

years, SDHC continues to fulfill its mission “to support and promote the exchange of ideas to foster a thoughtful and engaged society.” With funding from the National Endowment for Humanities and support from local communities, SDHC has improved access to outstanding cultural and civic opportunities for all South Dakotans. Virtually every county and most school districts in our State have benefitted from SDHC-sponsored programs. Especially at a time when many school districts have been forced to make difficult cuts to their budgets, SDHC has served as a valuable partner to schools across our State through its support of programs like National History Day. In addition, SDHC grants to community organizations provide critical “seed money” that promotes the preservation and study of humanities topics in cities and towns across South Dakota.

In addition to enriching the lives of South Dakotans, humanities programs represent an important source of economic development. The annual Festival of Books attracts thousands of booklovers every year who are given the chance to talk with locally and nationally recognized authors. In addition, the Museum on Main Street program brings Smithsonian exhibits to rural communities. This year, six communities in South Dakota will be hosting the exhibit “New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music.” The SDHC’s Speakers’ Bureau provides funding for humanities scholars to present and lead discussions on humanities topics. These and many other programs sponsored by SDHC play an important role in attracting visitors to our State, which in turn brings in tourism dollars and supports jobs in local communities.

I appreciate the valuable role of SDHC in promoting the humanities in communities and schools across South Dakota. As a member of the Senate Cultural Caucus and a lifelong supporter of the arts and humanities, I congratulate SDHC on 40 successful years and thank the organization for its service to our State.●

RECOGNIZING UNITED HEALTH FOUNDATION SCHOLARS

● Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I want to take this opportunity to highlight two bright, young scholars from my home State of Minnesota, David Koffa and Victoria Okuneye, who have received scholarships from the United Health Foundation’s Diverse Scholars Initiative.

David and Victoria are both hard-working and dedicated individuals who will undoubtedly be great members of the health care workforce.

David, who is currently attending Dartmouth College, believes that we can improve the health care system by taking a holistic approach to patient care. As a member of the future health workforce, David plans to focus not only on the physical well-being of pa-

tients, but on the social and emotional aspects of patient health. Taking advantage of the skills and opportunities provided through the United Health Diverse Scholars Initiative, David intends to provide high-quality health care services to impoverished communities and third-world countries.

Victoria, who is excelling at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, strives to make a difference by working to expand mental health research and services for disadvantaged/low resource communities, particularly among youth and adolescents. Through the United Health Diverse Scholars Initiative, Victoria has been able to take advantage of rewarding opportunities such as academic research internships and experiences in international public service.

Both David and Victoria are examples of academic excellence and personal determination. And as scholars of the United Health Foundation’s Diverse Scholars Initiative, they will be great representatives of a multicultural and diverse health care workforce. I want to congratulate them on their achievements and look forward to their promising futures. ●

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL MCSHANE

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor my long-time friend and advisor, Michael McShane, who will be retiring next month after 40 remarkable years working in government, the private sector, and in Democratic politics.

I first got to know Michael when he and I worked together to advance the goals of the Democratic Leadership Council and Third Way. He was responsible for all the DLC activities at both Clinton inaugurations and the 1996 and 2000 Democratic Conventions. Later, when I decided to run for President in 2004, I was honored to have Michael serve as the vice chair of my campaign.

Michael has built a long and impressive record of public service. As a young man, he served in the Air Force for 6 years, where he flew B-52s and served in Vietnam. After leaving the military in 1972, Michael worked as press secretary for Congressman John J. Rooney and then as a Foreign Service Officer before joining the Carter-Mondale 1976 Presidential campaign. Following that election, he served in the Carter White House as a Special Assistant to Vice President Mondale. Michael was later a White House advisor to President Clinton. He recently returned to public service, joining the Congressional Liaison Office at the United States Agency for International Development.

Mike McShane has also had a notable career in the private sector. After leaving the Carter administration in 1979, he began managing government relations programs for trade associations and Fortune 500 companies including System Development Corporation, National Computer Systems, and TRW.

He also founded and led The Policy Institute, and, later, the McShane Group International.

