

I would like to express my sincere appreciation of General Smith's service to both South Dakota and the United States and to extend my condolences to his family.●

#### 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Augustana College of Sioux Falls, SD. Founded in 1861, Augustana celebrates its 150th anniversary this year.

Augustana College is located in Minnehaha County and upholds Christian values that inspire excellence in students and service in the community. This institution is a profound example of quality higher education in South Dakota. After moving to several different locations, Augustana found permanent residence in Sioux Falls, SD, in 1918. Augustana College has much to be proud of, and I am confident that Augustana's success will continue well into the future.

Success is fostered from Augustana's core values of Christianity, integrity, community, and service. These values are intertwined into a liberal arts education and prepare students for the challenges and triumphs they will face after graduation.

Augustana will commemorate the sesquicentennial of its founding with celebrations on April 16, featuring historic galleries, speakers, and entertainment. I would like to offer my congratulations to the students, parents, faculty, and alumni of this institution on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

#### REMEMBERING ALFRED SCHWAN

● Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I wish to honor the memory of a caring and charismatic business icon and decorated Navy veteran.

Alfred Schwan, who passed away on March 18, 2011, helped found a small, all-American family business with his brothers Marvin and Robert and built The Schwan Food Company to what it is today a multibillion-dollar, frozen-food company with thousands of employees and millions of customers.

Alfred was known as an adventurous and outgoing person who had a quick smile, relentless energy, and a can-do attitude.

Alfred started in the frozen food business early. Born in 1925 to Paul and Alma Schwan, as a young man he helped his father at the Marshall Ice Cream Company make popsicles and ice cream bars.

But Alfred did not go straight into the family business. He left to fulfill a dream and serve his country as a pilot and joined the U.S. Naval Aviation Corps. Alfred flew torpedo bombers and taught antisubmarine warfare.

He met his wife Doris during a blind date at a USO Club. They married in 1946, the same year Alfred was awarded

Navy Wings of Gold. A year later they had their first of five sons.

Answering a call from his family, Alfred joined the family business in 1964 to oversee factory operations and company drivers. Those company yellow trucks have become beloved across the nation. I know I remember seeing the yellow Schwan truck in my neighborhood.

With a commitment to integrity and hard work, Alfred went on to oversee the Schwan pizza business. He guided the production of Schwan pizza in their plant in Salina, KS, for three decades. Under his leadership the plant grew from having little more than a dozen employees to employing 1,500 Kansans with the capacity to produce more than 3 million pizzas a day. Alfred listed the growth of the Salina plant as one of his proudest achievements in business.

After the death of his brother Marvin, Alfred was appointed CEO, president and chairman of Schwan in 1993. He retired as chairman in 2009 at the age of 83.

Among the many public honors this inspirational and optimistic leader received include being honored by the School Nutrition Association of Kansas as an Outstanding Industry Member of the Year, induction into the Frozen Food Hall of Fame, and receiving Schwan's most prestigious honor—the Marvin M. Schwan Heritage of Quality Award.

Alfred was such an important community leader and citizen of Kansas that, when he retired, Salina, KS, declared February 6 as "Alfred Schwan Day."

As March is National Frozen Food Month, it is appropriate to honor Alfred's life and the energy and passion he gave to this important industry. He was an innovator and pioneer in the frozen food industry. With more than 700 facilities nationwide, the frozen food industry employs nearly 100,000 Americans and generates a payroll of approximately \$3 billion.

On behalf of all Americans, I thank Alfred Schwan for his service to our country and to U.S. consumers. Frozen foods are a staple in American homes, office lunch rooms, and school cafeterias. These foods provide an important source of healthy, affordable, and convenient food choices that help feed our Nation and the world.●

#### 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.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:58 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 471. An act to reauthorize the DC opportunity scholarship program, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 471. An act to reauthorize the DC opportunity scholarship program, and for other purposes.

S. 706. A bill to stimulate the economy, produce domestic energy, and create jobs at no cost to the taxpayers, and without borrowing money from foreign governments for which our children and grandchildren will be responsible, and for other purposes.

#### 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-1084. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual Developing Countries Combined Exercise Program report of expenditures for Fiscal Year 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1085. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Debt Collection" (RIN2590-AA15) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 28, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1086. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Demand Response Compensation in Organized Wholesale Energy Markets" ((RIN1902-AE02) (Docket No. RM10-17)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 28, 2011; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1087. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Zero-Net Energy Commercial Building Initiative and other government initiatives that affect commercial buildings; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1088. A communication from the Chief Counsel of the Fiscal Service, Bureau of Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Regulations Governing U.S. Securities. . . ." (31 CFR Parts 306, 356, 357, and 363) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 29, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1089. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of the