

over Lake Eureka. These events will bring the town's residents together and remind them of their long and rich history.

Once again, I congratulate Eureka on reaching this milestone and all it has accomplished in the process. I also join its residents in believing that the town's best days lie ahead.●

ORIENT, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of the founding of Orient, SD. Orient is a warm and tight knit community, and residents are proud of their town's legacy of accomplishment. The people of Orient will be celebrating the quasicentennial anniversary of their community on the weekend of July 6-8.

Orient was founded when a small group of Civil War veterans moved westward in hopes of establishing their own town in the Dakota Territory. Having fought in the Battle of Gettysburg, they originally hoped to name their new home Gettysburg, but soon realized that a town by that name was located less than three miles east. Although the exact origins of the name Orient are unknown, it is believed that Donald McKary and L. J. Jones decided on the final name for the nascent town. Orient was officially recognized as a town on October 3, 1887.

Orient flourished as a result of the railroad that ran through the town at the time of its founding. In its first years as a small, vibrant community, it rightfully earned the nickname, "The Metropolis of the Great Ree Valley." Early Orient was home to its own literary society, singing school, attorney, drug store, and many other small businesses, including the town newspaper, "The Weekly Pioneer." The hardy community weathered many challenges, including fires, tornadoes, and some of the most severe blizzards in American history, but through these obstacles, Orient remained optimistic and determined.

Residents of Orient plan to commemorate their town's anniversary with a weekend of events, including a school reunion, parade, softball tournament, and dance. The celebration will also include digging up the 1987 Time Capsule, buried on the centennial anniversary of Orient's founding, as well as a reflection of "Life in Orient," which will bring together residents of the town from 25, 50, and 75 years ago.

Orient was founded by a coalition of veterans, dreaming of a friendly and energetic community they could call home. To this day, that legacy lives on, and towns like Orient represent the foundation of South Dakota, embodying the values our State holds dear. I am proud to congratulate the people of Orient on reaching this historic milestone.●

REMEMBERING OLIVER BROWN WOLF

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Oliver Phillip Brown Wolf, a World War II veteran of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe in South Dakota. Brown Wolf passed away on May 28, 2012. The community of Eagle Butte, SD and the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation has lost a war hero and friend.

Oliver Brown Wolf was born on February 4, 1924 in Ziebach County, SD. At the age of 18 years old, Oliver enlisted in the United States Army in 1943 and served during World War II. Brown Wolf was a part of the U.S. Army 42nd Infantry Division and served as infantry scout and was involved in the liberation of the Dachau Concentration Camp. Oliver received three Bronze Stars for his service in World War II and was honorably discharged in March of 1946.

Oliver Brown Wolf continued his service as an appointed tribal veterans service officer for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, which he held for more than 25 years. Brown Wolf also was a member of the American Legion Post #308 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Oliver dedicated his life to ensuring that veterans received the honor and recognition that they deserved for their military service.

Throughout his life, Oliver was also committed to his culture and his family. Oliver was a member of many cultural organizations on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation. He enjoyed sharing his Lakota way of life with the community. Oliver played a vital role in starting a cultural center and the International Sundance for the community.

Oliver Brown Wolf's family is very proud of his service to his country, tribe, and fellow veterans. This untiring service will surely be missed by those who had the opportunity to meet and work with Oliver. At the center of each Tribal community, strong leaders are present to provide guidance and advice, and the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe certainly benefited from Oliver's contributions.●

TRIBUTE TO GARY AND MARSHA TANKENOFF

● Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to a truly remarkable couple from my home State of Minnesota, a husband and wife who have gone above and beyond in their dedication to the causes of justice, equality and opportunity.

Over the years, Gary and Marsha Tankenoff have poured their time and energy into a wide range of community-oriented causes, from religious organizations to educational institutions. The strength of their commitment to Tzedakah is matched only by the depth of their devotion to one another.

Through the Tankenoff Families Foundation, Gary and Marsha have

touched the lives of countless Minnesotans. They are a shining example of the way we in Minnesota have always come together to lift up our neighbors in need.

