

The two towns worked closely together on many issues, and began to have a unified identity. Winston and Salem's citizens then voted to consolidate the two towns into the city of Winston-Salem. This officially took effect May 9, 1913, and Oscar B. Eaton was elected the first mayor of the newly formed city. After consolidation, Winston-Salem was one of North Carolina's foremost cities throughout the 1920s due to vastly successful R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., Hanes Knitting, Hanes Dye and Finishing, and Piedmont Airlines.

The Winston-Salem Arts Council was founded in 1949, and was the first of its kind in the Nation. It has led to the rich arts culture that Winston-Salem enjoys today. The University of North Carolina School of the Arts was established as the first of its kind State-supported arts college in the United States. Through the years the university has equipped thousands of men and women developing the arts in the program to incorporate dance, design and production, drama, film making, and music. Today, Winston-Salem is known as "The City of the Arts and Innovation."

As the economy changed in the 1900s, the leaders of the city successfully worked to make Winston-Salem prosperous in the new age by establishing the Piedmont Triad Research Park, which recently became the Wake Forest Innovation Quarter. This equipped the city with technological and medical jobs that has grown to be the leading of industry in Winston-Salem today.

Winston-Salem has received many accolades for its friendly business environment, low cost of living, lively downtown district, and many other aspects. In Winston-Salem, May 9-12 has been set aside to celebrate the 100th anniversary of their consolidation. So I join my fellow Winston-Salem citizens and leaders in celebration of this historic anniversary.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING STEPTOE & JOHNSON

• Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, today I wish to highlight a West Virginia business on its 100th year in the Mountain State—Steptoe & Johnson, a renowned and nationally respected energy law firm.

From yesterday's humble beginnings, Steptoe & Johnson now has more than 270 attorneys and a staff of 570 people, including more than 220 real estate professionals, working in 14 offices in 6 states—my home State of West Virginia, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Texas, Ohio and Colorado.

Over the past century of American history—through war and peace, through recessions and abundance, through tragedy and triumph—Steptoe & Johnson has persevered and prospered.

I wonder if Philip P. Steptoe and Colonel Louis A. Johnson looked 100 years into the future when they hung out their shingle and established their law firm in Clarksburg, WV, in 1913. I wonder if they ever dreamed Steptoe & Johnson would grow so large or be so influential.

They probably did, because they began their practice in Clarksburg, a perfectly centralized location with a diverse economy. That decision alone helped introduce their company to various service-related industries and public utilities.

Over the next century, Steptoe & Johnson would grow and expand numerous times, opening six offices across West Virginia, including Bridgeport, Charleston, Huntington, Martinsburg, Morgantown, and Wheeling. That solid foundation helped propel them into five other States.

Steptoe & Johnson's success story is similar to that of many of our Nation's great entrepreneurs: two men with one vision began this American-made story of service and perseverance. Today, more than 800 individuals join together on a daily basis to carry out the company's vision and mission, by offering strong representation and quality service to its clientele.

But for Steptoe & Johnson, there is no end in mind—only the future.●

REMEMBERING EVAN DUBE

• Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, Senator AYOTTE and I wish to commemorate the life of Evan Dube, a young man from Plaistow, NH, whose life was tragically cut short on May 19, 2012. Evan's spirit touched the lives of many in his community, and his legacy as a kind and loving friend will not be forgotten.

Ms. AYOTTE. Mr. President, Evan, a graduate of Timberlane Regional High School in Plaistow, NH, was a beloved member of both the school's community and the greater Plaistow community. Evan was involved in the school's theatre program, competed on the Model United Nations team, and was a member of the National Honor Society. Upon graduating from Timberlane, Evan began his freshman year at Bates College in Lewiston, ME, where he was studying classical and medieval studies. At the time of his passing, Evan was participating in an archaeological research project in Scotland.

Mrs. SHAHEEN. While Evan earned great success in his academic pursuits, his most profound impact was on the lives of those with whom he interacted. Evan's thoughtful compassion touched the lives of hundreds of acquaintances, friends, and family members. This was evidenced in part by a ceremony held to honor Evan's life at the Timberlane Regional High School Performing Arts Center where nearly 900 individuals honored his memory and celebrated the life that he lived with extraordinary attention to the thoughts and feelings of those around him.

Ms. AYOTTE. In the wake of Evan's passing, students and faculty of Timberlane Regional High School gave great thought to the true meaning of compassion. To honor Evan's life and the many lessons he shared, members of the community have worked to incorporate Evan's values of compassion and kindness into their daily lives. We would all be well served by emulating such behavior.

Mrs. SHAHEEN. We express our true sorrow at the loss of such an admirable, accomplished, and compassionate young man. We would also like to recognize and offer our sympathies to Evan's family, including his mother Eileen, his father John, and his twin brother Conor. We are confident that Evan's friends and family have great pride when they remember the impact that his short life had on so many individuals.

Ms. AYOTTE. We recognize Evan Dube for his well-lived life that was full of compassion, kindness and care. Those who knew Evan are fortunate to have had the opportunity to grow with and learn from him, and are certainly better off by having had their lives touched by such an inspirational person.●

TRIBUTE TO FATHER JONATHAN

• Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor a remarkable leader, Father Jonathan DeFelice, who will retire as the President of Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH, this June.

Father Jonathan, as he is known to his beloved students and college community, has devoted his adult personal and professional life to Saint Anselm College. He lives and works at Saint Anselm in community with his fellow monks of the Order of Saint Benedict, who founded the college in 1889. Under his leadership, Saint Anselm College has become a nationally ranked liberal arts college and model for other institutions of higher education on ways to expand civic engagement and community service among all members of the campus community.

