

clinical care, research and education, CCHMC serves children and families in the greater Cincinnati community and has improved child health around the Nation and throughout the world.

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center has grown significantly over the past 127 years, becoming one of the five largest employers in the region. Not only does the hospital provide outstanding patient care, but it is also responsible for many medical and research breakthroughs that have changed medicine forever. These breakthroughs include the oral polio vaccination and the invention of the first heart-lung machine, among many others.

Cincinnati Children's Hospital ranked in the top 10 in all pediatric specialty areas listed in the US News and World Report survey, and earned a top three spot on the survey's honor roll. The hospital treats patients from all over the region as parents bring their children to Cincinnati to ensure the best treatment available. It is an honor to have such a prestigious and dedicated hospital in my hometown of Cincinnati, Ohio.

I would like to recognize Cincinnati Children's Hospital for this tremendous accomplishment, which is a result of the hard work and dedication of many within the organization and community.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE RANGELEY LAKES HERITAGE TRUST

• Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, the Height of Land in Maine's Rangeley Lakes Region is a crown jewel among my State's abundant natural treasures. The panorama of lakes and mountains, streams and valleys, offered by this lofty perch in the Western Mountains, is among the most spectacular sights in New England.

I rise today to congratulate a remarkable group of local citizens, the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust, for their hard work and commitment over more than 2 decades to protect and preserve this extraordinary place and to make it accessible to all. The Height of Land Overlook on the Rangeley Lakes National Scenic Byway, officially dedicated on July 15, 2012, demonstrates the great partnership they have formed with State and Federal Government, conservation organizations, businesses, and neighbors to achieve lasting accomplishments.

Since the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust was formed in 1991, it has conserved more than 12,800 acres of land, including 45 miles of lake and river frontage, 15 islands, and the commanding 2,443-foot Bald Mountain, so that these features might be accessed and enjoyed by residents and visitors forever. The Height of Land Overlook has converted a narrow and dangerous corridor into a spacious, safe, and wel-

coming place for inspiration and reflection.

To complete this outstanding project, the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust brought together a wide range of people and organizations into a common cause. It overcame the boundaries between towns, bridged the divide between government agencies, and worked collaboratively with the private sector. The commitment by the Maine Department of Transportation is especially commendable.

In 2009, I was pleased to help secure \$2.9 million in U.S. Department of Transportation funding for this important project. It is essential that the Federal Government be a strong member of partnerships to preserve our natural treasures, enhance recreation, promote economic growth, and help protect the environment. The Height of Land Overlook and the conservation walk that will be completed next spring will help make this area a national destination.

Sir Edmund Hillary said that, "People do not decide to become extraordinary. They decide to accomplish extraordinary things." Like that famous mountaineer, the citizens who came together to establish the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust had a lofty goal. They not only reached the summit, they went far beyond. Their amazing success speaks volumes about the commitment that the people of Maine have to preserve our special places and to share them with all Americans.●

MICHAEL N. CASTLE TRAIL

• Mr. COONS. Mr. President, yesterday we recognized the vision and tireless efforts of former Congressman Mike Castle of Delaware to develop a recreational trail along the Chesapeake and Delaware—or C&D—Canal and broke ground for its construction.

The C&D Canal, managed by the Philadelphia District of the Army Corps of Engineers, has been in operation since 1829. Today it is one of the busiest working waterways in the world, with over 25,000 vessels passing through it each year. The canal is a critical commercial waterway serving the ports of Wilmington, Baltimore, and Philadelphia. The C&D Canal is bordered by a 16-mile stretch of flat, uninterrupted land, perfect for a trail, and surrounded by more than 7,500 acres of public land, creating a unique and safe environment for recreationists. In 2004 Congressman Castle saw these assets as an ideal opportunity to enhance the canal's existing resources by adding a recreational trail.

Under Congressman Castle's leadership, a working group was formed in 2004 with representatives from the State of Delaware, New Castle County, the Army Corps, Delaware City, Chesapeake City, the State of Maryland, and recreation groups. In 2005 and 2006 public workshops were held to solicit ideas and comments from local residents re-

garding potential recreational uses along the C&D Canal. In March 2006 a concept plan was completed by the working group, recommending the creation of a recreational trail along the canal to be used by walkers, joggers, cyclists, and equestrians. In 2007 design work for the trail began and environmental assessments were completed, and in 2009 trail design was completed.

