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SCOTT 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 Scott 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 Scott County worth over \$299 million and successfully acquire financial assistance from programs I have fought hard to support, which have provided more than \$89.2 million to the local economy.

Of course, in addition to numerous housing, transportation, defense, river-

front development, and arts projects we have worked on together over the years, one of my favorite memories of working with Scott County has to be the outstanding legal aid project in Davenport. Every American, regardless of his or her station in life, deserves equal access to our justice system. Having been a legal aid attorney myself, I can tell you that there are many, many people who would have no access to legal representation if it weren't for programs like this one. This funding will help legal aid lawyers reach out and serve those who otherwise would be disenfranchised from our justice system. That is why, throughout my career, I have fought to improve funding for Legal Aid Services, to expand their scope, and to offer loan forgiveness for attorneys who choose to serve their communities by becoming legal aid attorneys.

Among the highlights:

Investing in Iowa's economic development through targeted community projects: In Eastern 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 Scott 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 Scott County, I have fought for over \$256.9 million in defense projects through the Rock Island Arsenal, ALCOA, John Deere, Carleton Life Support Systems, and other local businesses, helping to create jobs and expand economic opportunities.

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, Scott County has received \$3.2 million in Harkin grants. Similarly, schools in Scott County have received funds that I designated for Iowa Star Schools for technology totaling \$336,600.

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, Scott County's fire departments have received over \$1.5 million for firefighter safety and operations equipment and over \$521,000 for Byrne Justice Assistance Grants.

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 Scott County has recognized this important issue by securing over \$9.8 million for the Community Health Center.

Disability rights: Growing up, I loved and admired my brother Frank, who was deaf. But 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 Scott County, both those with and without disabilities. And they make us proud to be a part of a community and country that respects the worth and civil rights of all of our citizens.

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RECOGNIZING THE RENO RODEO

● Mr. HELLER. Madam President, today I wish to recognize the 95th year of the Annual Reno Rodeo, the "Wildest, Richest Rodeo in the West". Revered by some as the greatest outdoor rodeo in the world, I, along with my fellow Nevadans, are proud that it has called the great State of Nevada home for so many years.

The Reno Rodeo was started in 1919 by local community leaders and has grown exponentially in the past 95 years, offering Nevadans and rodeo goers nationwide a place to truly experience the gritty, energetic entertainment that the Wild West is best known for. For generations fans have been flocking to Reno to see some of our Nation's toughest cowboys and cowgirls compete in ten days of competition, showcasing their amazing talents, from roping to bull riding. This event has become a yearly tradition for many Nevada families, including my own, and is the source of many cherished memories. As rodeo lovers, my wife Lynne and I have proudly ridden in the Reno Rodeo Parade on our horses, Jackson and Cruise, and Lynne has had the privilege of singing the National Anthem at the Rodeo's opening several times.

From its start as a charitable organization in 1986, the Reno Rodeo Foundation has focused its mission on benefiting and enriching the lives of Nevada families in need. With the help of over 500 dedicated volunteers in the community, the Reno Rodeo Foundation has made a tradition of giving the annual proceeds of the event back to the residents of Nevada in a variety of ways. The organization has used the proceeds to build a horseback riding facility for Marvin Piccolo, a school for children with special physical or mental needs in Reno, and has created a recreation center on the Kids' Kampus to benefit abused and neglected children in protective custody. These are just a few examples of how the rodeo gives back to the Silver State. I am both humbled and honored to recognize the Reno Rodeo here today for donating over \$1 million in the form of scholarships, children's charities, high school rodeo, literacy programs, and much more.

I ask my colleagues to join me and all Nevadans in recognizing Reno Rodeo, a special event that has proudly called Nevada home for the past 95 years, and I would like to offer the best of luck to all who are participating in this year's events.●

CONGRATULATING STEVE AND SUSAN DUPREY

● Mr. MCCAIN. Madam President, I wish to offer my most heartfelt congratulations to Steve and Susan Duprey as they receive the Boy Scouts

of America's New Hampshire Distinguished Citizens Award this evening. The Granite State is known for a straightforward and honest approach to politics and life, and a commitment to liberty summed up by its State motto, Live free or die.' Through their longtime dedication to community service and active engagement in the public life of their State and Nation, Steve and Susan embody the great spirit of their State and richly deserve this honor.

Steve has been a leader in New Hampshire since he was first elected to the State legislature as a 19-year-old college student. He graduated from law school, built a highly successful real estate development and management company, and served as chairman of the New Hampshire Republican Party for four terms. Susan, a land use attorney, has served in leadership positions at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and United Way, among other organizations, and has been involved in Presidential campaigns going back to 1979. Altogether, Steve and Susan have worked on more than 30 national and State Republican campaigns since the 1970s. Susan most recently served as an adviser to Ann Romney during the 2012 campaign. Steve currently serves as New Hampshire's Republican national committeeman where he promotes and protects the vital role of the Granite State's first in the Nation primary. Wherever one looks, the Dupreys are working to serve their State, country and community.

In some of the darkest days of my Presidential run in 2007 and 2008—when more than a few respected pundits declared my campaign over—I could always count on Steve and Susan to stand with me. Without their steadfast support and wise counsel, I don't know if I would have won the Republican nomination. During the general election, Steve traveled throughout the country with me, serving as a trusted adviser. Steve was officially designated as the 'Secretary of Fun' on the campaign trail, and could always be counted on to lighten the mood in what can often be a tense and stressful experience. While we lost that campaign, I will always cherish the opportunity to travel this remarkable country and gain more than a few friends, few better than my fellow rebel-rouser Steve Duprey.

Congratulations to Steve and Susan—you deserve this recognition. Enjoy the evening.●

ROSLYN, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I wish to recognize Roslyn, SD. The town of Roslyn will be celebrating its centennial on June 19–21, 2014. Roslyn will be hosting centennial events which include an antique tractor and car show, an alumnus social and a parade.

Located in Day County, Roslyn was founded in 1914 and was named after the first postmaster's hometown in

Scotland. Roslyn has long been known for their vinegar museum, where they show 101 uses of vinegar, as well as being a community with deep ties to South Dakota's agriculture economy. Since its beginning 100 years ago, the community of Roslyn has continued to serve as a strong example of South Dakota values and traditions.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Roslyn on its centennial and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

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NOTIFICATION OF THE DESIGNATION OF MEREDITH M. BROADBENT AS CHAIR AND DEAN A. PINKERT AS VICE CHAIR OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE JUNE 17, 2014—PM 44

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with the provisions of 19 U.S.C. 1330(c)(1), this is to notify the Congress that I have designated Meredith M. Broadbent as Chair and Dean A. Pinkert as Vice Chair of the United States International Trade Commission, effective June 17, 2014.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 17, 2014.