

donor community, and show the American people that we are doing development better. With such a limited foreign assistance budget, getting the most out of every dollar that we spend is vital if we are going to beat global hunger and human suffering.

To that end, I am very pleased that the U.S. will be following up on not only what the members of the G8 committed but what they actually delivered. In order for our new food security initiative to succeed, all pledges must have clear accountability mechanisms.

I believe that our own Feed the Future Program, our global hunger and food security initiative, does just that. Feed the Future focuses on small farmers, particularly women. It helps countries to develop their agriculture sectors to generate opportunities for broad-based economic growth and trade, which in turn support increased incomes and help reduce hunger. It is strengthening strategic coordination to align the efforts of the private sector, civil society, and multilateral institutions. And it is delivering on sustained and accountable commitments through robust monitoring and evaluation systems. I look forward to hearing more about the Feed the Future success stories in the months to come, as USAID officials develop and release their accountability reports.

There are a few other elements of the program that I would just like to underscore as someone who cares very deeply about the status of women. First, Feed the Future developed and launched the Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index, a research method which measures the quantity and quality of gender integrated programs. This is essential as we are to continue designing better development programs.

Second, Feed the Future has launched a fund to advance innovative approaches to promote gender equality in agriculture and land use and integrate gender effectively into agricultural development and food security programs. And third, Feed the Future has harnessed the capabilities of other U.S. Government partners such as the Department of Agriculture to develop science-based solutions to many of the problems faced by women farmers.

Feed the Future is already working with the private sector in Africa; just recently USAID announced a unique trilateral partnership between PepsiCo, USAID, and the World Food Program. Through this partnership they will provide a nutritionally fortified feeding product while helping to build long-term economic stability for smallholder chickpea farmers in Ethiopia by involving them directly in PepsiCo's product supply chain.

Ending global hunger is a monumental task. But when the leaders of France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, Canada, Russia, and the United States join together with our African partners and the most powerful private sector and civil society

organizations in the world, I believe it is one that we can achieve.

BUDGET RESOLUTION VOTES

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Today I wish to discuss a series of votes we took yesterday on five different budget resolutions offered by my colleagues.

I ultimately voted against the budget resolutions offered by my colleagues because they were simply not in line with what I believe our priorities for this country should be.

Like my colleagues, I am very concerned about our long-term fiscal situation. That is why last year I helped pass the Budget Control Act of 2011. This legislation caps spending levels for 2012 and will reduce our deficit by at least \$2.1 trillion over the next 10 years.

In many ways, the Budget Control Act is even more extensive than a traditional congressional budget resolution. Unlike a budget resolution that is not signed by the President, the Budget Control Act has the force of law. It also set discretionary caps for 10 years, instead of the 1 year normally set in a budget resolution.

Believing we should go further, I also voted for a constitutional balanced budget amendment offered by Senator UDALL of Colorado and cosponsored bipartisan legislation to give the President line-item veto authority to go after wasteful spending.

The key difference between the Budget Control Act and the budget resolutions that were offered yesterday is that the Budget Control Act did not achieve its savings on the backs of the middle class while at the same time giving more tax breaks to the wealthiest Americans.

In 2010, I worked with 14 Senators to block a statutory increase of our national debt limit until the Senate agreed to set up the bipartisan National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility. While I do not agree with every single recommendation included in the final report, I have made clear through my support for the bipartisan efforts in the Senate to advance this framework and I believe it provides a good starting point for the work we must do to reduce our debt.

This framework would put in place a long-term plan to responsibly reduce the deficit by achieving at least \$4 trillion in debt reduction through a balance of revenue and spending cuts. This is the balanced approach I hear Minnesotans asking for every day, and it is the approach I will continue to insist we take.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

2012 TOP COPS

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize five police officers from my home State of Nevada for being honored with the prestigious Na-

tional Association of Police Officers, NAPO, 2012 TOP COPS award for their acts of heroism during a routine fraud call that turned into a deadly shooting. Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department officers John Abel, Michael Ramirez, Corey Staheli, Beaumont Hopson, and David Williams' overwhelming courage in the line of duty epitomizes the best of what America's police officers have to offer. I am honored to recognize this group of Nevadans whose efforts to go above and beyond their oath to serve is a testament to the strength of our law enforcement community.

