

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

of South Dakota, where he is majoring in political science and criminal justice. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

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

#### TRIBUTE TO LOGAN PENFIELD

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Logan Penfield, 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.

Logan is a graduate of Northwestern High School in Mellette, SD. Currently, he is also a graduate of South Dakota State University, where he majored in political science. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

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

#### TRIBUTE TO COLLEEN GUINN

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

Colleen is a graduate of Brandon Valley High School in Brandon, SD. Currently, she is attending Georgetown University, where she is majoring in government and English. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

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

#### TRIBUTE TO JASON SIMMONS

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Jason Simmons, an intern in my Sioux Falls, SD, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Jason is a graduate of New Underwood High School in New Underwood, SD. Currently he is attending the University of South Dakota, where he is earning his master of business administration in health services administration. 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 Jason for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 9:34 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2467. An act to take certain Federal lands in Mono County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Bridgeport Indian Colony.

H.R. 3319. An act to allow the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to determine the requirements for membership in that tribe.

H.R. 4014. An act to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to information provided to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

H.R. 4367. An act to amend the Electronic Fund Transfer Act to limit the fee disclosure requirement for an automatic teller machine to the screen of that machine.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. UDALL of New Mexico).

At 9:49 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1998. An act to obtain an unqualified audit opinion, and improve financial accountability and management at the Department of Homeland Security.

S. 3542. An act to authorize the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to modify screening requirements for checked baggage arriving from preclearance airports, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5817. An act to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual privacy notice requirement.

H.R. 6364. An act to establish a commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, to provide for the designation of memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 3(b) of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 15202), the Minority Leader appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Medal of Valor Review Board: Joanne Hayes-White of San Francisco, California.

At 3:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1379. An act to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to revise certain administrative authorities of the District of Columbia courts, and to authorize the District of Columbia Public Defender Service to provide professional liability insurance for officers and employees of the Service for claims relating to services furnished within the scope of employment with the Service.

S. 3315. An act to repeal or modify certain mandates of the Government Accountability Office.

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 4:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1998. An act to obtain an unqualified audit opinion, and improve financial accountability and management at the Department of Homeland Security.

S. 3542. An act to authorize the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to modify screening requirements for checked baggage arriving from preclearance airports, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2838. An act to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2013 through 2014, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. UDALL of New Mexico).

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5817. An act to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide an exception to the annual privacy notice requirement; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1546. A bill to authorize certain programs of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-249).

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 443. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska (Rept. No. 112-250).

By Mrs. MURRAY, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 3313. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured veterans and their spouses, and for other purposes.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 3678. A bill to help ensure the fiscal solvency of the FHA mortgage insurance programs of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 3679. A bill to provide for Indian trust asset management reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. SANDERS):