Beyond creating and retaining jobs, Masterfoods USA is committed to community involvement. Each year at Halloween, more than 500 costumed children from the surrounding neighborhood converge on the plant to trick-or-treat. The company also donates equipment to Chicago Shriners Hospital for Children and provides 25 district police stations with candy for community outreach. In all, the Masterfoods USA Chicago plant assists more than 100 community programs each year. This is a company that has not just been an employer, it has also been a good neighbor.

Today I wish to honor the 75th birthday of the Masterfoods USA Chicago Plant. Their success is a point of pride for Chicago and the State of Illinois. May their future be as sweet as their past.●

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE: AIR FORCE EXCELLENCE

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Beale Air Force Base as the United States Air Force winner of the 2004 Commander in Chief's Installation Excellence Award. This award recognizes the outstanding efforts of the people who operate and maintain Department of Defense installations and who best utilize their resources to support the mission. In recognition of this prestigious accomplishment, Team Beale has been awarded $1 million for quality of life improvements.

The Commander in Chief's Installation Excellence Award recognizes the best United States Military installations worldwide, demonstrating innovative programs that help sustain excellent base operations. Each base was evaluated in the following categories: improving work environment or physical plant; improving quality of life; enhancing productivity of the work force; increasing customer satisfaction or improving customer service; encouraging bottom-to-top communication and team problem solving; promoting unit cohesiveness and recognizing outstanding individual efforts; and, promoting environmental safety, compliance, remediation, and stewardship.

In fiscal year 2003, Team Beale established itself as the benchmark for the United States Air Force. Teamwork was Beale's cornerstone among the core units, associate units, and the civilian community as they embraced the Installation Commander's motto, ''One Team, One Fight.'' Beale Air Force Base put intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance on the offensive with an unprecedented 3,450 sorties, 1,175 combat missions, and 13,300 combat hours during Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. Team Beale led coalition forces in battle space preparation and time-critical targeting by producing more than 89,000 imagery products and 25,000 special intelligence products for two combatant commanders.

In addition to Beale's history-making, record-breaking contributions to the United States' combat efforts, it also worked to improve in other areas. Beale Air Force Base took a lead role in its $180 million housing privatization efforts for 1,344 homes in conjunction with $114 million in base-wide improvements and $56 million in RQ–4A Global Hawk bed down initiatives. In recognition of their outstanding performance, individual and team awards included: United States Air Force Air Force Outstanding Unit Award; United States Air Force Maintenance Effectiveness Award; United States Air Force Twelve Outstanding Airmen of the Year Award; United States Air Force Explosives Safety Plaque; 33 Air Combat Command award; United States Strategic Command's Omaha Trophy; and, Eight Numbered Air Force awards.

The men and women of Beale Air Force Base have set the Air Force standard for installation excellence. By embracing the Air Force core values of ''Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do,'' Team Beale used creative innovations to establish themselves as the best of the best. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Beale Air Force Base on the receipt of the prestigious Commander in Chief's Installation Excellence Award.●

ALBERT M. DESHUR'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

● Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Albert M. Deshur on his 90th birthday. I commemorate Mr. Deshur as a prominent leader, businessman, and philanthropist, who has long served the community of Milwaukee.

Mr. Deshur, as a lifelong community leader and self-made man, has set the standard for integrity, pride, conscientiousness, reliability, honesty and character, while at the same time always maintaining a sense of balance through his earnestness and sense of responsibility to provide for the community around him.

In honor of Mr. Deshur's 90th birthday, I acknowledge his many contributions to the City of Milwaukee. In 1948, Mr. Deshur founded the Deshur Homes company in Milwaukee, WI, where he currently serves as chairman of the board. Through his hard work and dedication, he has been responsible for master planning and developing over 2,000 acres of land, building more than 7,000 single-family homes, and developing many multi-family and commercial projects. Twelve years later, Mr. Deshur founded the Hampton State Bank, located in Milwaukee, where he served as president and chief executive officer providing thousands of customers a bank they could trust. His commitment to the city has provided the people of Milwaukee great opportunities that would not have been possible without his vision.

Mr. Deshur has also been an active philanthropist for children's causes, including the Albert and Ann Deshur Rainbow Day Camp at the Jewish Community Center of Milwaukee. He is a prominent member of the Jewish community of Milwaukee, founding member and major benefactor of Temple Shalom and a generous and consistent supporter of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation for many years.

I thank Mr. Deshur for his many contributions to the city of Milwaukee and I join his many friends and family in celebration as we honor Mr. Deshur on his 90th birthday. He is the very best Milwaukee and Wisconsin has to offer, and I wish him good health and continued happiness.●

CORDELL BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY: IN HONOR OF ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I wish to recognize and share with my colleagues an important milestone for Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary. The sanctuary will observe its 15th anniversary on October 2.

Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary was established in 1989 when a House joint resolution was signed by the President. I was pleased to be an original cosponsor of the resolution which was sponsored by Congressman Doug Bosco.

The sanctuary encompasses 530 square miles of marine waters, off the coast of Point Reyes National Seashore, about 45 miles north of San Francisco. The boundary includes a unique granite bank, the Cordell Bank, and is located along the continental shelf.

The sanctuary encompasses exceptional and diverse marine life, both above and below the surface, providing a home for resident marine species and a destination feeding ground for many migratory marine mammals, fish and seabirds.

Twenty-six marine mammal species live in the waters of Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary as do over 250 fish species. It is among the most important feeding grounds in the world for the endangered Humpback and Blue whales. It also serves as a crucial foraging area for resident, migratory and seabound birds. In fact, Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary is otherwise known as the ''Albatross capital of the Northern Hemisphere.''

In the 15 years since the sanctuary was established, threats to the Cordell Bank and other points along our coast have grown. California's population has continued to increase near the coast, and oil and gas exploration proposals continue to threaten our marine ecosystems.

Because of these threats, I believe preserving and celebrating our protected areas off the California coast is particularly important. Since the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary was established, the sanctuary's