

the life of Betty J. Martin. Mrs. Martin passed away on August 30, 2006, at the age of 68. Throughout her life, Betty was a dedicated public servant who dedicated her life to serving less fortunate individuals in the Saginaw community. Her efforts over the years have brought aid and comfort to so many, and we should all be grateful for her work.

Betty made a meaningful impact in the city of Saginaw. Her life's work stands as a testament to her many successes. In 1979, she became the director of the Good Neighbor Mission in Saginaw, a food pantry that serves the local needy. In 1991, Betty founded the Restoration Community Outreach Center. This center has enabled thousands struggling with substance abuse, mental illness, or physical disabilities to get the necessary assistance to begin to repair their lives.

Over the years, Betty has received numerous awards for her efforts, including the 1996 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Certificate of Recognition for Dedicated Service to the Homeless, the 2002 Salvation Army Appreciation Award and the 2005 Saginaw City Council Certificate of Recognition. She has created a legacy that will reverberate in the city of Saginaw for many years to come, and her commitment to serving the needy should serve as an example for us all.

Betty is survived by her husband of 42 years, Judge Martin, one son, Bernard Smith Abernathy, one step-daughter, Joyce Ann Martin, and nine grandchildren. I know my colleagues in the Senate join me in offering my condolences to her family, colleagues, and friends. I hope they take comfort in the amount of good she has done over the years.●

RETIREMENT OF JOHN STENCEL

● Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, today I honor John Stencel, who will soon retire as president of the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union. John has been a tireless advocate for rural America, and he can retire with the comfort that he has profoundly influenced an entire generation of farmers and ranchers in Colorado and across the Nation.

For almost 50 years John has worked with the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, during which time he has served as a steady and pragmatic compass. He early on saw the benefits of cooperatives so that small farmers could add significant value to their products. He has embraced the potential of biobased fuels as an innovative pathway to power production and transportation fuel needs. He has recognized that responsible stewardship of the land should be a top priority for farmers and ranchers, as clean water, energy conservation, and biodiversity all enhance our society.

John is a tireless advocate for the future sustainability of the rural way of life. His leadership has shaped the next

generation of rural citizens, serving as the president of Colorado 4-H Foundation, vice president of the Colorado Future Farmers of America, and as a board member of the Colorado State University Board of Agriculture. His leadership in these organizations ensures that the traits that have characterized him, that of perseverance, dedication, and moral fiber, will manifest themselves in future generations of agricultural leadership.

However, my deep respect for John Stencel isn't only based on his involvement with these organizations; it is based on the common values that underlie those efforts and have driven his policies and agendas. My respect is based on his commitment to sustain and strengthen family farm and ranch agriculture, and to preserve the rural way of life we know and love. These values are embodied by John Stencel.

John has been an influential and indispensable guide, and though he is retiring from his service to the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, I take comfort in the longevity of our friendship and his steadfast leadership for rural America, and I wish him nothing but the best.●

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF JIMMY WILLIAMSON

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, today I honor Mr. Jimmy Williamson, who will become the first Alabamian to serve as chairman of the board for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

This is a tremendous honor, both for Jimmy and for Alabama. The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants serves as the national professional association for more than 350,000 certified public accountants. Jimmy's education, experience, and passion for finance make him the best choice to take the helm of the organization.

Jimmy, a past president of the Alabama Society of CPAs, is a senior partner and stockholder in the MDA Professional Group accounting firm where he specializes in profit sharing plans, fringe benefits, nonqualified deferred compensation plans, estate and personal financial planning, business acquisitions, and investment review and analysis. I am also proud to say that Jimmy and I share an interest in fraud prevention and detection, one of the most important financial issues we face today. His professional work and leadership on committees, that are too plentiful to name, make him uniquely qualified and prepared for this position. I am proud to recognize his professional achievements and congratulate him on this important post.●

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF BILL CHANDLER

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, today I honor William "Bill" Chandler, a pillar of the Montgomery, AL community. Bill devoted 50 years of his life to de-

veloping the YMCA in Montgomery and influencing the lives of thousands of youth.

Bill, known as "Mr. YMCA" in Montgomery, was a father figure to many young men and women in need of guidance. Bill believed that civic education and open discussions were important to developing youth into productive citizens. He was instrumental in creating and implementing innumerable youth programs focused on leadership development including the Alabama Youth Legislature, the YMCA Youth Conference on National Affairs, Lions International Youth Camp, and the Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y programs. Without a doubt, many of Montgomery's, Alabama's, and the Nation's leaders have been directly influenced by Mr. Chandler and the programs he championed.

Mr. Chandler also proved himself to be an effective leader and businessman as president of the Montgomery YMCA. Under his leadership, Montgomery's single YMCA grew into the multiple branches operating across the city. His commitment to service was also recognized when he was chosen to serve as the president of Lion's Club International.

Mr. Chandler also served as an important leader in Alabama throughout times of racial tension in Montgomery and the State. He worked to open facilities in all parts of the Montgomery community to serve people from all walks of life and was at the forefront of providing integrated services. In 1983, when racial discord was near its boiling point in Montgomery, Mr. Chandler worked with community and civil rights leaders to develop the biracial Youth One Montgomery organization to allow Black and White youth to conduct an open dialog and better understand the issues surrounding race.

Bill Chandler, a graduate of Rice University and the University of Georgia, served with distinction as an officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II. An accomplished athlete himself, Bill was also responsible for the creation of a city sports league and the Jimmy Hitchcock award to honor character in high school athletes.