The academic and nonprofit communities have also benefitted greatly from Michael’s talents and experience. He has served on the faculty of the Bryce Harlow Foundation, which seeks to promote the highest standards within the profession of lobbying and government relations, as Visiting Lecturer in American Political History at Boston University, and as a teacher of politics at Stanford, Notre Dame, Villanova, Georgetown, American, and East Carolina, his alma mater. A proud alum, Michael presently serves as vice chair of the Board of Visitors at East Carolina and the Board of the ECU Alumni Association. In 1998, he was named the East Carolina University Alumni of the Year.

I can’t help but view Michael McShane’s departure from Washington through a bittersweet lens. For while I am excited that he and his wonderful wife Susan will get to enjoy a much deserved retirement, I will miss Michael’s wise counsel and thoughtful insights. Still, I am confident that his example will live on in all of us who were lucky enough to know him, and I wish Michael and Susan much happiness and success in their retirement in Charlottesville.●

REMEMBERING CHERYLL HEINZE

● Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I am saddened to inform the Senate of the death of a friend and former member of the Alaska Legislature Cheryll Heinze. Cheryll died last week when a float plane that was carrying her and colleagues to a fishing outing cartwheeled on landing and became submerged on Beluga Lake near Homer. At the time Cheryll was working as Director of Human Resources and Public Relations for the Matanuska Electric Association.

It is appropriate that we remember those whose lives end in tragedy for the way they lived their lives so I want to take the next few minutes to speak in tribute to an Alaskan who lived life to the fullest.

Cheryll Heinze was born in Wewoka, OK. She spent part of her childhood in Anchorage when her father was an Army Chaplain at Fort Richardson. In 1985, Cheryll returned to be an Alaskan for life. Most of her time in Alaska was spent in Anchorage but she also lived in Slana, Talkeetna and Valdez. Cheryll was married to Harold Heinze, the former President of ARCO Alaska. The two met when Harold was serving as Alaska’s Commissioner of Natural Resources under former Governor Walter Hickel. Cheryll served as Press Secretary on Governor Hickel’s 1990 campaign. The two made quite a power couple.

In 2002, Cheryll was elected to the 23rd Alaska Legislature representing House District 24 in Anchorage. Although she served a single 2-year term,

she accomplished a great deal during her time in Juneau. During that term she chaired the Special Committee on Economic Development, International Trade and Tourism and was Vice Chair of the Resources Committee.

Cheryll is best known for working with colleagues across the aisle in moving Alaska's anti-stalking law out of the legislature and to the Governor's desk. Her bill allowed victims of stalking to obtain protective orders in the same way that victims of domestic violence could in the State of Alaska. Cheryll was also a strong supporter of therapeutic courts and passed a resolution encouraging prosecutors and public defenders to take full advantage of this important resource. She worked to make health insurance more affordable to small employers and helped promote trade relations between Alaska and Taiwan.

Cheryll was well liked by those inside and outside of the political circle and was viewed as a genuinely nice person. A mutual friend, Mike Chenault of Nikiski, who served with Cheryll in the Alaska House and is today the House Speaker had this to say about Cheryll: "She had a light smile and an easy way about her that made her popular not only inside, but outside the Capitol."

Alaska takes pride in the fact that our Legislature is composed of citizens who come to Juneau for a few months each year to do the business of the State and then return home to carry on their own lives. Art was central to Cheryll Heinze's life. In fact, her official legislative biography lists her profession as "Artist." In fact, she was a world class oil painter who took inspiration from Alaska's fabulous scenery. Her painting of Mount Foraker hung in the offices of the Foraker Group, a consulting group that supports Alaska's non-profit sector. We also took pride in Cheryll's poetry.

In addition to all of her other activities she was a former President of the Anchorage Symphony League, a board member of the Pacific Northern Academy and Breast Cancer Focus, Inc., a member of the Alaska Pacific University President's Steering Committee, and an Art Instructor at the University of Alaska Rural Extension. She was a member of the Anchorage Opera Board, the World Affairs Council and the Matanuska Charitable Foundation Board. Cheryll brought energy and enthusiasm to all she did.

