

or CCD, now found in digital cameras used around the world and by NASA on the ground-breaking Hubble Telescope, revolutionized how we take photographs and manipulate and transfer images. It has given us insight into the deepest reaches of space, allowed us to see remarkable images that have made us better understand the vastness and magnificence of the universe, and better appreciate the simple images in our family photographs.

Dr. Boyle and Dr. Smith have done their work at Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill, NJ, and now have enriched our State's proud tradition of scientific breakthrough and innovation. We can add their names to those of Albert Einstein, who made Princeton his base, and Thomas Edison, who from his Garden State lab invented the incandescent light bulb that lit the world. The names of Boyle and Smith will now loom large in the scientific history of our State. They have made New Jersey and the United States very proud.

Their contribution to science is in their remarkable discovery, but their legacy to mankind is in their pioneering spirit, their ingenuity, and their quest to look further, think harder, and discover what no one else could.

I join with my colleagues and with every American in thanking them for making our lives better and wish them the very best as they continue careers that brought them to this place, having earned a Nobel Prize almost 40 years to the day after they began their long scientific journey.

To Dr. Boyle and Dr. Smith, we offer the best wishes of a grateful Nation.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Mr. REED. Mr. President, today I recognize the 125th anniversary of the U.S. Naval War College. The Naval War College was established on October 6, 1884, in Newport, RI, to provide an advanced course of professional study for both military officers and civilians. The mission has evolved over the years to include developing strategic and operational leaders, helping the Chief of Naval Operations define the future Navy, strengthening maritime security cooperation, and supporting combat readiness.

The Naval War College serves as a center for research that develops advanced strategic, warfighting, and campaign concepts for future deployment of maritime, joint, and combined forces. The Naval War College works closely with the Navy Warfare Development Command and the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group in developing and analyzing national security issues. Through the Naval Command College and the Naval Staff College, naval officers from around the world come to prepare for high command responsibilities, and to learn about the U.S. Navy's methods, practice, and doctrine. The Naval War College also supports combat readiness

among the U.S. Navy's commanders through operational planning, analysis, and war-gaming to respond to changing operational environments.

Some of our Nation's greatest military and civilian leaders have attended the Naval War College including FADM Chester Nimitz, the Commander of the Pacific Fleet during World War II; RADM Alan Shepard, the first American in space; Ambassador Christopher Hill, the current U.S. Ambassador to Iraq; and Marine Corps GEN James Cartwright, the current Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Indeed, even our two combatant commanders in Afghanistan and Iraq, GEN Stanley McChrystal and GEN Raymond Odierno, are both graduates of the Naval War College.

I am proud of the talented men and women who have made the Naval War College the strong institution it is today, and I congratulate the entire Naval War College community on this important milestone.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE SIMPSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I wish to honor the Simpson County Historical Society on their 50th anniversary. This is a momentous occasion for their organization and for the residents of South Central Kentucky.

The society was founded in 1959 by 37 dedicated citizens who wished to preserve the historical treasures in the area. The society began by meeting in a private home, and soon the group acquired a small collection of books that were maintained at the local library.

As the society expanded, its leaders were able to persuade the government of Simpson County to provide the old jail and jailer's house as the permanent facility of the society. This decision led to the creation of the Simpson County Archives and Museum that now holds thousands of books, city and county records, and other historical materials of significant value. The society has also continued the upkeep of the old jail and jailer's house, which date from the early 1800s.

However, the Simpson County Historical Society has not simply collected and preserved documents. They have also been active in encouraging the study of local history and culture. The society has provided scholarships for students wishing to pursue the study of history and maintained numerous historical markers in Simpson County. Finally, the group has positively impacted the economy by supporting tourist visits to historic sites throughout Kentucky.

I am very proud of the service the Simpson County Historical Society has provided to the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Their dedication through these many years makes them one of the oldest historical societies in the State,

and I am confident that their impact will continue for many years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. MICHAEL POSNER

• Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Dr. Michael Posner, Professor Emeritus, Department of Psychology, Institute of Cognitive and Decision Sciences at the University of Oregon. Dr. Michael Posner is one of nine scientists awarded the prestigious National Medal of Science award this year by President Barack Obama.

Dr. Posner received both his bachelor's degree in physics and his master's degree in psychology from the University of Washington in Seattle. In 1962, he received his doctorate in psychology from the University of Michigan. Dr. Posner joined the University of Oregon in 1965 and ever since has inspired students and impressed colleagues.

Dr. Posner is a pioneer in the field of cognitive science and neuroscience and has won numerous awards. His groundbreaking research on brain development and how the brain processes thought have been recognized by numerous organizations such as the American Psychological Association and the National Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Posner has dedicated his career to researching how the brain functions and most recently, on attentional networks in children and infants. He has made invaluable contributions to our medical, educational, and scientific communities. I am proud that Dr. Posner's groundbreaking work at the University of Oregon is helping put our State at the forefront of developing innovative medical and scientific research.

I encourage my fellow Oregonians to join me in celebrating the innovative spirit of Dr. Posner and the entire University of Oregon faculty for their cutting-edge scientific research. Generations of Americans are in debt to Dr. Posner for his breakthroughs that have improved their lives. This recognition for his lifetime of achievement is well-earned. I hope that his example can inspire our State and our Nation to renew our commitment to education and academic research.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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