Congressman Castle was instrumental in obtaining resources for the trail. In addition to supporting efforts to acquire state and local funding, he also secured a total of \$2.2 million in public lands highways discretionary awards in fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010 from the Federal Highway Administration to go toward planning and construction of the trail.

Congressman Castle's vision and years of work to build a trail along the C&D Canal were not forgotten when he left office. Recognizing the tremendous benefits that could be realized by the trail, the delegation picked up the project where Castle left off. Since then, the delegation has worked with the Federal Highway Administration, the State of Delaware, New Castle County, the recreation community, and others to reinvigorate the working group and secure additional funding to build the first phase of the recreational trail along the banks of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal.

The recreational trail along the C&D Canal will provide a common link to communities across the States of Delaware and Maryland from Chesapeake City to Delaware City. It will create a safe and inviting recreational opportunity along the canal and will bring families and other groups to hike, bicycle, jog, skate, or ride horseback along the trail. Local business, including restaurants and shops, will reap the benefits of this increased tourism to the area. The C&D Canal trail will also support healthy lifestyles through outdoor recreation. The trail will improve safety along the canal and increase the appeal and land value of residential developments in the area. The C&D Canal recreation trail will be an attractive asset for the Middletown, Odessa, and Townsend region that will draw new residents to the area.

Congressman Castle long ago embraced the notion that the C&D Canal is like an emerald necklace draped across the northern portion of our beautiful State, and we are so very pleased that this jewel will be named after our dear friend.

Yesterday, the Delaware Department of Transportation broke ground on phase I of the recreational trail. This first phase will complete approximately 9 miles of the trail from Delaware City to just beyond Summit Marina in Delaware, including the construction of two trail heads, parking areas, and comfort stations.

Honoring Congressman Mike Castle's longtime support of recreational and commuter-oriented greenways and trails in Delaware and across the Nation, as well as his vision, leadership,

and steadfast support of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal trail, the Delaware delegation hereby dedicates the trail to him and officially recognizes the name as the "Michael N. Castle Trail at the C&D Canal."•

REMEMBERING RICHARD BAUER

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the life of Richard Lueking Bauer, a distinguished Idahoan who will be greatly missed.

Dick has been an involved Idahoan since he and his family moved to American Falls in 1963 when he purchased Bauer Chevrolet and Oldsmobile. Dick owned the business for 22 years and was recognized as a dedicated member of the community. Prior to moving to American Falls in 1963, Dick Bauer studied economics at Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah, served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Germany in 1954-1956 and married his wife of 55 years, Lois Saathoff.

Throughout his life, he devoted considerable time to community service and served in leadership roles on numerous boards, commissions and organizations. This includes his service on the Power County Airport Board, the Idaho Board of Aeronautics and the Board of Directors of the Idaho Housing and Finance Association. He was also a committed Lutheran, who was actively involved in Lutheran churches in his communities, and he was a member of the Board of Regents of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington.

His efforts in the Republican Party included his service as national committeeman; State party chair, secretary and treasurer; county, regional and district chairman; mentor to political candidates; and member of the Ada County Lincoln Day Association. He also served as an elector for President Reagan and Vice-President Bush. President George H.W. Bush appointed Dick to serve as Regional Administrator for Region X of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Dick Bauer leaves behind a legacy of devoted service. He was a person that people turned to for assistance and leadership, and he touched the lives of many people. I extend my deep condolences to his wife, Lois, and their family. Dick will be missed but not forgotten.•

RICHLAND COUNTY FAIR

• Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 150th anniversary of the Richland County Fair. I am proud to honor this celebration and all that this event has contributed to the State of Wisconsin.

