

ferry service in approximately 1889. Although Glenn's Ferry was abandoned, the name was not, but was instead given to the city, which was incorporated in October of 1909.

Since that time, Glens Ferry has developed into a prosperous community along interstate 84 and has retained its historical western roots while incorporating new business and development. In 1971, the Three Island State Park was developed with campgrounds, cabins and a history center. Each August for the past 25 years, the park joined with the city of Glens Ferry to reenact the crossing just like the pioneers in the 1800s prior to the ferry's development. Last month marked the last reenactment of the dangerous river crossing, but the annual festival will continue in celebration of the city's heritage.

The economic backbone of Glens Ferry is agriculture. Elmore County grows a wide variety of crops and animals—cattle, alfalfa hay, potatoes, grapes, sugarbeets, wheat, barley, and dairy. Glens Ferry has become known for its award-winning wines at Carmela Vineyards and Cold Springs Winery. Glens Ferry is also the home of Korey Hall, fullback for the Green Bay Packers and former Boise State University football star.

Glens Ferry has much to celebrate and look forward to in its next century as it provides important goods and services at home and abroad. Congratulations to the city of Glens Ferry for 100 years of service and success.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### COMMENDING TOM WALSH

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, a great man is being honored by the Salvation Army in Casper, WY. Tom Walsh is a patriot, a teacher, a leader, and a friend. It is fitting that the Salvation Army has bestowed upon him this year's Others Award. It is the highest award the local Salvation Army unit bestows for outstanding contributions and impacts in the community.

Born and raised in Thermopolis, WY, Tom attended the University of Wyoming and ultimately received a doctorate from the University of Colorado. How fortunate we are that Tom and his wife Rita chose Casper as the place to live, work, and raise their family.

When one looks around the Casper community, Tom's influence is obvious. He served as mayor and on the Casper City Council. The Casper Chamber of Commerce also benefited from his guidance. Our world-famous drum and bugle corps, the Casper Troopers, have been the recipients of his time, talent, and generosity. The list goes on and on.

Tom had a distinguished career in the Wyoming Legislature. He was effective in passing legislation to improve our community and our State,

particularly in the areas of education, county libraries, tort reform, community colleges, and substance abuse. Some of the efforts he is most proud of include the Business Ready Communities Program and the Veterans Property Tax Exemption Program. Tom resigned his service as a State representative due to his battle with leukemia—a battle he is fighting with distinction and tenacity.

Though Tom's great achievements are numerous, I know he is particularly proud of his role as an Army Reserve ambassador. In this position, Tom provided extraordinary support to our soldiers and their families while stationed on the frontlines in the global war on terrorism. Tom went far above the duties of an Army Reserve ambassador. He used his position as a State legislator to successfully sponsor a bill to make it easier for Wyoming families to cope while their breadwinner is off to war. The bill created a \$5 million trust fund, used to help qualifying families with special financial needs. The bill that passed into Wyoming law during the 57th Wyoming Legislature demonstrates the public's concern for and commitment to our Reserve members and their families as they adjust to the new reality of modern war. For his efforts, he received the Patrick Henry Award from the National Guard Association.

Mr. President, join me in sending our congratulations and thanks to Tom Walsh. Receiving the Others Award from the Casper Salvation Army is a fitting tribute to this fine American.●

##### COMMENDING REAR ADMIRAL CHRISTINE M. BRUZEK-KOHLER

• Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I would like to recognize a great American and a dedicated naval officer who has diligently served for the past 35 years and most recently served as the Director, Navy Nurse Corps. Admiral Bruzek-Kohler, a native of Camden, New Jersey, entered the Navy in 1974 after earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Villanova University. Admiral Bruzek-Kohler served in many nursing roles, obtained her master's and doctoral degrees, and was selected to serve in many distinguished senior health executive assignments including executive officer, commanding officer, and now regional commander and commander. However, the most rewarding role of her career was serving as the 21st Director Navy Nurse Corps, where she led more than 4100 Active-Duty and Reserve nurses to advance the role and relevance of nursing in the military and throughout our Nation. With visionary leadership, she championed initiatives that successfully increased nurse recruitment and retention through accession and specialty pay bonuses, loan repayment programs, and educational opportunities to both military and Federal civilian nurses. Seeing firsthand the physical and psychological wounds of war borne by our

young servicemembers and their families, Admiral Bruzek-Kohler spearheaded nursing operational readiness improvements to include clinical sustainment policies and the expansion of mental health nurse specialists and mental health nurse practitioners within the Nurse Corps.

Admiral Bruzek-Kohler served with passion and conviction and profoundly impacted Federal nursing issues within the Navy and our nation. Her performance reflects exceptionally on herself, the U.S. Navy, the Department of Defense, and the United States of America. I extend my deepest appreciation to Admiral Bruzek-Kohler on behalf of a grateful nation for her years of dedicated service to the Navy Nurse Corps.●

##### COMMENDING FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

• Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I wish to honor in the RECORD of the Senate Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley, GA, and the schools leadership team, headed by its great president and alumnus, Dr. Larry E. Rivers.

This fall, more than 1,500 new freshmen have started classes at Fort Valley State University, making their mark on their very first day as the largest incoming freshman class in the schools history. This large freshmen class allowed the school to exceed the enrollment goal set by Dr. Rivers. In fact, total enrollment has doubled since Dr. Rivers arrival at Fort Valley State University in 2006.

The 2010 edition of Americas Best Colleges by U.S. News Media Group listed Fort Valley State University as No. 21 among historically Black colleges and universities. FVSU is listed among first-tier schools such as Spelman College, Howard University, and Morehouse College.

Due to these great achievements by FVSU, the school is expanding at a rapid pace. A new \$9 million stadium opened on August 29, 2009, to start the Wildcat football season. In addition, plans for 2010 include a \$16.7 million science building and a \$6 million student amenities building. Other plans for the future include a Family Development Center and the expansion of the Stallworth Agricultural Research Building to add additional laboratory space. The Georgia Board of Regents also recently approved new FVSU College of Education programs, including agriculture education 6-12, special education general curriculum/early childhood education P-5, middle grades education 4-8, and school counselor. The board of regents also approved online bachelors degree programs in political science, psychology and English—Technical English and professional writing—and offsite programs in criminal justice, business administration, and an online criminal justice franchise.

It is also evident through the school's community outreach efforts that the young people who attend Fort