

their summer and senior work in computing. At Villanova University, computer science projects and computer scientists are being showcased at the library all month. Drexel University will host a series of events that honor computer science's contribution to society and raise awareness of its importance in education, economic growth, and technological innovations.

The inclusion of computer science in K-12 education is of vital importance to prepare students for work in this field and to access emerging available jobs. Earlier this Congress, I was pleased to introduce S. 1614, the Computer Science Education Act, which would strengthen computer science education in elementary schools and high schools. The Computer Science Education Act would help to ensure that American students not only use technology in school but also learn the technical computing skills needed to grow our economy and invent the technology that will drive our economic future. Technology firms and backers of computer science education in Pennsylvania and elsewhere strongly support this legislation as a necessary investment in our future economic competitiveness.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on these issues. America simply cannot afford to continue wasting talent and opportunities in the computing field. This Computer Science Education Week, I applaud the efforts of educators, students, and activities organizers who are showcasing the importance of this subject.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JAMES E. HOGGE

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate James E. Hogge on his upcoming retirement from serving as State director of the Idaho Small Business Development Center, SBDC, and recognize his remarkable career.

As State director of the Idaho SBDC for nearly 18 years, Jim has led the center with distinction and helped shape it into a highly regarded resource for small business consulting and training. He has provided strategic planning and financial and programmatic oversight and guided the center through challenges, including limited budgets. During his time leading the center, the Idaho SBDC was one of the first SBDCs in the country to be accredited and has received the highest accreditation possible in the past two reviews. The Idaho SBDC has also been in the top 10 percent of SBDCs in the country based on productivity and impact, which includes the growth of sales and jobs, capital raised, and return on investment.

Jim recognizes the immense value of partnerships in assisting businesses and has worked to utilize the expertise of individuals and organizations for the benefit of the entrepreneurs and businesses seeking assistance and all those involved in the partnerships. Some of

his collaborative achievements during his time as State director include the development of a partnership with Boise State University, the University of Idaho, and Idaho State University to help Idaho's manufacturers increase their sales and reduce costs. Jim also planned and developed funding for the Technology and Entrepreneurial Center at Boise State University. Additionally, he developed collaborative projects with the University of Idaho Law School, the Idaho National Laboratory, the city of Boise, the Idaho Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Zions Bank, and the U.S. Forest Service.

Prior to his work at the Idaho SBDC, Jim spent 20 years serving our Nation in the U.S. Air Force as a weapons systems operator in F-111 and EF-111 aircraft. He has also provided significant service to the community and Nation through volunteering and serving on various local and national boards. This includes his service on the board of the Association of Small Business Development Centers, ASBDC, and his service as ASBDC Accreditation chair. He also served on the board of directors for Drug Free Idaho and the Idaho GemStars and was a founding board member for the Idaho Non-Profit Center. In addition, he was appointed to the Governor's Rural Task Force to help develop long-term strategies to help Idaho's rural communities, and he served on the Criminal Justice Council and as president of the Boise Sunrise Rotary Club.

Outstanding service has been the hallmark of Jim's career. I congratulate Jim on his many successes and thank him for his service to the community, State and Nation. I wish him a very happy retirement.●

#### TRIBUTE TO FRANCIS J. BUTTERFIELD

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I wish today to commemorate Francis James Butterfield's 92nd birthday and pay tribute to his remarkable life.

Francis, who was born on November 2, 1920, to Millard E. and Margaret C. Payne Butterfield in Franklin County, NE, has led a positive life of dedicated service. His devotion to his country started early. His mother was active in the women's suffrage movement and looked forward to voting for the first time. Margaret was in labor with Francis on election day and braved the labor pains to cast her ballot before giving birth to Francis. As Francis describes it, "So, that's how I got here—my Mom voted first, then she went home and had me."

This dedication and resolve runs deep in Francis. He grew up during the Great Depression in a happy, resourceful, and grateful family despite the challenges. He helped with his two brothers' mechanic operation and worked retail sales before volunteering for the U.S. Army in 1942. He completed Officer Candidate School and served in the Pacific Theater during

World War II. He was assigned to an Amphibian Tractor Battalion that served in Okinawa. He also served as a Tank Destroyer Unit commander and rose to the rank of captain before his honorable discharge from Active Duty in 1946. The military honors he earned for his service to our Nation include the American Theater Service Medal, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, and World War II Victory Medal. He continued to serve in the U.S. Army Reserves until his honorable discharge from Reserve service in 1953.

