

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

## BEALE AIR FORCE BASE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the April 2, 2012, opening of the new Child Development Center, CDC, at Beale Air Force Base in Yuba County, CA.

I am so pleased that this facility has at long last become a reality for the families stationed at Beale, and I was proud to have fought to secure the funding required to build it.

When I visited Beale in 2004, I saw firsthand the critical need for a new CDC on base. The old CDC built in 1967 was in dire need of replacement. The aging facility was too small to accommodate eligible children and was found to contain safety hazards including asbestos and lead. The men and women serving our Nation at Beale deserve to know that their children are being cared for in a safe and nurturing environment. The new CDC will provide this peace of mind.

The Silver-LEED-Certified 37,566-square-foot facility will increase the number of children served from 175 to 280, relieving the burden on many military families who currently rely on childcare located 20 miles off base. It will have a total of 21 classrooms for children ranging from infants to preschool age and employ 70 staff members. The new CDC is also centrally located and easily accessible from anywhere on the installation. This new CDC will go a long way to ensure we are meeting the needs of the families stationed at Beale.

As cochair of the Senate Military Family Caucus, I know that when a servicemember wears a uniform, the entire family serves. That is why we must do everything we can to lessen their burden and provide for their needs. The new CDC at Beale symbolizes America's commitment to our incredible military families and is one more way we can show our gratitude for their service.●

## TRIBUTE TO LEE ANDERSON

• Mr. CORKER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor an exceptional Tennessean and fellow Chattanooga for his outstanding career as a newsman and his many contributions to our city and country.

Lee Stratton Anderson was born in Trenton, KY in 1925 to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Anderson. At the age of 5, he moved to Chattanooga, TN, where he still resides today. In 1942, as a high school junior, Lee was hired as a reporter at the Chattanooga News-Free Press, and on April 18th of this year, he will retire from that same newspaper 70 years to the day his storied career began.

It was clear from an early age that Lee Anderson was an exceptional person dedicated to serving others and his

country. In addition to becoming a journalist at 16 years old, Lee earned the distinction of Eagle Scout and was the winner of two Sons of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Awards. After high school, he enrolled in the University of Chattanooga and volunteered for the Air Force aviation cadet program, serving 21 months on Active Duty in World War II before returning to school and to the paper. He maintained a busy schedule as a college student, arriving at 6:00 a.m. to the paper each day before heading to class until 9:30 p.m. Remarkably, he graduated in 3 years while still finding time to be a leader on campus. He was president of Sigma Chi fraternity, the Blue Key Honor Society, and the Interfraternity Council, and chairman of the Honor Council Indoctrination Committee, all while holding a full-time job.

At the Chattanooga News-Free Press, Lee covered politics and the State legislature before being named associate editor in 1948 and then editor in 1958. It was as an associate editor that Lee began to write the editorials that would become his signature. Over 40 years later, when Walter Hussman bought and merged the News-Free Press with then-rival the Chattanooga Times, Lee was named associate publisher and editor of the combined paper. The Chattanooga Times Free Press remains the only U.S. newspaper to offer two editorial perspectives, and, at age 87, Lee continues to plan three or four editorials for the Free Press section of the editorial page each day. His editorials have been reprinted in publications throughout the country, garnering him numerous awards, including the Freedoms Foundation's national award for editorials in 1979.

In addition to his 70-year career in the newsroom, Lee Anderson's contributions to his community, State and country have been just as impressive and valuable. He is a retired major in the U.S. Army Reserve and has served on a number of committees focused on educating the public about the Civil War. In 1957, he cofounded Confederama, now known as the Battles for Chattanooga Museum, an educational tourist attraction re-creating local battles and highlighting Chattanooga's role during the Civil War. He has delivered more than 2,000 speeches on a variety of topics, including religion, history, and politics, and authored two books: "Valley of the Shadow: the Battles of Chickamauga and Chattanooga, 1863" and "Israel: I looked over Jordan."

Lee has held leadership positions in numerous civic causes and organizations, including the Chattanooga Downtown Rotary, the Chattanooga Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the local chapter of the American Red Cross, to name a few. This past year, Lee was named the public face of United Way's annual campaign after almost 80 years of continuous participation with the charity, making his

first contribution as a first grader. He also served Tennesseans for 4 years under my good friend, then-Governor LAMAR ALEXANDER, on the Tennessee Industrial and Agricultural Development Commission.

Lee Anderson's many achievements in life are too numerous to list here, but if you were to ask him, he would tell you after his wife, Betsy, of 62 years, two children and two grandchildren, one of his greatest accomplishments has been teaching Sunday school for over 40 years at First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga.

Mr. President, I have known Lee Anderson for my entire adult life and have seen firsthand his love for our community and witnessed his contributions to making it a great place for our citizens to live and do business. Over his long career, Lee's views have always reflected his strongly held beliefs and deep devotion to the city and country he loves. It is an honor and a privilege to serve in the Senate on behalf of Tennesseans like Lee Anderson. I congratulate him for his remarkable dedication to the newspapers of record in Chattanooga and join with so many others in thanking him for the lasting impact he has made, which will extend for many years to come.●

## FROZEN FOOD MONTH

• Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, today I wish to acknowledge Frozen Food Month and to recognize the frozen food industry's significant efforts to ensure that families and schoolchildren across the United States have access to healthy, affordable foods such as fruits and vegetables.

In our all too often hectic lives, frozen foods give Americans the flexibility to quickly prepare meals that are both nourishing and affordable.

School lunch planners also rely on frozen foods as they seek to serve healthy, child-friendly meals while stretching limited budgets. For instance, frozen fruits and vegetables are readily available and offer outstanding nutritional value to schoolchildren year-round.

Even during these tough economic times, the frozen food industry continues to provide much needed American jobs, with almost 100,000 employees working in nearly 700 facilities nationwide.

I would like to take this opportunity to honor one of my home State's own frozen food companies, National Frozen Food Corporation. Headquartered in Seattle, WA, National is currently celebrating its 100th year as a leader in the frozen foods industry.

National began its impressive history when a man named William McCaffray, Sr., started selling frozen strawberries in 1912. With a \$5,000 loan from a friend, Mr. McCaffray built his small business from the ground up, and in the 1930s expanded to selling frozen vegetables as well as fruit. From Mr. McCaffray's humble beginnings, National has grown

to be one of our country's premiere private-label frozen vegetable producers and employs 670 people throughout the year. Today, National Frozen Foods is committed to continued improvement through innovation within its own walls and at the industry level.

I am proud to acknowledge the part that National Frozen Foods Corporation has played in our economy in Washington State, as well as the positive impact that the frozen foods industry as a whole continues to have on the United States. In celebration of Frozen Foods Month, I applaud the employees and management of National Frozen Foods Corporation, and of the entire frozen food industry, for their hard work and contributions to our country.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. ANN COYNE

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Dr. Ann Coyne of Lincoln, NE, who has recently been awarded the National Association of Social Workers' Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Coyne's accomplishments are many, and she is most deserving of this prestigious award. First and foremost, she is a loving wife and mother. Dr. Coyne was married to her husband, Dermot, for nearly 45 years before his death in 2002; and they were blessed with six children: P.J., Brian, Tom, James, Cathy and Gerry. She has been a "mom" to many more by providing a safe and loving home to many Nebraska foster children and by assisting many special needs children with international adoptions.

In addition to being a mother, Dr. Coyne has maintained a strong commitment to children throughout her professional career. She is a consultant for the Nebraska Foster Care Review Board and was a board member for Adoption Links Worldwide. She developed the dual degree between social work and public administration at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, UNO; was instrumental in renaming UNO's School of Social work in honor of another prestigious social worker from Nebraska, Grace Abbott; and continues to teach both undergraduate and graduate coursework to countless students in our State.