As a family of strong Jewish faith, the Tankenoffs have been a driving force behind the Minneapolis Jewish Federation, the Jewish Community Relations Council and Herzl Camp. They are active members of Minnesota's Jewish community and tireless advocates for the core causes and values of their faith.

Minnesota is a more decent, inclusive, and forward thinking State because of people like Gary and Marsha Tankenoff.●

EUREKA, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Eureka, SD. The town of Eureka will commemorate the 125th anniversary of its founding this year.

Platted on October 3, 1887, at the "end of the track," Eureka began as a railroad town. As was common in the area, Eureka was founded primarily by Russian-German immigrants, who learned to adapt and survive in the harsh and unsettled State of South Dakota. These steadfast settlers dealt with severe weather from blizzards to droughts.

With determination, the settlers built a strong agricultural economy. In the late 1890s, it was often called the Wheat Capital as it was one of the world's largest inland wheat centers. In 1892, more than 3,300 train cars of wheat from 35 elevators and warehouses were exported from Eureka. In 1977, a strain of wheat was even named Eureka in honor of the town. Today Eureka takes pride in its beautiful recreational opportunities and its active and engaged community.

Eureka has been a successful community for the past 125 years, and I am confident it will continue to serve as an example of South Dakota values and traditions. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Eureka on this landmark occasion and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

FULTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Fulton, SD. The town of Fulton will commemorate the 125th anniversary of its founding this year.

Fulton sits in the northwest section of Hanson County and became a town in June of 1887. Originally part of the Great American Desert, Fulton began as a railroad town during the early days of Dakota Territory. The first settlers in Fulton withstood numerous hardships such as troublesome horse thieves, prairie fires, and the devastating blizzard of October 14, 1880, whose sudden and devastating force tied up the railroad service and marooned every settlement in the area.

Fulton prides itself on its excellent pheasant hunting and fertile farmland. The area was described by an early surveyor as "an attractive place to one seeking a good farm or a pleasant home," and Fulton still maintains that appearance today.

Fulton has been a successful community for the past 125 years, and I am confident it will continue to serve as an example of South Dakota values and traditions. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Fulton on this landmark occasion and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

MONROE, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Monroe, SD. The town of Monroe will commemorate the 125th anniversary of its founding this year.

First known as Warrington, Monroe was named after the fifth President of the United States, James Monroe. The first settlers, predominantly German and Dutch, came to Monroe to build a community for their children and future generations.

Most settlers lived in sod houses and relied on agriculture because the land was fertile. As did many young communities during that time, Monroe felt more than its fair share of hardships, including a fire that destroyed many businesses on Main Street in 1915. With hardships, there also came success. With community cooperation, the tenacious town rebuilt and now celebrates 125 years of hard work and dedication.

Monroe has been a successful community for the past 125 years, and I am confident it will continue to serve as an example of South Dakota values and traditions. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Monroe on this landmark occasion and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

ORIENT, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Orient, SD. The town of Orient will commemorate the 125th anniversary of its founding this year.

Orient was platted on October 3, 1887. Known as the southern terminus of the Roscoe and Orient branch of the Chicago, Milwaukee, and Saint Paul Railroad, Orient grew in the coal and lumber trade. As is the case with many South Dakota communities, Orient maintains ample opportunities for outdoor activities such as pheasant and duck hunting. Orient's close proximity to the Lake Louise recreational area provides its residents with beautiful hiking trails, camping areas, and fishing. The residents of Orient have built a welcoming and close-knit community.