On October 18, 1959, Francis married Doris Jo Runge, and they were blessed with two daughters: Georgia Jo and Virginia Jo. Francis had a 23-year career with the U.S. Postal Service. He served as a mail carrier, and he walked 25-30 miles per day delivering mail in Sidney, NE. Since Doris' passing in 1998, Francis spends time traveling to visit his family, including his daughters and granddaughter, Aleah. His daughters keep him busy fixing things, and he also enjoys shopping.

Francis is a positive, outgoing, friendly, and patriotic American. He is a problem solver with a "can do" spirit who does not let challenges get in his way. I commend him for his example of optimism and devotion and wish him great happiness.●

#### TRIBUTE TO SOUTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today, on the 376th birthday of the National Guard, I wish to honor all those who have served in the National Guard and to pay tribute to the South Dakota National Guard, which this year celebrates its 150th anniversary. The South Dakota National Guard has served in every major American conflict since the Civil War, in addition to helping countless communities recover from natural disasters and other emergencies. This June, South Dakotans participated in celebrations across the State to commemorate the Guard's important milestone.

The history of the South Dakota National Guard dates back to the early days of the Dakota Territory. On January 27, 1862, the Guard first formed in Yankton, SD, to protect settlers in the fledgling territory. Since that time, the South Dakota National Guard has served our Nation in every major conflict, sending units to the Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, and Operations Just Cause and Desert Storm. The Guard has also been called to aid in our country's military efforts during the Mexican border conflict, the Korean war, the Vietnam war, and peacekeeping missions in Bosnia and Kosovo.

Since the attacks of September 11, over 8,000 South Dakota guardsmen have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, and we honor the service of those guardsmen who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. As the father of a soldier in the National

Guard, I personally understand the sacrifices these service members make and the burdens placed on their families during deployments. I know our entire Nation shares in my gratitude for their service.

When disaster strikes, the South Dakota National Guard comes to the aid of our State and Nation. Throughout its history, the men and women of our Guard have battled floods, fires, blizzards, tornadoes, and a host of other disasters. Last year, when flooding from the Missouri River threatened communities along its banks, guardsmen were there to shore up levees, pile sandbags, and help citizens prepare for the worst. When Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated states along the gulf coast, units from the South Dakota National Guard were deployed to help the region recover.

The Guard personnel from the Mount Rushmore State represent the best South Dakota has to offer. They have consistently served our State and country with resolve, compassion, and honor. On the occasion of the South Dakota Guard's 150th anniversary observance, please join me in commending Guard personnel for their great service, both to the citizens of South Dakota as well as to the Nation. I applaud their willingness to answer the call to duty.●

#### TRIBUTE TO BARBARA KOIRTYOHANN

● Mrs. MCCASKILL. Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me today in honoring the work of Barbara Koirtyohann, a friend and long-time Hallmark executive who is retiring this year. Barbara has worked at Hallmark for 39 consecutive years, and has been active in the Kansas City community.

Barbara is from the Kansas City area and still calls Kansas City home. She is currently the Director of Public Affairs for Hallmark Cards and she is the founding member of the Greeting Card Association's Postal Affairs Committee. She has worked tirelessly to ensure that any postal reforms have minimum negative impact on the "citizen mailer."

During her time away from the office Barbara has been a solid member of Kansas City's civic community. She has been active with the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, and currently serves as the chairman of their Public Policy Council. In addition, Barbara is a current board member at Hope House, a shelter for battered women and their children. She has also served on the boards of Children's Mercy Hospital and Missouri Citizens for the Arts. Kansas City is a better place because of Barbara Koirtyohann.

Mr. President, I ask that the Senate join me in congratulating and honoring Barbara Koirtyohann on her retirement.●

#### REMEMBERING FREDERICK LADD POTTER

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the late Frederick Ladd Potter, who passed away on February 18, 2012. I wish to pay my respects to Fred's family and to note the important role he played in assisting me and my colleagues in developing and passing the Renewable Fuels Standard, RFS, as part of the Energy Policy Act, EPAct, of 2005.

