

climate change. Well, if the habitat is changing, usually the species will adapt also. Studies show that is happening. If the grizzly bears are short of white bark pine nuts, that doesn't mean they can compensate by eating livestock or attacking people. Let's be reasonable about this.

REMEMBERING DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, this Sunday, October 14, 2018, we celebrate the 128th birthday of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The last President born, in the 19th century, Ike came of age in both a changing nation and an ever-shrinking world. As Kansas' favorite son, Ike left an indelible mark on the Nation and on the world, from being appointed Supreme Allied Commander during the Second World War, to being duly elected as our President. Ike's character-driven experiences guided him in all of his workings.

Many remember important dates and events surrounding the life of General and President Eisenhower, but October 14, 1890, was probably like any other day in this changing Nation, and the world could not know that one of its staunchest supporters of peace and prosperity would be birthed on that day. President Eisenhower once said, "When you finally find something that must be done, impossibilities disappear and become merely major obstacles." This determination and dedicated belief in America brought Ike from our Nation's heartland in Abilene, KS, to the U.S. Military Academy, to an extraordinary career in the Army, and to the Nation's Capital as a newly elected President.

Among many attributes, Eisenhower embodied the undying American ideal that calls us to achieve more than the previous generation and to strive for a safer and more prosperous world for generations to come. Ike believed this to be his prime duty, and his determination and ability enabled him to achieve that goal. Eisenhower's historical achievements earned him the respect of most citizens in this Nation and from many around the globe.

As Americans, we owe a great deal to the man who led the U.S. and Allied Forces in the liberation of Europe and expelled from the world the evil of Hitler's Nazism. Moreover, Ike's legacy as President included the creation of the Interstate Highway System, NASA, the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, now known as HHS and the Department of Education, and the FAA. He also brought Alaska and Hawaii into the Union.

As the chairman of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, I am pleased to report that the national memorialization of President and General Eisenhower is well underway and that the construction of the memorial honoring Ike is near the halfway point of completion. We have a dedication scheduled for May 8, 2020, marking the 75th anniversary of the Allied victory

in Europe during the Second World War.

Today I ask my fellow citizens and Senators to celebrate and memorialize this outstanding president, Kansan, and American by wishing Ike a happy 128th birthday.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING CENTRAL VALLEY SCHOOL

• Ms. HEITKAMP. Mr. President, I want to congratulate the students, faculty, and parents of Central Valley School, located in Buxton, North Dakota, on being awarded the 2018 National Blue Ribbon School Award.

Founded in 1982, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students perform at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students' academic achievement. A National Blue Ribbon Schools flag overhead has become a mark of excellence in education recognized by everyone from parents to policymakers in thousands of communities. Since the program's founding, the U.S. Department of Education has bestowed this coveted award to more than 8,500 of America's best schools.

Central Valley School serves roughly 196 students and was one of three schools in North Dakota to receive the honor of Exemplary High Performing School in 2018. Receiving recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School signifies the hard work and dedication of the educators, students and parents involved, and I have no doubt the students at Central Valley School are on a path to success. At Central Valley School, teachers focus on each individual student using their multi-tiered system of support. This personalized teaching can consist of one-on-one with students to focused instructional help from a web-based program. The faculty meets eight times a year to assess what certain students might need to be successful. Central Valley's innovative commitment to developing student potential has resulted in high student outcomes for which we can all be proud.

Central Valley School holds true to its motto, "A Commitment to Educational Excellence for Students, Staff, and Community: Achievement; Enhancement; Involvement," by constantly looking at the needs of each individual student. I wish the very best to the community of Buxton and congratulations to all engaged at Central Valley School for achieving this high honor. Thank you for your commitment to our children and leaders of tomorrow.●

RECOGNIZING FREEDOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

• Ms. HEITKAMP. Mr. President, I want to congratulate the students, fac-

ulty, and parents of Freedom Elementary School, located in West Fargo, ND, on being awarded the 2018 National Blue Ribbon School Award.

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Freedom Elementary School serves nearly 495 students and was one of 3 schools in North Dakota to receive the honor of Exemplary High Performing School in 2018. Receiving recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School signifies the hard work and dedication of the educators, students, and parents involved, and I have no doubt the students at Freedom Elementary are on a path to success. The school's theme is RICK, which stands for respect, inclusion, compassion, and kindness, which helps ensure all students have the best possible learning environment and treat each other with dignity. They have been successful in developing caring, thoughtful, and respectful students through promoting the RICK philosophy and by incentivizing good behavior and promoting togetherness with various awards and competitions.

