whom I know quite well and who is currently battling multiple myeloma.

Kent Wells was born and raised in Garden City, KS. Kent's first job was working at the radio station in Garden City. His family moved to Washington, DC, in 1970 while Kent was in high school because his dad was appointed as an FCC Commissioner. Kent attended Jeb Stuart High School for 1½ years before returning to Garden City to complete his senior year and graduate with his class.

Kent attended college at the University of Kansas from 1972 to 1976, interning for Representative Keith Sebelius in 1975, who at the time was the chief of staff of my current Senate colleague from Kansas, PAT ROBERTS. Kent attended law school at George Washington University from 1976 to 1979. Kent's first job after law school was as a legislative assistant to former Senator Nancy Kassebaum from Kansas from 1979 to 1982.

Kent then went to work for Southwestern Bell in 1985, shortly after divestiture and the opening of the Washington offices for the Baby Bells. He moved to the Cingular office in February 2001 and back to AT&T in January 2007.

Kent has kept close ties to Kansas through his love of sports. He follows the Kansas City Chiefs and the Royals closely, but as anyone who knows him will tell you, he is crazy about Kansas basketball and rarely misses a Jayhawks' game. One of his joys is that he has passed the love of KU basketball to his two boys, Trevor and Bryan, both of whom proudly sport KU attire on campus at USC and Wisconsin. Kent's parents moved from Garden City to Lawrence several years ago, which gives him lots of chances to visit Lawrence and Allen Field House just to get another look at that championship trophy. He also is always for a trip to Hutchinson, KS, to play golf at Prairie Dunes Golf Club.

Kent was diagnosed in 2007 with multiple myeloma and has been benefited from the work of MMRF in the research and the clinical drugs that have been established. But as Kent and thousands of other Americans face this disease, there is more work to do.

Colleagues of Kent's and his wonderful wife Debbie are sponsoring an upcoming event on May 13, 2009, that will raise money for Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation and continue the efforts to develop the necessary research to fight this disease.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COMMUNITY BANK OF RAYMORE'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, on behalf of my fellow Missourians, I extend my warmest congratulations to the Community Bank of Raymore for their 30 years of service to the community.

Community Bank of Raymore opened its doors on May 15, 1979. As the first chartered bank in Cass County, MO, in 45 years, Community Bank of Raymore takes pride in being an independent community owned bank and is committed to serving its customers financial needs.

Starting out in a temporary facility at the current location, Raymore's population was only 3,138 consisting of mostly farm ground.

The first bank building was completed in March 1980. The entire community celebrated the open house and accounts began to grow. It was estimated by an FDIC investigator that total deposits would reach 2 million in 1½ years. This milestone was passed in the first 6 months. Slogans were used such as ''Drive a Mile—Get a Smile'' in 1980 and later as area housing developed the slogan became ''The U in CommUnity is You.''

William R. McDaniel purchased Community Bank of Raymore on October 26, 1992, and immediately became part of the community by hosting Customer Appreciation Days, Open House Celebrations and Chamber Coffees.

By 1994 it was time to expand. A new facility was built adding 2,800 square feet to the existing building. In 1998 expansion accompanied the addition of Trust Services in January and the opening of the Peculiar Branch in June.

Community Bank of Raymore doubled in size in 2003 going through a 14-month remodel while continuing to serve the needs of their customers. The bank also acquired a mortgage lending officer allowing them to serve area residents with their long-term home financing needs.

Many of their employees, directors and customers have been with the Community Bank of Raymore from the very start. The Community Bank of Raymore should be commended for the dedication and loyalty they have earned from the community in which they serve.

I am pleased to honor the Community Bank of Raymore on its 30th anniversary.•

2009 ACADEMIC DECATHLON

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the great work and remarkable accomplishments of Moorpark High School's Academic Decathlon team for winning the 2009 Academic Decathlon and becoming back-to-back national champions. Members of the National Championship team include: Scott Buchanan, Michael Fantauzzo, Danielle Hagglund, Zyed Ismailijee, Sol Moon, Neil Paik, Marlena Sampson, Kris Sankaran, Sarah Thiele, and team coach Larry Jones.

With this win, Moorpark High School has earned the distinction of becoming a four-time Academic Decathlon National Champion, previously winning in 1999, 2003, and 2008. The fourth and most recent championship was won by earning an overall score of 51,289.5, 309.6-points higher than their closest competitor.

Competing in an academic decathlon is a daunting task. Students spend many hours studying, practicing, and competing, often away from their family and friends. However, I know that families across Moorpark are now celebrating the accomplishments of their home team. I invite all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating California's Moorpark High School Academic Decathlon team for becoming 2009 National Academic Decathlon Champions.•

TRIBUTE TO JIM McCOMB

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I pay special tribute to the outstanding accomplishments of Jim McComb, executive director of the Maryland Association of Resources for Families and Youth—MARFY—since 1989. I have known Jim for many years and I have the utmost respect for him and what he has been able to accomplish for children in Maryland and across the Nation.

Jim McComb is known as one of our Nation's leading child advocates. He was among the first in the country to call for the elimination of restraints and seclusion in the treatment of children. He led the effort that made Maryland one of the first States in the country to ensure that college tuition would be available for young students in foster care.

During his tenure as executive director, MARFY greatly expanded its role in advocating for disadvantaged children and youth, those with disabilities, and their families. Under his leadership, the association played a prominent role in forming several advocacy coalitions including the Maryland Juvenile Justice Coalition and the Coalition to Protect Maryland's Children.

Jim McComb began his career in the early 1960s as a part-time childcare worker at Edgemeade, a residential treatment center and school for adolescents with mental illness and severe emotional disturbances in Prince George's County, MD. By the end of the 1960s, he had become the director of residential services for Edgemeade of Virginia.

In 1970, Jim went to Ironton, OH, to become the administrator of the Ohio Center for Youth and Family Development, a residential treatment center for adolescents. From 1975 through 1979 he was administrator for contracts and services with Youth Resources Centers, Inc., Roanoke VA. In 1979, he returned to Maryland as the chief executive officer for Edgemeade and in 1989 he became the executive director of MARFY.

I had the distinct pleasure of working with Jim on the Foster Care Independence Act that was enacted into law in 1999. The bill increased education and support services for foster care children between ages 18 and 21, an age group that had previously been tremendously underserved.

In the next phase of his life, Jim will serve on the board of directors of the