this after having a major destruction to the Little Rock Air Force base in late April

when a tornado damaged three C-130 planes and blew roofs off and damaged buildings in the base's flight line area.

I am proud to represent the 314th Airlift Wing Air Mobility RODEO 2011 team and the 19th Airlift Wing for all of their accomplishments. We are grateful for their service and thank them for their dedication to success and the sacrifice they make to protect our freedoms.●

TRIBUTE TO KEITH OLSEN

● Mr. JOHANNES. Mr. President, today I recognize Keith Olsen for the dedicated leadership he has provided for Nebraska agriculture.

Through his involvement in various State and national organizations, Keith has brought a renewed focus on supporting youth in agriculture. He has taken an active role in ensuring that the views of farmers and ranchers are communicated to policymakers in both Lincoln and Washington, DC.

Keith has been integral in the development of a vision for the University of Nebraska, the State's land-grant university. And, he has taken a leadership role in educating the public about modern agriculture practices.

Internationally, Keith has represented Nebraska farmers on trade missions around the world. He has promoted our food and agriculture exports in a number of countries, including Japan, Russia, Turkey, and Brazil.

Keith Olsen was born in Imperial, NE and was raised on the family farm near Venango. In high school, Keith was involved in FFA, and his children have been involved in 4-H and FFA. He served as a 4-H leader for 30 years. He graduated from Grant High School and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, where he majored in agricultural economics.

After college, Keith returned to Perkins County to farm with his father. He married his wife Doris in 1969, and, at the age of 24, Keith and Doris took over the family farm. The Olsens have three sons—Craig, Jeff and Curtis. They are also the proud grandparents of seven. Now in its fourth generation, the Olsen farm is a no-till, dryland operation raising certified seed wheat, wheat, dry peas, and corn.

Keith has served on the Nebraska Farm Bureau Board of Directors since 1992 and was elected to the American Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors in 2004. He was elected as first vice president of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Board in 1997 and has served as president since 2002.

Keith has been widely recognized for his support of agriculture, including youth and young farmers and ranchers. He received the 2010 Agricultural Youth Institute Award of Merit, the 2011 Nebraska FFA Honorary State FFA degree, and in 2004, he was elected to the Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement.

As great of an ambassador as Keith has been for Nebraska agriculture, he

is an even better man. His principled approach coupled with his kindness and compassion for others has earned him the respect of many—including me. I congratulate Keith on completing a very successful tenure as Nebraska Farm Bureau president and wish him and his family the very best.●

TRIBUTE TO RICH WILSON

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, just a few days ago I received a special gift from a consummate mariner, Rich Wilson of Marblehead, MA, the skipper of the *Great American III*. The gift was a U.S. Yacht Ensign, the red, white and blue flag used to identify American licensed yachts since 1848. What made this particular Ensign so special is that Rich flew it aboard the *Great American III* on December 10, 2008, in the solo, nonstop, around-the-world sailing race known as the Vendee Globe.

Rich flew the Ensign on his 31st day at sea from France, just as he was entering the Indian Ocean bound for Cape Horn. Ninety days later, Rich and the 60-foot *Great American III* completed their 28,000-mile global trek from France to France, ninth among the 11 finishers of a race that began with 30 boats. Rich was the only American entry, the oldest skipper in the fleet at 58 years of age, and only the second American ever to finish the Vendee Globe in its six quadrennial runnings.

The Vendee Globe is widely regarded as the Mount Everest of the seas. But, in fact, it is even a greater challenge than climbing Mount Everest. Consider the fact that while 3,000 people have climbed Mount Everest, Rich was only the 46th person ever to sail alone around the world nonstop. Consider, too, the fact that some 500 astronauts have flown in space, and that further underscores just how rare and special Rich's accomplishment in the Vendee Globe truly is.

The Vendee Globe is like no other event on this earth. It is a grueling contest largely unsullied by hype and commerce, a competition of men and women against each other but mostly against the ceaselessly moving sea, sometimes playful, sometimes terrifying, an immense power inspiring admiration, caution and, above all, respect.