The Richland County Agricultural Society was founded in 1857 with the mission to improve "the character and operation of the agricultural, mechanical, and household arts." In order to achieve its mission, later that year it

sponsored a cattle show and fair. The success of that first cattle show led the organization to purchase the fairground, which has allowed them to evolve and continue to sponsor this popular fair for the next 100 years. Since the original fair in 1857, year in and year out, organizers have proudly showcased the beauty, simplicity, and fortitude of rural Wisconsin life; the only years the fairs were not held were during the four summers of our Nation's Civil War. After turning over the fairground and buildings to Richland County in 1957, this landmark celebration became officially known as the Richland County Fair. For 150 years, the Richland County Fair has built upon the foundation of recognition of the agricultural, mechanical, and household arts that truly represent the beauty of Wisconsin.

While Wisconsin's agriculture has changed since the mid-19th century, the fun of the fair traditions has not. It is through events like these that our communities come together to celebrate Wisconsin's unique offerings, culture, and traditions. It has stood the test of good and bad economies and serves as a reminder of our dairy and farming heritage. In recent years, the fair has provided entertainment to the citizens of Richland County and visitors by holding tractor pulls, magic shows, music concerts, games, and rides. With a rich, illustrious history, the Richland County Fair rings in its sesquicentennial anniversary and will no doubt head into many future fairs that build upon a wonderful community legacy. I am proud to have the opportunity to honor this event and honor the spirit of celebration that the Richland County Fair brings to the great State of Wisconsin.•

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF UTAH 4-H

• Mr. LEE. Mr. President, Thomas Jefferson once wrote in a letter to George Washington: "Agriculture is our wisest pursuit, because it will in the end contribute most to real wealth, good morals, and happiness." Before their faces were chiseled into monuments and printed on dollar bills, many of the patriots who founded our Nation and who fought and died for the freedoms we cherish were simple farmers. Washington, Jefferson, and others like them were doing much more than just growing food to live off of; they were laying the groundwork for a culture of self-reliance that played a role in America's fight for independence and its sustained growth over the past 200 years. While technology has changed the focus of our economy from agriculture to a variety of other sectors, it is crucial that we remember the principles set forth by our Founders. For the past 100 years, the 4-H Club of Utah has provided youth with the opportunity to cultivate and continue our Nation's rich agricultural heritage while simultaneously training them in the tech-

nologies and advancements of the future. Thus, Utah 4-H's centennial theme—"Celebrating the Past, Creating the Future"—is particularly pertinent. I find it appropriate to commemorate Utah 4-H at its centennial in the halls and records of Congress.

The four H's stand for Head, Heart, Hands and Health. The head represents the quest for knowledge, the heart symbolizes love and service to others, hands signify hard work and the development of diligence, and health emphasizes the importance of healthy habits and a healthy lifestyle. While the educational arm of the program was originally centered in farm communities, the program has extended far beyond that with over a third of its members living in metropolitan and suburban areas. Roughly the same percent of members represent minority populations.

The express mission of 4-H is to "engage youth to reach their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth development," and as its motto states, "to make the best better." The 4-H of Utah strives to broaden horizons and connect participating youth with greater opportunities than would otherwise be available to them. Scholarships are offered to high school seniors and college students in need to allow them to take their 4-H education and skills to college and beyond.

The 4-H Club was established in Utah in 1912 but its roots run much deeper—back to the 1888 founding of the "Agricultural College of Utah," which is now known as Utah State University. The purpose of the 4-H Club was to educate youth about new agricultural technology so that they might pass them to their own farm communities and improve the State's agricultural industry. By 1931, Utah's 4-H Club was declared to be the fastest growing in the Nation, and now in 2012, it serves over 75,000 youth. From holding a strict focus on agriculture, cooking, and home economics, 4-H has grown and now offers over a thousand programs ranging from robotics to skateboarding. The program has succeeded in large part due to the dedication of a group of volunteers who are passionate about the work of 4-H. I commend and express gratitude to the 9,500 current 4-H volunteers, and the tens of thousands that came before them. I owe Utah 4-H a personal debt of gratitude, as my own chief of staff, Spencer Stokes, is a program alumnus who has brought skills and principles he learned in 4-H to his leadership role in my office.

The world is no longer a simple place for the youth of our Nation. They face a cloudy economic horizon with an excess of workers competing for a dearth of jobs. 4-H gives participating youth a tremendous advantage and competitive edge from a young age—helping them build healthy relationships, cultivate fruitful habits and hobbies, and learn skills to take into their communities and industries. 4-H has played a tremendous role in making Utah a better