The West Fargo Public Schools mission statement reads, "Educating today's learners for tomorrow's world." This mission embodies all that Freedom Elementary is working to accomplish by providing a healthy and respectful learning environment that leads to success. I wish the very best to the community of West Fargo and congratulations to all engaged at Freedom Elementary for achieving this high honor. Thank you for your commitment to our children and leaders of tomorrow.●

RECOGNIZING RICHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

• Ms. HEITKAMP. Mr. President, I want to congratulate the students, faculty, and parents of Richland Elementary School, located in Abercrombie, ND, on being awarded the 2018 National Blue Ribbon School Award.

Founded in 1982, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students perform at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students' academic achievement. A National Blue Ribbon Schools flag overhead has become a mark of excellence in education recognized by everyone from parents to policymakers in thousands of communities. Since the

program's founding, the U. S. Department of Education has bestowed this coveted award to more than 8,500 of America's best schools.

Richland Elementary School serves roughly 152 students and was one of 3 schools in North Dakota to receive the honor of Exemplary High Performing School in 2018. Receiving recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School signifies the hard work and dedication of the educators, students and parents involved, and I have no doubt its students are on a path to success. To effectively bolster reading and writing skills, the school utilizes Sails Literacy which immerses students in oral, written, and visual language. The ability to personalize each student's learning plan helps ensure they are performing to the best of their abilities. Additionally, the school receives constant feedback from teachers on the Sails Literacy program, which allows for the program to be molded to fit new classes. The faculty, staff, and community of Abercrombie are leading the way on literary education in North Dakota, and this innovation serves as a model that all schools can look towards when finding new ways to promote student growth and development.

The Richland #44 School District mission statement reads, "Students will be taught the skills and gain the knowledge to experience success, positive self-worth, and become responsible citizens in society." Richland Elementary School has done an excellent job at providing a positive and enriching learning environment for their students. I wish the very best to the community of Abercrombie and congratulations to all engaged at Richland Elementary School for achieving this high honor. Thank you for your commitment to our children and leaders of tomorrow.●

TRIBUTE TO MASON WILLIAMS ANDREWS

● Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I rise today to welcome home and congratulate a young man from my home State of Louisiana, Mr. Mason Williams Andrews. Mr. Andrews just achieved his mission of setting a new world record as the youngest solo pilot to complete a circumnavigation of the globe, as Mason is about 4 months younger than the current record holder.

Mr. Andrews set out on July 22, on "Mason's MedCamps Mission" from Monroe, LA, in an effort to achieve the new world record, as well as raise funding and awareness about MedCamps, which is a summer camp for children with disabilities and illnesses. Today Mr. Andrews has achieved both of his goals and will make his official and final landing in Monroe tomorrow morning, Saturday, October 6.

It is my honor to recognize Mr. Andrews on a job well done. We are grateful for his safe return and applaud his courageous efforts to help a worthy cause by raising over \$25,000 for

MedCamps throughout his 2 month journey.

On behalf of the people of Louisiana, I would like to express my congratulations to Mason and thank him for his efforts in helping MedCamps continue their mission of serving children.●

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

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.)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

H.R. 597. A bill to take lands in Sonoma County, California, into trust as part of the reservation of the Lytton Rancheria of California, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-344).

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 600. A bill to promote Internet access in developing countries and update foreign policy toward the Internet, and for other purposes.

S. 1862. A bill to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to modify the criteria for determining whether countries are meeting the minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking, 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. RISCH:

S. 3552. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to adjust the real estate appraisal thresholds under the 7(a) program of the Small Business Administration to bring those thresholds into line with the thresholds used by the Federal banking regulators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. RISCH:

S. 3553. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to adjust the real estate appraisal thresholds under the section 504 program of the Small Business Administration to bring those thresholds into line with the thresholds used by the Federal banking regulators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 3554. A bill to extend the effective date for the sunset for collateral requirements for

Small Business Administration disaster loans; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 3555. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to establish the Office of Older LGBT Policy and a rural outreach grant program carried out by such Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 3556. A bill to provide disaster relief assistance to individuals for the purpose of clearing fallen debris, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KING (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 3557. A bill to strengthen and improve local and regional workforce and economic competitiveness and resilience, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 3558. A bill to provide for enhanced protections for vulnerable alien children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 329

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to place restrictions on the use of solitary confinement for juveniles in Federal custody.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 339, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to modify the criteria for determining whether countries are meeting the minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking, and for other purposes.

S. 2752

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2752, a bill to provide a Federal charter to the Fab Foundation for the National Fab Lab Network, a national network of local digital fabrication facilities providing universal access to advanced manufacturing tools for learning skills, developing inventions, creating businesses, and producing personalized products, and for other purposes.

S. 2784

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the names of the Senator from Colorado