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an example of South Dakota values and traditions. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Orient on this landmark occasion and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-102. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Alaska in support of providing TRICARE program health care benefits to United States Coast Guard and military retirees as promised; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE RESOLVE NO. 10

Whereas recruiting and maintaining a high-quality, all-volunteer, effective military force to safeguard national security is a primary goal of the United States Department of Defense; and

Whereas persons who volunteer for military service are at risk of mortal harm throughout the time they serve; and

Whereas the people of the state and nation rely on the men and women who serve in the military to execute faithfully that service; and

Whereas it is reasonable for the men and women who serve in the military to rely on promises made to them by the people of the state and nation; and

Whereas men and women who serve in the military and the United States Coast Guard have been promised they will receive military retiree health care benefits from the TRICARE program of the United States Department of Defense Military Health System (10 U.S.C. 55) after they perform 20 or more years of honorable military service; and

Whereas breaking that promise would be dishonorable; be it

Resolved that the House of Representatives supports providing to military retirees who have kept their oaths of office and served the people of the state and nation the TRICARE program health care benefits they were promised in exchange for that service without their being required to participate in health care programs that are more expensive to them than the TRICARE program and without their eligibility for TRICARE program health care benefits being made subject to means testing.

POM-103. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Massachusetts supporting the inclusion of Taiwan in international organizations and agreements; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Taiwan, a beacon of freedom and democracy in the Asia-Pacific region, held a successful general election on January 14, 2012, during which it elected a president, vice-president and members of its legislature; and

Whereas, the recently re-elected president Ma Ying-Jeou has worked tirelessly to uphold democratic principles in Taiwan, ensure the prosperity of the people of Taiwan, promote Taiwan's international standing as a responsible member of the international community, increase participation in international organizations, dispatch humanitarian missions abroad and further improve relations between the United States and Taiwan; and

Whereas, the commonwealth has enjoyed an especially close relationship with Taiwan,

marked by strong bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchange and scientific and technological development; and

Whereas, on November 12, 2011, United States President Barack Obama and the leaders of 8 Transpacific partnership countries announced the establishment of broad outlines for a 21st century Transpacific partnership agreement to forge close linkages among the partner countries' economies, enhance competitiveness and benefit consumers; and

Whereas, the latest data indicates that 8,797 companies exported goods from Massachusetts in 2009, rendering the Asia-Pacific market the Commonwealth's largest export market in the world; and

Whereas, thirteen billion dollars, or 50 per cent, of Massachusetts' total exports went to markets in the Asia-Pacific region, supporting an estimated 134,000 jobs; and

Whereas, the United Nations framework convention on climate change is the world's leading response to global climate change and Taiwan has expressed a keen interest in being included in the convention's work and in contributing to the global effort addressing climate change; and

Whereas, Taiwan serves as a critical air transport hub in the Asia-Pacific region and the Taipei flight information region under Taiwan's jurisdiction covers an area of 176,000 square nautical miles, through which 1.35 million controlled flights pass each year; and

Whereas, the travelling public would benefit from the inclusion of Taiwan in the International Civil Aviation Organization; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts General Court hereby congratulates the people of Taiwan on their recent elections and further expresses its support for Taiwan's inclusion in international organizations and agreements; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the clerk of the Senate to the President of the United States, the presiding officer of each branch of Congress and to the members thereof from the Commonwealth, to the Honorable Deval Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth, to the Honorable Ma Ying-Jeou, president of Taiwan and to Anne Hung, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston.

POM-104. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona opposing sections of the National Defense Authorization Act as being in violation of the limits of federal power; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1011

Whereas, the Congress of the United States passed the National Defense Authorization Act, 2011 Public Law 112-81, ("2012 NDAA") for fiscal year 2012 on December 15, 2011; and

Whereas, the President of the United States signed the 2012 NDAA into law on December 31, 2011; and

Whereas, section 1021 of the 2012 NDAA purports to authorize, but does not require, the President of the United States to use the armed forces of the United States to detain persons the President suspects were part of, or substantially supported, Al-Qaeda, the Taliban or associated forces; and

Whereas, section 1021 of the 2012 NDAA purports to authorize, but does not require, the President of the United States, through the armed forces of the United States, to dispose of such detained persons according to the Law of War, which may include: (1) indefinite detention without charge or trial until the end of hostilities authorized by the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Terrorists, 2001 Public Law 107-40;