I extend the Senate's deepest condolences to Harold and other members of the family. Cheryll left us well before her time but in a way that is so appropriate for Alaskans—in pursuit of adventure. Alaskans have lost a friend and a leader and she will be greatly missed.●

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR TED JENNINGS

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to a dedicated individual in Alabama, Mayor Ted Jen-

nings of Brewton, AL. Ted has been a successful businessman, pharmacist, and community, State, and national leader.

When he retires this year, he will have served as the mayor of Brewton for 24 years. During that time, he has grown Brewton both economically and technologically. But in addition to his success as a mayor, he has been a successful business owner and pharmacist. He is also well known in Alabama as former president and an active officer of the Alabama League of Municipalities and nationally has served on the board and in many other positions in the National League of Cities. He has, in both capacities, represented Brewton and Alabama as a strong advocate on matters of economic development. On a personal level, I want to express my appreciation to Ted for his friendship, advice, and counsel on matters critical to the area.

All of us who have come to know him over the years have observed his dedication to public service, his hard work, and his effective leadership. He has a host of friends and admirers—this Senator is one. I thank him for his service and know that, even in retirement, he will be a strong advocate for rural economic development and Alabama. I extend my best wishes to Ted and family as you begin your next adventure.●

RECOGNIZING BALDWIN APPLE LADDERS

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, small, local businesses play a critical role in our economy, creating two-thirds of all jobs across the Nation. Nowhere is small businesses' value more evident than in my home State of Maine. Even during these challenging economic times, entrepreneurs across the State continue to make headlines for their perseverance and can-do attitude in the face of adversity. I rise today to recognize and commend Baldwin Apple Ladders and owner Peter Baldwin for their tremendous contribution to the local economy and for resilience in the face of disaster that struck a mere 2 months ago.

Mr. Baldwin founded Baldwin Apple Ladders in 1984, in his hometown of Brooks, ME. Since its opening, Baldwin Apple Ladders has built approximately 30,000 ladders, which have been used in orchards throughout Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Famous for their durability and signature style, the ladders were even featured in Martha Stewart Magazine. Mr. Baldwin's business purchases the lumber used in ladder production from local sources, generates jobs through shipping and delivery, and supplies customers nationwide, giving it a national as well local presence. While business was at its peak, the Baldwin Apple Ladders manufactured and sold an average of 1,200 ladders annually.

On May 8th 2012, Mr. Baldwin was contacted by a neighbor with the dev-

astating news that Baldwin's ladder building facility was on fire. Along with the stock inventory of finished ladders, production equipment, and stacks of unused materials, the fire consumed the 6,500 square foot dairy barn which housed his manufacturing operations.

After the smoke cleared and the remaining assets were assessed, Mr. Baldwin was faced with a difficult decision to retire after 30 years in business, or rebuild. Mr. Baldwin chose to rebuild, refusing to let the fire dictate his future. Mr. Baldwin is committed to making ladders for as long as possible; recently building his first post-fire ladder, using tools that are no more advanced than what he had to work with when he first opened, back in 1984. Though this manner of manufacturing is considerably more arduous and time consuming, Mr. Baldwin is continuing his business and hoping to emerge stronger than ever.

Generous local donations, assistance, and support have helped in making tremendous strides in the rejuvenation of Baldwin Apple Ladders, a testament to the goodwill Mr. Baldwin has earned throughout the community. Mr. Baldwin's dedication to starting over and his perseverance in the face of such unimaginable obstacles is inspiring and a true example of the grit and incomparable spirit of Maine's entrepreneurs. I will eagerly follow Mr. Baldwin's progress in rebuilding, and extend my best wishes to him and Baldwin Apple Ladders and their future success.●

TRIBUTE TO TYLER DUTTON

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Tyler Dutton, a legal intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Tyler is a graduate of South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD. Currently, he is attending Emory University Law School in Atlanta, GA. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 9:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 2009. An act to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, and for other purposes.

S. 2165. An act to enhance strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel, and for other purposes.

H.R. 205. An act to amend the Act title An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational,