

On each occasion, I have looked to Tom for testimony about the work he and his organization have done with youthful offenders. Tom not only offers his knowledge of work going on around the State, but provides the expertise of his organization, and personal stories about the lives of the young people he works with.

As a fellow photographer, I would be remiss if I failed to note that Tom's office documents a life full of adventure. His walls depict the bureau's accomplishments—such as when he was invited to represent Vermont's 21st Century Community Learning Center Programs at a White House Ceremony hosted by President Bill Clinton. They also capture the faces of those who inspire him, like the pupils for whom he served as a teacher and counselor at the Wittlich Prison in West Germany.

I believe Tom embodies the core principles of what it takes to serve Vermont's youth, from his skill as an administrator, to his contribution as a caring person. I thank Tom for all that he does, and I commend his work to the Senate as an example to others. We are grateful for his service to Vermont's young people and families for the past 31 years. Marcelle and I wish Tom and his family all the best.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

LADY SEA WARRIORS SOFTBALL TEAM

• Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I heartily congratulate the Lady Sea Warriors of Hawaii Pacific University for winning the 2010 NCAA Division II Softball College World Series title. The team won the title on May 31, 2010, beating Valdosta State University, 4-3, at Heritage Park in St. Joseph, MO. This is the school's first national softball title.

I wish to congratulate the team members: Chante Tesoro, Kozy Toriano, Erin Fujita, Melissa Awa, Malia Killam, Chelsea Luckey, Ashley Valine, Ciera Senas, Breanne Patton, Pomaikai Kalakau, Casey Sugihara, Maile Kim, Ashley Fernandez, Nicole Morrow, Sherise Musquiz, Laine Shikuma, Celina Garces, and Caira Pires. A special congratulations goes to Casey Sugihara, Ciera Senas, Nicole Morrow, and Sherise Musquiz for being named to the All-Tournament Team. Musquiz was also named the Most Outstanding Player of the tournament.

The team's success is shared by their coaches: head coach Bryan Nakasone and assistants Howard Okita, Roger Javillo, Jon Correles, and Richard Nomura. A special thanks and congratulations goes to the coaches whose leadership inspired the team to succeed at the highest level. The team's success reflects their hard work and determination. It is a great honor for Hawaii to be represented by such fine athletes. I wish the Lady Sea Warriors and their coaches the best in their future endeavors.●

RAINBOW WAHINE SOFTBALL TEAM

• Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate the University of Hawaii Women's softball team for its record-breaking 2010 season. The Rainbow Wahine captured the Western Athletic Conference regular season and tournament titles and won all three games in the regional tournament.

In one of the most memorable games in University of Hawaii softball history, the Rainbow Wahine defeated the top-seeded University of Alabama team at the Tuscaloosa Super Regionals and secured their first appearance in the NCAA Women's College World Series. The team set numerous school records this season including most runs scored, 488, hits, 578, and home runs, 158. Team members Melissa Gonzalez and Kelly Majam also earned the honor of being named 2010 Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Americans.

It is with great pleasure that I commend the Rainbow Wahine for a job well done. The team's superb season serves as a reminder that hard work and dedication can lead to success. Congratulations to team members: Kelly Majam, Jessica Iwata, Mikalemi Tagab-Cruz, Rachel Paragas, Brynne Buchanan, Tara Anguiano, Dara Pagaduan, Sarah Robinson, Stephanie Ricketts, Tasha Pagdilao, Jori Jasper, Jenna Rodriguez, Alexandra Aquirre, Kaia Parnaby, Traci Yoshikawa, Kanani Pu'u-Warren, Katie Grimes, Jocelyn Enrique, Amanda Tauali'i, Makani Duhaylonsod-Kaleimamahu, and Melissa Gonzalez.

I also wish to acknowledge the coaches for their leadership and commitment to the players: head coach Bob Coolen, associate head coach Deirdre Wisneski, assistant coach Kaulana Williams, and volunteer coach Dickie Titcomb. I wish the Rainbow Wahine all the best in their future endeavors.●

REMEMBERING ROBERT LITTLE EBERT

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Robert Little Ebert, a respected and inspiring Maryland community leader and philanthropist who passed away at age 93 on May 9, 2010.

Mr. Ebert served as Allegany County commissioner from 1962 to 1970, and he continued to dedicate himself to the progress and prosperity of the area throughout his lifetime. Mr. Ebert was especially dedicated to eradicating poverty throughout his community, and he demonstrated a consistent willingness to help people through his involvement in various philanthropic and community organizations.

Mr. Ebert was born in Parkersburg, WV in 1916, and attended Marietta College in Ohio, graduating in 1938. He later worked as a radio newscaster in the Midwest and served as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Following the war, Mr. Ebert moved to Cumberland, MD, to join his mother in the S.T. Little Jewelry Company, a family business founded by his great-grandfather in 1851. Mr. Ebert eventually became president and general manager of the company, and he devoted himself to the development and success of his business's locale in downtown Cumberland.

Mr. Ebert's leadership and business acumen helped shape downtown Cumberland. He served as chairman of the Downtown Cumberland Business Association and the Downtown Development Commission. He served as chairman of the Board of the Allegany County Department of Social Services and as chairman of the Allegany County Chapter of the American Red Cross and was involved with civic organizations such as the Cumberland Cultural Foundation and the Cumberland Rotary Club.

While Mr. Ebert often wished for his charitable contributions to remain anonymous and tried to stay behind-the-scenes, his philanthropic endeavors eventually inspired him to become the founding donor of the Community Trust Foundation. The Community Trust Foundation, established in 2006, serves Maryland's Allegany and Garrett Counties as well as West Virginia's Mineral County by providing the administrative services, sophisticated investment management, professional advice, and stewardship that help communities maximize their charitable giving and investing.

The Community Trust Foundation served as a stepping stone for Mr. Ebert to establish the Elta Mae and Robert Little Ebert Family Hope Fund. The Family Hope Fund is a leader in fostering cooperation and collaboration among the area's many philanthropic organizations that work to prevent poverty. The fund has made, and will continue to make, enormous achievements thanks to Mr. Ebert's leadership and dedication.

Mr. Ebert was immensely successful professionally, and he was also a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He leaves behind three daughters, five granddaughters, and four great-grandchildren as well as countless friends and admirers.

I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the many accomplishments of Mr. Robert Little Ebert and in recognizing him as a truly inspiring community leader and humanitarian.●

REGENT, NORTH DAKOTA

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, today I recognize a community in North Dakota celebrating its 100th anniversary. On June 24 to 27, the residents of Regent will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

On the peaceful prairies of southwestern North Dakota, a city of just over 200 people will be joyfully celebrating 100 years of trials, tribulations, growth, and happiness. Regent was

founded on the railroad lines in 1910. Railroad officials gave it a regal-sounding name, thinking it would become the county seat. Early in its history, Regent was billed as “The Queen City” or “The Wonder City.”

My good friend and colleague, a former North Dakota State tax commissioner and current U.S. Senator, BYRON DORGAN is from this great town. Senator DORGAN has never forgotten his roots, and that has helped make him into the highly respected and dedicated public servant that he is.

Today, the Enchanted Highway has brought a larger than life size example of the community's hard work and dedication to the State. The Enchanted Highway is off of Interstate 94 and is approximately 20 miles east of Dickinson, ND. It then extends for 32 miles south to Regent. The world's largest scrap metal sculptures portray part of the countryside's wonder and beauty from “Pheasants on the Prairie” to “Deer Crossing.”

The community currently has the luxury of enjoying the finer aspects of life, such as fishing, participating in community activities, or spending time with family. The community's energy can be seen with this year's centennial celebration, filled with the zest and heart of the people. Over 4 days, Regent will be enjoying a watermelon feed, all-school reunion, a dance, parade, choral performances, and many more celebratory events.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Regent, ND, and its residents on their first 100 years and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Regent and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great tradition of the pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Regent that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this community is deserving of our recognition.