Perhaps the greatest of Dr. Coyne's achievements is her work in Nicaragua. She fosters an ongoing relationship between UNO's Grace Abbott School of Social Work and the University of Nicaragua at Leon, UNAN, which has assisted 75 Nicaraguans in earning degrees in social work. She worked with the Omaha Suburban Rotary Club to found Las Chavalitos Maternal and Child Health Clinic in Managua. Additionally, Dr. Coyne partnered with a former student to develop the Association de Maestras y Padres de Niños Sordos, which now operates La Escuela de Niños Sordos, a primary day school for deaf children.

I, and all Nebraskans, have benefitted from Dr. Ann Coyne's accom-

plishments as a teacher, educator, and advocate for children. We are proud that the National Association of Social Workers has bestowed upon her its Lifetime Achievement Award. And we are also proud that the enormous impacts of Dr. Coyne's life and work have benefitted, and are continuing to benefit, the children of Nebraska, the United States of America, and the world.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CÉSAR ESTRADA CHÁVEZ

● Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize César Estrada Chávez, a man whose leadership and nonviolent crusade for justice changed millions of lives throughout America. César Chávez helped give all of us a chance at a better future.

On March 31, 2012, we will celebrate César Chávez Day to commemorate his life and his legacy. We will also pause to remember that the actions of one person can empower an entire community to fight for equal treatment and civil rights.

César Estrada Chávez was born on March 31, 1927, near Yuma, AZ, to a family of farm workers. When his father was unable to work, Chávez joined the millions of people who worked in the fields to provide for their families and was inspired to do something to help his community. Daily, he saw and felt the farm workers' suffering. Working conditions on the farms were extremely dangerous and compensation was poor. Chávez taught migrant farm workers across the West that the life they deserved was very different from the one they had been living. He knew the farm workers' struggles intimately and used that knowledge as motivation to help the entire community find the tools it needed to overcome those struggles. Change initially took root in California, swiftly spreading to the rest of the Western United States. Colorado's heritage is richer because of his influence and his legacy.

Chávez's message reached Colorado's Hispanic community during the days of the civil rights movement. Chávez led advocacy efforts to empower people across Colorado, bringing about improved living and working conditions for Colorado's farm workers. Additionally, his teachings inspired many Coloradans to join him in teaching farm workers, students, and veterans the importance of equality, justice, and empowerment. A Coloradan who became one of these leaders was Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzales, who would become a voice for the voiceless and a masterful poet and teacher in Colorado's Hispanic community.

César Chávez's and Rodolfo Gonzales's selflessness, patience, and commitment mobilized Latinos and non-Latinos in Colorado and across America to fight for equality, justice, and civil rights. Chávez is especially remarkable because he truly embodied his own teachings. Throughout his life,

he turned down many prestigious job offers and opportunities, choosing to work long hours in the fields side by side with migrant workers. Chávez gave a human face to agriculture. He taught many across the country that the grapes, onions, tomatoes, or other foods they purchased at the grocery store were part of a much larger story. Moreover, he believed that the world's real wealth lies in the act of helping others. It is this belief that sustained him in the face of long odds.

In a speech inspired by the non-violent messages of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Mahatma Gandhi, César Chávez said, "You cannot uneducate the person who has learned to read. You cannot humiliate the person who feels pride. And you cannot oppress the people who are not afraid anymore." Chávez's life and legacy has taught millions of people far more than just pride and bravery. He inspires all of us to fight for a better future for the world, for ourselves and for our neighbors. César Chávez is a role model for Coloradans and for all Americans.

On March 31, Coloradans across the State will come together to give back to their communities. I am proud to speak on behalf of them and on behalf of all Americans fighting to give their children and the people in their communities a better life, regardless of their background or color of skin. Together, we honor those who are continuing César Chávez's fight for justice and celebrate the remarkable influence of his vision.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:14 p.m., a message from the House, 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. 2682. An act to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2779. An act to exempt inter-affiliate swaps from certain regulatory requirements put in place by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

H.R. 4014. An act to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to information provided to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.