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The published study results were presented at the AIDS Vaccine Conference 2009 held in Paris, France, and show great promise as we all look to one day soon make this disease part of our past. Congratulations to all of you for your hard work and continued service.●

RECOGNIZING THE NASA GLENN RESEARCH CENTER

● Mr. BROWN. Madam President, I wish to honor the men and women of NASA's Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, OH.

NASA Glenn is a leader in space exploration and scientific discovery, delivering success after success in aeronautics and energy research and development.

The first test launch of the Ares-1X test rocket 2 weeks ago is just one example of the important work of NASA Glenn. The Ares-1X test rocket represents a new era in NASA and American space exploration. Its successful launch is a profoundly important victory for our Nation.

The scientists and engineers at Glenn designed and built the upper stage simulator of the Ares-1X at its Power Systems Facility. For more than 2 years, NASA Glenn engineers and scientists molded the simulator into an 18-foot-wide cylinder that weighed between 18,000 pounds and 60,000 pounds and contained more than 250 cameras and sensors. The upper stage simulator is designed to replicate what will eventually be situated above the main booster rocket. It will also carry liquid oxygen and liquid hydrogen to fuel the second stage propulsion for another NASA Glenn-led effort, the Orion crew ship.

The successful completion of the Ares-1X test launch is a testament to the hard work and dedication of NASA employees everywhere. And the contributions of NASA Glenn will only grow as scientists study the vast data from last week's launch.

As NASA contemplates its future, the men and women of NASA Glenn have once again shown that the research center will excel regardless of the future missions it fulfills. As the only NASA center north of the Mason-Dixon Line, the NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, OH, will continue to work with all of NASA's facilities around the Nation to ensure that America remains the world leader in space and aeronautics.●

TRIBUTE TO STEVEN C. MCCRAW

● Mr. INHOFE. Madam President, I wish to recognize a gentleman who has served in law enforcement at the State and Federal levels since 1977. Steven C.

McCraw is a native of El Paso, TX, and holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Arts degree from West Texas State University. Mr. McCraw began his career in 1977 as a State Trooper and later a Sergeant Narcotics Investigator for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Becoming an FBI Special Agent in 1983, Mr. McCraw served in the Dallas, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, Phoenix and San Antonio Field offices. He worked at FBI headquarters in assignments that included Unit Chief of an Organized Crime Unit; Inspector; Deputy Assistant Director; Assistant Director of the Office of Intelligence, which was established in February 2002; and Assistant Director for the Inspections Division where he was responsible for strategic planning, internal investigations and bureau-wide performance evaluations. He also served as the Inspector-In-Charge of the Southeast Bomb Task Force. After the attacks on our Nation on September 11, 2001, the President created the Foreign Terrorist Tracking Task Force and named Mr. McCraw as the director. At the point when our Nation seemed most vulnerable, Mr. McCraw led the charge to identify and locate additional terrorist threats.

Mr. McCraw retired as an FBI Assistant Director in August 2004. After more than 20 years of exemplary Federal service, he could have simply retired. Instead, he answered the call of Texas Governor Rick Perry and was appointed the Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security. Mr. McCraw has been instrumental in leading the State's homeland security efforts, from border security to hurricane response, including the successful humanitarian relocation of hundreds of families left homeless by Hurricane Katrina. His extensive background in law enforcement and intelligence has enabled him to make well-informed decisions in preparing for and responding to all hazards and threats in Texas.

On July 17, 2009, Mr. McCraw was selected as the Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety. He will be leading nearly 8,500 commissioned and non-commissioned personnel in the department where he started his law enforcement career.

On behalf of the Congress and the country, I would like to thank Mr. McCraw for his service to the Nation and wish him well as he continues his contributions to the safety and security of the State of Texas.●

RECOGNIZING THE MUDDY RUDDER

● Ms. SNOWE. Madam President, tomorrow, our Nation pauses to honor those brave men and women who have served our country so admirably in the Armed Forces. Veterans Day affords us the tremendous opportunity to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy and to acknowledge those who have sacrificed so much to protect those liberties. Today

I wish to recognize a small business in my home State of Maine that is doing its own part to celebrate the contributions that veterans have made to our country.

The Muddy Rudder—which has locations in Yarmouth and Brewer—has been a mainstay on the Maine dining scene since 1976, when it opened its first location overlooking Yarmouth's Cousins River. The restaurant's Brewer location was opened in 2002 at the site of the former Harborside Restaurant, on the town's scenic and revitalized Penobscot River waterfront. Affectionately known to frequent guests and locals as "the Rudder," these remarkable restaurants have gained a solid following in the communities they serve. Noted for its nautical themed decor and picturesque water views, the Muddy Rudder has also gained welcome attention from people near and far for its expertly prepared fresh seafood.

The reason the Muddy Rudder can lay claim to such a delectable menu comes directly from the talent in the restaurants' kitchens. Brewer's Muddy Rudder is home to award-winning executive chef David Smith, an active member of the American Culinary Federation, who makes frequent appearances on local television preparing creative and exciting dishes for people to attempt at home. And the Yarmouth location boasts the expertise of renowned chef Tom Schwarz, a former fisherman who began his culinary journey as a fishmonger for some of New York City's finest restaurants, hotels, and bistros.

But more than just a place to enjoy a hearty meal, the Muddy Rudder is a visible and active member in the communities they serve. As such, in celebration of Veterans Day, both Muddy Rudder restaurants are providing veterans and active military servicemembers with a free meal tomorrow. And unlike many larger national chains that are offering similar incentives, the Muddy Rudder is giving veterans and active duty servicemembers the option to choose a free entrée from any menu item, with no restrictions. From the Rudder's delicious baked stuffed lobster or Fisherman's Platter to meals preferred by landlubbers, including a New York strip steak or chicken marsala, America's bravest can select a wholesome and appetizing meal as a small but meaningful thank you for the commendable service they have given to our Nation.

The Muddy Rudder's cuisine has long been a staple of the culinary landscape in Yarmouth, and more recently in Brewer. And as demonstrated by their actions this week, it is no secret why they are so popular in the community. I am proud that Peter Anastos, the restaurants' owner, and everyone at the Muddy Rudder have set such a thoughtful and timely example as we celebrate those who protect our freedoms. I thank them for their creativity and passion, and wish them success in all of their endeavors.●