But in the hands of Rich Wilson, the Vendee Globe also became a learning experience for students and newspaper readers throughout the world. As with his earlier long-distance ocean voyages, Rich shared his Vendee Globe experience through the online company he founded, www.sitesalive.com, a non-profit that has produced 75 live, interactive, full-semester programs linking K-12 classrooms to adventures and expeditions worldwide. During the 2008-2009 Vendee Globe, sitesalive.com shared Rich's 15-part weekly series, written at sea from the *Great American*, with 250,000 students and 7 million readers.

Rich's goal was to excite students and engage students by connecting

them to a live ocean expedition. As Rich explains it the reasoning behind sitesalive.com: “Excite a kid with dolphins, flying fish, and gales at sea, or with snakes, bugs, and bats in the rainforest, and they will pay attention, not knowing what will happen next. Then the science, geography, and math flow freely.”

Anyone who enjoyed high seas adventure novels like *Moby-Dick* and *Treasure Island* or anyone who marveled at National Geographic expeditions or the adventures of Jacques Cousteau on the *Calypso* can understand how Rich is making the world come alive for students. And anyone who has sailed, even within sight of the shore, or who has run a marathon or has hiked a mountain range can appreciate the skill, conditioning, and discipline it took for Rich to complete Vendee Globe.

I thank Rich for the Ensign, the memento from his great adventure, and I congratulate him, not only for completing his great voyage but also for sharing it online with millions of people around the world. And as he considers whether to enter the Vendee Globe again in 2012, I urge him to once again climb aboard the *Great American III* and set sail.●

RECOGNIZING PRESENTATION COLLEGE

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Presentation College in Aberdeen, SD, as it celebrates its 60th anniversary on September 23 and 24.

Presentation College is an independent Catholic educational institution that has been sponsored by the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary since 1951. The school, which is located on a scenic 100-acre campus in northern Aberdeen, originally started with female-only nursing and health sciences programs. In 1968, the institution became co-educational. Presentation College encourages its students to develop an understanding of life at all stages. The Christian environment of the school focuses on the principles and teachings of the church, while welcoming students from all faiths.

This small but proud school is also a division III member of NCAA athletics, and 2011 is an exciting year for the school as it marks the inaugural season for the first football team in the school's history. In both its athletic programs as well as with the general student population, Presentation College places a strong emphasis on developing their students into capable, active leaders who have the ability to affect positive change throughout the world.

Presentation College has experienced a number of changes over the years. From its inception as a nursing school to the community force it has become today, the school has built an impressive reputation over the last 60 years. As it celebrates this landmark event, I commend Presentation College on its

commitment to improving the community of Aberdeen, providing academic excellence to students across the country, and standing as a pillar for the State of South Dakota.●

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO PERSONS WHO COMMIT, THREATEN TO COMMIT, OR SUPPORT TERRORISM THAT WAS ESTABLISHED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13224 ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2001—PM 23

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice, stating that the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism is to continue in effect beyond September 23, 2011.

The crisis constituted by the grave acts of terrorism and threats of terrorism committed by foreign terrorists, including the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, in New York and Pennsylvania and against the Pentagon, and the continuing and immediate threat of further attacks on United States nationals or the United States that led to the declaration of a national emergency on September 23, 2001, has not been resolved. These actions pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism, and maintain in force the comprehensive sanctions to respond to this threat.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, September 21, 2011.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:07 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. 1852. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support

for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals.

H.R. 2005. An act to reauthorize the Combating Autism Act of 2006.

H.R. 2189. An act to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2646. An act to authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects and leases, to extend certain expiring provisions of law, and to modify certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2944. An act to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2189. An act to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1852. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals.

H.R. 2005. An act to reauthorize the Combating Autism Act of 2006.

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-3314. 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 “Chlorantraniliprole; Pesticide Tolerances; Correction” (FRL No. 8888-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3315. 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 “Fluazifop-P-butyl; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 8889-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3316. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Biomass Crop Assistance Program; Corrections” (RIN0560-A113) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3317. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military