

school system; a long-term substitute principal at numerous elementary schools in Pulaski County; substitute teacher in Pulaski County and Science Hill school systems; and for the past 14 years she has served and continues to serve as a teacher-educator for Pulaski County, Somerset, Science Hill and Somerset Christian school.

Very active in community affairs, Hatfield is a board member of Somerset-Pulaski Convention and Visitors Bureau, member of Somerset Business and Professional Women's Club, member and past president of Alpha Delta Kappa Educational Sorority, director of Lake Cumberland Foundation, precinct chair for the Pulaski County Republican Party, member of Fidelis Chapter of Eastern Star, member and past president of Pulaski County Republican Women's Club, member of Pulaski County Lincoln Club and Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church.

The third of 10 children in a family of limited means, Hatfield had to work while she attended Nancy High School.

For a time she worked and lived in Somerset, riding a bus to attend high school at Nancy. She got a college education by working and taking classes at Eastern Kentucky University. She attended Butler University while she and husband Avery worked in Indianapolis. She also was a student at Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia.

The former Lois Roberts was married to Avery Hatfield more than 60 years. The late Mr. Hatfield was a well-known coach at the former Nancy High School, winning several county championships. As an assistant to David Fraley at Pulaski County High School, they guided the Maroons to the state championship in 1986.

Avery Hatfield died on the first Sunday in November 2010, two days before their son, Martin, was elected as Pulaski County attorney.

Lois Hatfield is most sympathetic to today's lack of sufficient funding for education.

Anderson School, her first teaching position with the Pulaski County School System, had no electricity and no lights. She held a pie supper and made money to install electricity, paint the building and buy curtains for the windows.

RECOGNIZING RABBI AARON PANKEN

Mr. PORTMAN. Madam President, I wish to recognize Rabbi Aaron Panken, on the occasion of his inauguration as president of the widely-respected Hebrew Union College, HUC,–Jewish Institute of Religion, the Reform movement's rabbinical school, on June 8, 2014. HUC was founded in Cincinnati in 1875 by Rabbi Isaac Wise.

As president, Panken will serve as the chief executive officer of Hebrew Union College's four campuses—in Cincinnati, Jerusalem, Los Angeles and New York. The 12th president in HUC's 138-year history, Panken succeeds Rabbi David Ellenson, who served from 2001 to 2013, and has been named chancellor upon his retirement.

Rabbi Panken, 49, of Mamaroneck, N.Y., brings an impressive record to HUC. He has taught rabbinic and Second Temple literature at Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion in New York since 1995. He has also served as vice president for strategic initiatives, dean of the New York campus and dean of students.

Rabbi Panken grew up on Manhattan's Upper West Side, went straight from college to a job as regional director of the North American Federation of Temple Youth, was ordained by Hebrew Union College, worked as an associate rabbi at Manhattan's Congregation Rodeph Shalom and earned a doctorate in Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University.

I congratulate Aaron Panken as he begins this new chapter in his distinguished career.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

DUBUQUE COUNTY, IOWA

• Mr. HARKIN. Madam President, the strength of my State of Iowa lies in its vibrant local communities, where citizens come together to foster economic development, make smart investments to expand opportunity, and take the initiative to improve the health and well-being of residents. Over the decades, I have witnessed the growth and revitalization of so many communities across my State. And it has been deeply gratifying to see how my work in Congress has supported these local efforts.

I have always believed in accountability for public officials, and this, my final year in the Senate, is an appropriate time to give an accounting of my work across four decades representing Iowa in Congress. I take pride in accomplishments that have been national in scope—for instance, passing the Americans with Disabilities Act and spearheading successful farm bills. But I take a very special pride in projects that have made a big difference in local communities across my State.

Today, I would like to give an accounting of my work with leaders and residents of Dubuque County to build a legacy of a stronger local economy, better schools and educational opportunities, and a healthier, safer community.

Between 2001 and 2013, the creative leadership in your community has worked with me to secure funding in Dubuque County worth over \$40 million and successfully acquired financial assistance from programs I have fought hard to support, which have provided more than \$97 million to the local economy.

My close partnership with the community and economic development leaders in Dubuque has resulted in community transformation. From cleaning up the riverfront and building the National Mississippi River Museum to improving road and air access to the community to investments in Dubuque schools and downtown storefronts and housing, massive Federal investments combined with local vision and hard work has resulted in the revitalization of Dubuque. I am pleased that my staff will be touring the community health center. I have been a long-time sup-

porter of community health centers, having worked for over two decades to expand centers in Iowa.

Among the highlights:

Wellness and health care: Improving the health and wellness of all Americans has been something I have been passionate about for decades. That is why I fought to dramatically increase funding for disease prevention, innovative medical research, and a whole range of initiatives to improve the health of individuals and families not only at the doctor's office but also in our communities, schools, and workplaces. I am so proud that Americans have better access to clinical preventive services, nutritious food, smoke-free environments, safe places to engage in physical activity, and information to make healthy decisions for themselves and their families. These efforts not only save lives, they will also save money for generations to come thanks to the prevention of costly chronic diseases, which account for a whopping 75 percent of annual health care costs. I am pleased that Dubuque County has recognized this important issue by securing more than \$550,000 for construction, renovations, and to hire additional workers at the Crescent Community Health Center.