Originally a native of Bristol, RI, Father Jonathan attended Portsmouth Abbey School for high school and completed his undergraduate career at Saint Anselm in 1969. He joined the Order of Saint Benedict in 1973, and 1 later was ordained a Roman Catholic priest. Shortly thereafter, Father Jonathan returned to Saint Anselm, where he served in the administration, holding a variety of positions, including dean of freshman students, assistant to the academic dean and dean of students. The capstone of his years of work for his alma mater was his appointment as its president 24 years ago.

Father Jonathan believes that student development requires pursuing both academics and extracurricular activities. Building on that philosophy, he helped oversee the creation of the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, established at Saint Anselm College to

educate citizens and encourage political and civic participation in the United States and abroad. Since its creation, the Institute has hosted hundreds of State and local leaders and international visitors and helped many new American citizens celebrate at five naturalization ceremonies. Every 4 years, Saint Anselm College becomes a main setting for national politics when it hosts numerous activities surrounding the presidential primaries.

Father Jonathan has also made service a priority for his students. Today, the college's student-led Meelia Center for Student Engagement manages more than 40 partnerships with New Hampshire non-profits, such as the Big Brother/Big Sister program. Father Jonathan built on that work by founding the State version of Campus Compact, a national initiative that works in cooperation with private sector partners to incorporate community service into college curriculum. Campus Compact New Hampshire is made up of 23 college and university member institutions in the state.

Father Jonathan has given back to the State by serving as chair of both the New Hampshire Colleges and University Council and the New Hampshire Higher Education Commission. He was a founding member of New Hampshire's Forum on Higher Education and, most recently, was appointed by Governor John Lynch to serve as director of the New England Board of Higher Education.

Throughout his tenure, Father Jonathan's commitment to higher learning has been a valuable asset to New Hampshire. With community service and civic engagement as cornerstones of his presidency, Father Jonathan has created a lasting and significant connection between the State of New Hampshire and the Saint Anselm College community.

I thank Father Jonathan for his service and his commitment to improving higher education in New Hampshire.●

TRIBUTE TO CAMERON LYLE

● Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the tremendous selflessness and compassion demonstrated by Cameron Lyle of Plaistow, NH. Cameron is completing his senior year at the University of New Hampshire, UNH, and is a 4-year member of the school's track and field team. He elected to forgo his final two meets in order to donate bone marrow to a complete stranger who is battling acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

Cameron Lyle is a graduate of Timberlane Regional High School and a standout thrower on UNH's track and field squad. He is a member of the National Marrow Donor Program's Be The Match Registry, which he joined as a sophomore along with many of his fellow UNH athletes by completing the mouth swabbing process that is the initial step in registering to serve as a potential bone marrow donor. Nearly 2

years later, Cameron received a call informing him that he was identified as a potential match for a 28-year-old man diagnosed with blood cancer. After additional testing, it was confirmed that despite incredibly small odds, Cameron's marrow was a match. Without hesitation, Cameron decided that he would give up participating in the final track and field meets of his senior year to potentially save another man's life.

The story of Cameron and the anonymous recipient of his bone marrow demonstrate the importance of bone marrow registries such as the National Marrow Donor Program's Be The Match Registry. These organizations can provide a critical lifeline for those individuals suffering from immune system, genetic or blood disorders. In addition, bone marrow donor registries serve as a place where patients afflicted with these terrible diseases can turn in hopes of receiving a transplant. While these disorders can be fatal, bone marrow registries give patients the hope of finding a lifesaving donor.

Cameron's decision truly demonstrates the strength of his character, but perhaps most importantly, his selfless act will undoubtedly never be forgotten by the man who received another chance at life. I know that residents of New Hampshire are extremely proud of Cameron and admire him for making such an important choice.

Once again, I would like to recognize and thank Cameron Lyle for making such a powerful and life changing decision for both himself and the recipient of his bone marrow. I commend Cameron's family, friends and the UNH and Plaistow communities for the support they have shown him in the weeks before and since his surgery. His story is truly memorable.●

20TH ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTE TO THE COLORADO STATE VETERANS NURSING HOME

● Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, today I wish to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Colorado State Veterans Home in Walsenburg. For 20 years, this home has provided exceptional care to veterans and their spouses from all over the United States.

Built in 1993, the Colorado State Veterans Home is southern Colorado's newest nursing home for veterans and the only nursing home physically connected to a community hospital. Residents in Walsenburg have access to a Special Care Unit, which provides services for residents with dementia, Alzheimer's, Huntington's and/or Parkinson's diseases, and a family outpatient clinic, all on the health center's grounds. Furthermore, following a major renovation funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2011, the veterans home now boasts expanded kitchen areas, outdoor gardens and recreational space, as well as views of nearby mountains and lakes in every resident's room. These improvements

have created modern and bright living accommodations that take full advantage of Colorado's natural beauty and ensure the comfort of our veterans.

With 115 residents, everyday life at the Colorado State Veterans Home is filled with the stories from our Nation's heroes. Rich, a veteran who, with his wife, has resided at Walsenburg for 3 years, was a B-17 commander flying 34 successful sorties over Germany and France during WWII. On his 35th sortie he and his crew went down as the result of enemy fire. His story makes Rich a favorite among visiting airmen, and it is only one among many.

While we will never be able to repay our heroic servicemembers for the sacrifices they have made in the line of duty, it should be our top priority to make their lives back home as pleasant and comfortable as possible. The services, staff, and stunning location of the Colorado State Veterans Home in Walsenburg uphold our commitment to keep that promise to these individuals and their loved ones.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I thank the staff at Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center, the Colorado State Veterans Home, and the Federal employees at the VA for their commitment to serving our Nation's heroes, and I offer them congratulations on the occasion of the Colorado State Veterans Home's 20th anniversary.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:29 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1406. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY) reported that he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 1071. An act to specify the size of the precious-metal blanks that will be used in