This year marks NAPO's 19th annual TOP COPS Awards ceremony to honor members of the law enforcement community for their heroic actions. I stand with NAPO in their dedication to raising public awareness concerning the contributions made by our law enforcement officers to the welfare of our communities. Officer Ramirez literally stood in the line of fire to protect shoppers at a Las Vegas WalMart while attempting to apprehend a criminal. His colleagues bravely answered the call to duty and fatally shot the assailant after he shot Officer Ramirez several times in the arm and once in the chest. Fortunately, Officer Ramirez's bulletproof vest, along with the bravery displayed by his colleagues, saved his life. I am so honored to acknowledge these exceptional individuals who are being recognized for their commitment to the safety, protection, and well-being of the people and community of Las Vegas.

It is a privilege to recognize our law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line for our protection every day. Their dedication to upholding and enforcing the law is essential to the welfare of our communities and is not taken for granted. The citizens of Nevada are proud to honor John, Michael, Corey, Beaumont, and David as TOP COPS and thank them for serving and protecting the Silver State.●

TRIBUTE TO CARY M. MAGUIRE

• Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the remarks of Representative RALPH HALL be printed in the RECORD on the tenacity of Cary M. Maguire, founder, Chair and President of the Dallas-based Mcguire Oil Company and Maguire Energy Company.

The remarks follow.

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Cary M. Maguire, a fellow Texan who exemplifies fortitude, American entrepreneurship, and community service.

Over the past twenty years, Cary's strength of character was tested and proven as he fought for justice in a property rights dispute against the Houston, Texas city government. Despite being dealt a bad hand, court after court, Cary never surrendered. He showed courage and faith that justice would prevail, and his perseverance was ultimately rewarded.

Cary is the founder, Chair, and President of the Dallas-based Maguire Oil Company

and Maguire Energy Company. In 1991, Cary's company was given a permit by the city of Houston to drill near the banks of Lake Houston. However, when his crew began the project a city officer patrolling the area stopped the team, citing a city ordinance that prohibited drilling within 1,000 feet of the shore. The city revoked Maguire Oil's permit, and a lengthy court battle began.

The case was shuffled around for fourteen years as courts argued over jurisdiction and how to proceed. In 2009, a Harris County court-at-law awarded Maguire \$2 million in damages, plus \$2.2 million in interest. The City appealed this ruling before agreeing on a settlement, settling a lawsuit that spanned two trials, four appeals and the administrations of four mayors.

While acknowledging that the amount spent in legal fees exceeded the amount of the settlement, Cary stated that he continued the case because he thought it was important to defend the principle that while government has the right to take property for the public good, it does not have the right to do so without compensating the property owner.

Cary proceeded to donate the settlement money to found the Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility that bears his name at Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas, Texas, where he serves as Trustee Emeritus in recognition for his outstanding service to the University as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1976 to 2000.

In addition to his founding grant to create the Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility, Cary also endowed a university-wide professorship in ethics at SMU. He has provided additional funds for programs and facilities in SMU's Edwin L. Cox School of Business, including the Maguire Energy Institute, the Maguire Chair in oil and gas management, and the Maguire Building housing undergraduate programs in the Cox School.

In 1995 he and his wife, Ann, were among the first recipients of SMU's Mustang Award honoring individuals whose longtime service and philanthropy have had a lasting impact on the University.

His national leadership positions include service on The National Petroleum Council, the Executive Committee of Mid-Continental Oil and Gas Association, and membership of the Madison Council of the Library of Congress, where he funded the Maguire Chair in Ethics and American History.