Bill was an inspiration to many, and I am truly grateful for the endless contributions he made to the youth in Alabama. He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Spidle Chandler and will be missed by his three children, Carroll Chandler Phelps, Elizabeth Chandler Walston, and William Robert Chandler; his seven grandchildren; and his sister, Evelyn Chandler Berg. His dedication to community service will be remembered and shared by those whose lives he touched for generations to come.●

TRIBUTE TO 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOLT INTERNATIONAL

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, in the mid 1950s, Harry and Bertha Holt of Eugene, OR, saw a film about children in Korean orphanages who were in desperate need of help. Touched by what

they saw, the Holts sent money and clothes to the orphanages, but they still felt the need to do more.

As they thought and prayed about what to do, it dawned on the Holts that what the children needed more than money and clothes were families. So Harry and Bertha decided to provide that family. They decided to adopt eight Korean children. No matter what roadblocks were placed in the way of that decision—including the need to get Congress to pass a special law—the Holts persevered. Soon they were the parents of eight new sons and daughters.

The adoption was revolutionary. Previously, adoption was regarded as something to be kept secret. The Holts, however, proudly adopted children who were obviously not their birth children. In doing so, they showed that a family's love is greater than barriers of race and nationality.

But the Holts story did not end with the adoption of their children. As word spread about what they had done, others sought their advice and asked how they could adopt. Just 5 months after bringing his new family home, Harry headed back to Korea to match other children with new families. In 1956, financed almost entirely by Harry and Bertha's personal funds, Holt International was born.

Fifty years have now passed since Holt International was officially incorporated. Harry and Bertha are no longer with us. But their dream lives on. Today, Holt is the Nation's largest adoption agency, having united nearly 40,000 children with adoptive families in the United States. It is simply impossible to calculate how much happiness and joy have been brought into the life of those children and, in return, how much happiness and joy they have provided for their families.

As a U.S. Senator from Oregon, which continues to be home to the headquarters of Holt International, and as the father of three adopted children, I am privileged to rise today to extend my congratulations—and I know the congratulations of the entire Senate—to Holt on the occasion of their 50th anniversary. I stand ready to help them in any way possible as they continue their inspiring mission in the years ahead.

Mr. President, I will conclude with the eloquent words of Bertha Holt, who said, "All children are beautiful when they are loved." May all children be as blessed as those adopted by the Holts.●

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS R. ETLING

● Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the efforts of a good friend and to highlight his service to our Nation. Thomas R. Etling, of Chesterfield MO, is privileged to have served for 26 years as an adjunct faculty member of the Saint Louis Community College at Florissant Valley. In his years in the Business and Human Relations Division, he has taught a va-

riety of subjects ranging from statistics, to marketing and human relations.

Throughout Mr. Etling's career, he has been honored with several distinctions for his hard work and dedication in the classroom. During the 2001–2002 academic year, he was selected as Adjunct Faculty Member of the Year. In 2004, Mr. Etling was named the Business Teacher of the Year, the first adjunct faculty member to be so honored.

Outside the classroom, Mr. Etling has continued to dedicate his time to serving the academic community. He has served on several committees, most notably as a member of the Academic Council and the Assessment Committee. Currently, he is working with the dean of the business division to develop a mentoring program to assist students who have the entrepreneurial spirit to help them develop their ideas. For this program, he has recruited a number of successful local business leaders and other faculty members. Mr. Etling looks forward to continuing to work for the success of the students and the college. I thank him for setting such a great example for us all.●

TRIBUTE TO BOYD "BUTCH" KITTERMAN

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Boyd "Butch" Kitterman of Wall, SD. Butch is being honored for his many years of volunteer service with the Wall Volunteer Fire Department.

Butch has been with the Wall Volunteer Fire Department for 50 years. He has served as fire chief, truck captain, and is currently treasurer for the department. South Dakota's communities depend on volunteers like Butch to keep our citizens and homes safe during times of trouble. His initiative, expertise, and dedication to serving the city of Wall for 50 years is truly commendable.

Today I rise with Butch Kitterman's friends and family in celebrating his 50 years of selfless dedication and service to the city of Wall.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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 and treaties which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 10:23 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 3850. An act to improve ratings quality for the protection of investors and in the public interest by fostering accountability, transparency, and competition in the credit rating agency industry.

H.R. 683. An act to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 with respect to dilution by blurring or tarnishment.

H.R. 1036. An act to amend title 17, United States Code, to make technical corrections relating to Copyright Royalty Judges, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3127. An act to impose sanctions against individuals responsible for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, to support measures for the protection of civilians and humanitarian operations, and to support peace efforts in the Darfur region of Sudan, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, were signed today, September 28, 2006, by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

S. 176. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska.

S. 244. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming.

H.R. 2066. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to establish a Federal Acquisition Service, to replace the General Supply Fund and the Information Technology Fund with an Acquisition Services Fund, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5074. An act to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 to provide for continued payment of railroad retirement annuities by the Department of the treasury, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5187. An act to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize additional appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for fiscal year 2007.

At 3:35 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1556. An act to designate a parcel of land located on the site of the Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Clyde S. Cahill Memorial Park".

H.R. 1711. An act to provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2069. An act to authorize the exchange of certain land in Grand and Uintah Counties, Utah, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2110. An act to provide for a study of options for protecting the open space characteristics of certain lands in and adjacent to