Investing in Iowa's economic development through targeted community projects: In Northeast Iowa, we have worked together to grow the economy by making targeted investments in important economic development projects including improved roads and bridges, modernized sewer and water systems, and better housing options for residents of Dubuque County. In many cases, I have secured Federal funding that has leveraged local investments and served as a catalyst for a whole ripple effect of positive, creative changes. For example, working with mayors, city council members, and local economic development officials in Dubuque County, I have fought for \$37 million to make highway 61 a four-lane highway to expand transportation into Dubuque, \$23 million to improve the Mississippi River Bridge, \$30 million for the southwest arterial, \$4 million for the river museum, and a \$5.6 million TIGER Grant, helping to create jobs and expand economic opportunities.

Main Street Iowa: One of the greatest challenges we face—in Iowa and all across America—is preserving the character and vitality of our small towns and rural communities. This isn't just about economics. It is also about maintaining our identity as Iowans. Main Street Iowa helps preserve Iowa's heart and soul by providing funds to revitalize downtown business districts. This program has allowed towns like Dubuque to use that money to leverage other investments to jumpstart change and renewal. I am so pleased that the community has earned \$438,000 through this program. These grants build much more than buildings. They build up the spirit and morale of people in our small towns and local communities.

School grants: Every child in Iowa deserves to be educated in a classroom that is safe, accessible, and modern. That is why, for the past decade and a half, I have secured funding for the innovative Iowa Demonstration Construction Grant Program—better known among educators in Iowa as Harkin grants for public schools construction and renovation. Across 15 years, Harkin grants worth more than \$132 million have helped school districts to fund a range of renovation and repair efforts—everything from updating fire safety systems to building new schools. In many cases, these Federal dollars have served as the needed incentive to leverage local public and private dollars, so it often has a tremendous multiplier effect within a school district. Over the years, Dubuque County has received more than \$2.7 million in Harkin grants.

Disaster mitigation and prevention: In 1993, when historic floods ripped through Iowa, it became clear to me that the national emergency-response infrastructure was woefully inadequate to meet the needs of Iowans in flood-ravaged communities. I went to work dramatically expanding the Federal Emergency Management Agency's hazard mitigation program, which helps communities reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and enables mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery period. Disaster relief means more than helping people and businesses get back on their feet after a disaster, it means doing our best to prevent the same predictable flood or other catastrophe from recurring in the future. The hazard mitigation program that I helped create in 1993 provided critical support to Iowa communities impacted by the devastating floods of 2008. Dubuque County has received over \$4.3 million to remediate and prevent widespread destruction from natural disasters.

Keeping Iowa communities safe: I also firmly believe that our first responders need to be appropriately trained and equipped, able to respond to both local emergencies and to statewide challenges such as, for instance, the methamphetamine epidemic. Since 2001, Dubuque County's fire departments have received over \$3 million for firefighter safety and operations equipment and over \$570,000 in Byrne Justice Assistance Grants.

Disability rights: Growing up, I loved and admired my brother Frank, who was deaf. I was deeply disturbed by the discrimination and obstacles he faced every day. That is why I have always been a passionate advocate for full equality for people with disabilities. As the primary author of the Americans with Disabilities Act, ADA, and the ADA Amendments Act, I have had four guiding goals for our fellow citizens with disabilities: equal opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self-sufficiency. Nearly a quarter century since passage of the

ADA, I see remarkable changes in communities everywhere I go in Iowa—not just in curb cuts or closed captioned television, but in the full participation of people with disabilities in our society and economy, folks who at long last have the opportunity to contribute their talents and to be fully included. These changes have increased economic opportunities for all citizens of Dubuque County, both those with and without disabilities.

This is at least a partial accounting of my work on behalf of Iowa, and specifically Dubuque County, during my time in Congress. In every case, this work has been about partnerships, co-operation, and empowering folks at the State and local level, including in Dubuque County, to fulfill their own dreams and initiatives. And, of course, this work is never complete. Even after I retire from the Senate, I have no intention of retiring from the fight for a better, fairer, richer Iowa. I will always be profoundly grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Iowa as their Senator.●

KEOKUK COUNTY, IOWA

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Today, I would like to give an accounting of my work with leaders and residents of Keokuk County to build a legacy of a stronger local economy, better schools and educational opportunities, and a healthier, safer community.

Between 2001 and 2013, the creative leadership in your community has worked with me to successfully acquire financial assistance from programs I have fought hard to support, which have provided more than \$4 million to the local economy.

Of course, one of my favorite memories of working together include their tremendous success in obtaining funding for public safety programs, as well as farm bill funding for local economic development.

Among the highlights:

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Agricultural and rural development: Because I grew up in a small town in rural Iowa, I have always been a loyal friend and fierce advocate for family farmers and rural communities. I have been a member of the House or Senate Agriculture Committee for 40 years—including more than 10 years as chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee. Across the decades, I have championed farm policies for Iowans that include effective farm income protection and commodity programs; strong, progressive conservation assistance for agricultural producers; renewable energy opportunities; and robust economic development in our rural communities. Since 1991, through various programs authorized through the farm bill, Keokuk County has received more than \$2 million from a variety of farm bill programs.

Keeping Iowa communities safe: I also firmly believe that our first responders need to be appropriately trained and equipped, able to respond to both local emergencies and to statewide challenges such as the methamphetamine epidemic. For instance, Keokuk County has received \$69,475 in Community Oriented Policing Services