Mr. Speaker, Cary Maguire's professional and philanthropic contributions will have a lasting value not only in the great State of Texas, but our nation. He embodies many outstanding qualities that define the American spirit. As we adjourn the House of Representatives today, let us do so in appreciation of this American leader, Mr. Cary Maguire.●

TRIBUTE TO CHARLIE EARL

● Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Charlie Earl for his exemplary record of public service to the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges and the people of Washington State.

Charlie Earl will retire on July 31, 2012, after more than 40 years of public service in the State's higher education system and a variety of government positions. He most recently served for 6 years as the executive director of the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges and 7 years

as president of Everett Community College. As the executive director, Charlie worked to increase public access to higher education while enhancing the quality of Washington State's career and technical education system. All the while, the past several years have seen the most difficult economic environment in Washington State's recent history. As our State budget tightened, spending on our community colleges decreased by 22 percent, but this did not stop Charlie from developing a vision for the State and leading toward it with energy, passion, and commitment.

While Charlie served as executive director, he propelled Washington's community and technical colleges to be among the most innovative in the country. Charlie's leadership supported the development and expansion of the Washington State student achievement performance award, opportunity grants, 4-year applied baccalaureate degrees, an open course library, and the Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training, I-BEST, Program. These changes allowed for many students to return to school to earn their diploma or certificate or learn new skills required of the 21st century workforce. The I-BEST Program challenges the traditional notion that students must complete all basic education before they can begin postsecondary education or training. This model allowed students to move through school, earn degrees, and join the skilled workforce faster and with less cost to the student, State, and Federal Government. I am not alone in seeing this as a revolutionary model in adult education. In 2011, the I-BEST Program was named a "Bright Idea" by Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government and is being replicated in 20 other States. All of this would not have been possible if not for Charlie's leadership, advocacy, and stewardship of the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Education and its staff.

During Charlie's tenure, enrollment increased at Washington's 34 colleges by 80,000 students. This was clearly no small feat. Washington State has also seen the largest increase in certificates and degrees since the community and technical college system began tracking this statistic. This was achieved not simply because more students are enrolling in career and technical education but because more students are reaching important academic goals and building momentum to finish their academic program. As you can clearly see, Charlie worked tirelessly to promote student access, and ensure all students are making timely progress towards their education and career goals. The achievements of the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges during Charlie's tenure as executive director have been remarkable.

Charlie graduated from the University of Washington with a bachelor's

degree in finance and from Washington State University with a master of arts degree in political science. He serves as chair of the National Council of State Directors of Community Colleges, is a past president of the Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges, and has been a board member of the Washington Council on Aerospace, Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, Early Learning Advisory Council, Governor's Job Creation Subcabinet, and National Governors' Association Compete to Complete Advisory Group. Charlie's entrepreneurial spirit and unwavering commitment to student success will be sorely missed. I join with many in Washington State in congratulating Charlie on his achievements, and I look forward to seeing all that he will accomplish in his retirement.●

TRIBUTE TO HEATHER JELEN

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Heather Jelen, a legal intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past year.

Heather is a graduate of Bethel University in Saint Paul, MN. Currently, she is attending George Washington University Law School in Washington, DC. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Heather for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

CONGRATULATING HUMAN EVENTS

● Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. President, Human Events, the nation's oldest conservative weekly publication, has been a staple of the post-war conservative movement. I want to congratulate Human Events on its many years of providing incisive coverage and on its recent relaunch. According to the publication's mission, Human Events "looks at events through eyes that favor limited constitutional government, local self-government, private enterprise and individual freedom. These were the principles that inspired the Founding Fathers." These are the values that have made and will continue to keep America great.●

TRIBUTE TO MONSIGNOR JOSEPH C. ANSALDI

● Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the extraordinary, selfless, and faithful commitment of Monsignor Joseph C. Ansaldi to the Catholic Church. On Saturday, June 2, 2012, Monsignor Ansaldi will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Monsignor Ansaldi attended both a Catholic grammar school and a Catholic high school where he learned the