Fred Potter began his lifelong commitment to ethanol and clean-burning transportation fuels in 1979 when he helped to open the Office of Alcohol Fuels within the U.S. Department of Energy. In 1981 he started Information Resources Inc., IRI, a private communications business, to promulgate information by publishing newsletters and holding press conferences. During this time, IRI played a major support role in removing the lead from gasoline, to be replaced by oxygenates which met the octane needs of gasoline.

In 1991 Fred worked out a merger with Hart Energy in forming Hart/IRI to greatly expand the publications business to include a wider range of newsletters, studies, research efforts, and conferences. The International Fuel Quality Center was established, to be followed by the Global Biofuels Center, all with the goal of improving fuel quality worldwide and reducing harmful emissions from the automotive sector.

Because of the pioneering work Fred accomplished in developing biofuel policy, Congress was able to put into place the first renewable fuel volume mandate for the United States. As required under the EPAct, the original RFS Program, RFS1, required 7.5 billion gallons of renewable fuel to be blended into gasoline by 2012.

Fred's contribution to achieving this foothold in our nation's comprehensive energy policy is well recognized by those of us who have been supportive of ethanol and biofuels throughout our careers.

Due to these achievements in 2005, Congress was able to expand the RFS program under the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. RFS2 laid the foundation for achieving a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and imported petroleum, as well as the development and expansion of our Nation's renewable fuels sector with the established goal of 36 billion gallons of first-generation and advanced biofuels by 2022. I can think of no better remembrance for Fred than knowing his fundamental work was essential toward providing our Nation's transportation sector with clean-burning, high-octane fuels.

In addition to his work in renewable fuels, Fred Potter will be remembered for his unflagging service to America, his amazing cadre of friends, and his great and loving family. I, therefore, join with Fred's friends in the Senate in honoring his achievements, his memory, and his devoted family.●

#### RECOGNIZING JEN'S PLACE

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, our Nation's small business owners know what it means to sacrifice every day for a dream. The risks, the fears, and the uncertainty are all familiar to those brave enough to strike out on their own and open a small business. Our country's entrepreneurs routinely prove that through dedication, hard work, and spirit, any vision can be realized. Few know the challenges of opening a small business like Jen Burton, who has overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles to build from scratch one of Brunswick, Maine's most popular restaurants. I rise today to recognize Jen and her outstanding achievements at Jen's Place.

Jen Burton understands the value of hard work. An inspiration and an example of the can-do spirit of Maine, Jen worked her way from welfare recipient to entrepreneur and restaurateur. As a single mother, she balances the personal demands of family with the professional challenges of running a restaurant. Jen's Place is now so popular that customers happily wait in a line that stretches out the door and around the side of the building. It is clear that her popularity is no passing trend. Jen's Place is a favorite of locals, students, and visitors, with its mouthwatering reputation constantly bringing hungry new patrons to its tables.

Jen spent many years working in restaurants before opening Jen's Place. From those experiences, she learned the right and wrong way to run a restaurant. She learned the priorities and details that were important to master in her own business. Jen devoted months to perfecting her menu items, focusing on quality and taste rather than cost efficiency. She also values supporting other Maine small businesses and buys many of her ingredients locally. Her menu features dishes named after frequent patrons, and the eclectic decor is reminiscent of a family's cozy kitchen. The relaxed hometown feel and delicious comfort food is the essence of Jen's Place and is a product of Jen's tireless effort, perseverance, and culinary know-how.

From humble beginnings to successful entrepreneur and local favorite, Jen Burton embodies the American dream. When the restaurant landscape seems dominated by fast-food and chain restaurants, it is heartening to see the success of restaurants like Jen's Place. Her passion and commitment to quality set her apart. I am proud to offer my congratulations to Jen and best wishes for her continued success.●

#### TRIBUTE TO TYLER STENBERG

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Tyler Stenberg, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Tyler is a graduate of Mobridge-Pollock High School in Mobridge, SD. Currently, he is attending The University