Regent has a proud past and a bright future.●

BRADLEY, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of the founding of Bradley, SD. This small town has seen more than its fair share of hardships, but with strength and hard work, the citizens consistently band together to make the town an even better place to live and work.

As the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railroad expanded, the company decided to build a settlement for the workers to get mail delivered. They called it Prairie Hill. Once trains began running, businesses began forming 2 miles south of the original location. With land donated from the McKinney family, Bradley was eventually formed. This small town quickly became a popular location for homesteaders and developed into the largest primary wheat market in the country. In 1891, a fire nearly destroyed the town. Only a cou-

ple of buildings and homes withstood the fire. This strong community rallied together to rebuild their town. Another fire struck in 1916, but 800 volunteers came together, using a bucket brigade to again save the town.

Bradley acquired its name through an interesting turn of events. A group of laborers and a railroad official got in a brawl early one day. W.R. Bradley was visiting the town and saved the life of the chief engineer for construction. He was honored by having the town named after him.

Like a lot of small towns formed in South Dakota at this time, Bradley started as a railroad stop but quickly became more. Bradley is a caring community of people who work together when times get tough. They will honor their historical milestone with a weekend celebration, including craft booth and a food booth, a 5K race, and a softball tournament. I wish them the best for their weekend and their future.●

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM A. RICHARDS

● Mr. REED. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize the accomplishments of William A. Richards—a friend, a colleague, and a dedicated public servant. Bill is retiring this month after nearly half a century of service to the U.S. Army and the Department of Defense. I had the privilege of working with Bill as an instructor at West Point. His lengthy career, as a soldier and as a civilian, truly exemplifies the motto of the Academy—“Duty, Honor, Country.”

Bill graduated from West Point in 1967 and served as an infantry officer in Vietnam and Germany. He continued his education at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton, receiving a master's degree in public policy. He then returned to West Point to supervise the core curriculum in American Government.

Following his return to West Point, Bill was selected for the prestigious position of speechwriter and executive assistant to NATO's Supreme Allied Commander—Europe. His exceptional work in this position resulted in his next assignment as speechwriter to Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. Bill held this position until his retirement in 1989, after serving for 22 years in uniform.

Bill then started a second career as a budget analyst in the office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, at the Pentagon. His military experience and speechwriting skills enabled him to analyze and translate the complexity of the annual defense budget. After 20 years of serving our Nation in this role, Bill retires as someone who is highly respected for his knowledge, experience, and dedication.

I congratulate him on a job well done. He leaves a proud and enduring legacy of public service. I wish Bill and his wife Donna the very best in the years to come.●

MONROE ROTARY CLUB

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I am proud to recognize the members of the Monroe, LA, Rotary Club who have served our country honorably during war.

I would like to thank Kent Anderson, Edward Cascio, Tom Dansby, Kitty Degree, Donnie Franklin, George Hutchison, John Morris, Walt Pierron, and Barney Tucker for their courageous military service during wartime and for continued civic service in the greater Monroe area.

With the motto “Service Above Self” it is no surprise that these men would be inclined to be a member of Rotary. Their lifetime of service is exhibited not only in service to their fellow citizens during a time of war but also in continued commitment to their community.

Rotary's four-way test asks four questions of all things members think, say, and do. These questions are: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? These four simple questions have proven to be excellent guidelines for a life of service. We thank these men for serving the Monroe community with these principles. The Monroe Rotary Club has sponsored many local projects, including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, youth baseball, the Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana, and the Salvation Army, to name just a few.

Thus, today, I honor these veterans for their distinguished service in the U.S. armed services during wartime, and for their continued service to the State of Louisiana in the Monroe Rotary Club.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5502. An act to amend the effective date of the gift card provisions of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5502. An act to amend the effective date of the gift card provisions of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6217. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense,