

Darlene "Red" Seeberger, their families, and his brothers-in-law John and Thomas Simonson, Mike Scanlan, and Don Distefano and sister-in-law Peggy Simonson. He also leaves his beloved grandchildren and extended family members.

Al lived a life of service and was known for a generosity of spirit and a drive to help others in both his public and private life.

To his family, he was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather for whom family was the highest priority. He often organized subsistence hunting and fishing trips for his children, where he passed down traditional Inupiat skills. He coordinated all the logistics for these memorable outings and even served as camp cook, making sure everyone was well fed. Whether dipnetting at the mouth of the Kenai River, caribou hunting outside of Kotzebue, or visiting the fish wheel at Chitina, he let his wife, children, and grandchildren know they were loved and they came first and foremost in his life.

He was also a romantic and loving husband, planning vacations for his wife, Diane, to celebrate and share the milestones they achieved together as a couple. Travel was one of his favorite pastimes and one he loved to share with her.

Although he led a very public life, he also was a man of many unsung good deeds on a personal level. Many people did not know he kept cash in his vehicle console to give those in need, or that he provided meals to those who were hungry. At Christmas, boxes of turkeys would arrive at Bean's Cafe and money for holiday goody bags would arrive at the Friends Church. The individual recipients never knew who had lent them a hand.

Even when Al was ill, he cared for others and tried to ease their worries with humor. He wanted others to be comfortable and to enjoy life. He put people first and was always prepared to serve them. He believed in God, in a higher power, and was a teacher and mentor to many.

Publically, Al's service to his beloved State improved the lives of those he represented in rural Alaska. His long career in public service began in the late 1960s and included 8 years in the Alaska State House beginning in 1980, during which he represented District 37 which included the communities of the NANA/Maniilaq and Arctic Slope regions. From 1988–2000, he served in the Alaska State Senate, also representing the Bering Straits/Kawerak region.

Following his retirement from the Alaska State Legislature, Al served as president of Adams Management Services and worked for the Northwest Arctic Borough and North Slope Borough as an adviser sharing his understanding of State government and how it could help the people of rural Alaska.

In 2003, he began a new career as a lobbyist with a focus on representing rural and Alaska Native interests. He

again provided a powerful voice in Juneau and Washington, DC, drawing on his years of State legislative experience. He brought the same passion to lobbying that he had as a legislator, always saying those he represented weren't his clients, they were his people. He tirelessly promoted the continued successes of Mt. Edgecumbe High School because of the valuable opportunities it provides to develop relationships among talented young Alaska Native people.

Al's hospitality to his peers, staff, clients and visitors at the State capitol is still remembered to this day. His door and telephone lines were always open to Alaskans, no matter where they lived. He worked hard to guarantee rural Alaska gained its fair share of State funding and he joined his colleagues on statewide efforts that benefited all Alaskans.

An astute lawmaker, he was a master at understanding politics and State finances and chaired the powerful House Finance Committee during his 8-year term in the State House. He served 18 years on the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee and 12 years on the Operating Budget Conference Committee. He served on other key committees that helped protect subsistence and bring needed infrastructure and social services to rural Alaska.

He fought hard for the establishment and continued existence of the Power Coast Equalization (PCE) program; convincing the Alaska Legislature to establish an endowment to fund PCE in perpetuity.

Prior to his legislative service, he held other positions as president of Kikiktatruk inupiat Corporation. He also served on numerous boards including the Alaska Airlines Advisory Board, Arctic Power, Mt. Edgecumbe and NANA Regional Corporation.

When I was elected mayor of Anchorage, AK, Al met with me and reminded me Anchorage is Alaska's largest Native community. When I was elected Senator, he continued to advise me on how together we could help all Alaskans.

The people of Alaska will miss Senator Al Adams. He was a friend, a mentor, a humanitarian and an example for many generations of leaders. I will miss Al for not only his guidance on doing what's right for all of the people of Alaska but for his wit and his friendship.●

PETALUMA ALL-STAR TEAM

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am pleased to congratulate the 2012 Petaluma National Little League All-Star team for capturing third place at the 66th Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA. The determination, sportsmanship and love of the game that these young athletes exhibited captured the imagination and support of people in Petaluma and throughout California.

Since its establishment with three teams in 1939, Little League Baseball

has grown to become the world's largest youth sports program, enabling millions of children from 80 countries in 6 continents to enjoy and compete in the American pastime. This year the Little League World Series featured eight regional representatives from the United States and eight international teams.

The Petaluma National All-Star team qualified for the Little League World Series by winning the District 35 Tournament in Petaluma, the Section I Tournament in Fairfield, the NorCal Division II Tournament in Fremont and the Western Regional Tournament in San Bernardino.

At the Little League World Series, the Petaluma All-Stars achieved several impressive and memorable feats. In the U.S. Championship game, the Petaluma All-Stars staged one of the biggest and most thrilling rallies in Little League World Series history when they plated 10 runs in the bottom of the sixth to force their game against the team from Goodlettsville, TN into extra innings. Although their valiant effort would ultimately fall short, the remarkable determination and competitiveness exhibited by these young athletes will forever be a part of the lore of the Little League World Series. The next day, the Petaluma team showed its resilience by defeating the team from Aguadulce, Panama to place third worldwide behind the eventual Little League World Series championship team from Tokyo, Japan and the U.S. Championship team from Goodlettsville, TN.

I ask my colleagues to join me and the Petaluma community in recognizing all the members of the Petaluma National Little League All-Star team on this wonderful achievement: Kempton Brandis, Blake Buhner, Logan Douglas, Quinton Gago, Daniel Marzo, Dylan Moore, James O'Hanlon, Austin Parette, Porter Slate, Hance Smith, Bradley Smith, Cole Tomei, Andrew White and a team of dedicated coaches, parents and volunteers.●

DEATH OF SACAGAWEA

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, I wish to speak today to commemorate the life of Sacagawea and the impacts her life has had on the development of our great Nation. While there is some controversy regarding the death of Sacagawea, most research indicates that this year marks the 200th anniversary of her reported death in present day South Dakota.

Sacagawea is historically most famous for guiding Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, along with her husband and infant son, on U.S. President Thomas Jefferson's Corps of Northwestern Discovery expedition to the Pacific Coast and back from 1804 to 1806.

Sacagawea, the daughter of a Shoshone chief, was born around 1788 in present-day Idaho. At a young age, she was captured by the enemies of the

Shoshones, the Hidatsa, and sold to a French-Canadian trapper named Tous-saint Charbonneau. Charbonneau married Sacagawea and the two lived among the Mandan and Hidatsa tribes of the upper Missouri river in present-day North Dakota. When Lewis and Clark came to the area on their journey in November of 1804, they commissioned Charbonneau and Sacagawea, who was with child, to serve as interpreters. With the help and knowledge of Sacagawea, the Lewis and Clark expedition reached the Pacific Ocean in November of 1805.

It was reported that Sacagawea died on December 20, 1812, at Fort Manuel Lisa, which overlooked the Missouri River near the present-day city of Kenel, in Corson County, SD. John Luttig, the trading post's clerk, wrote: "This evening the wife of Charbonneau, a Snake Woman, died of a putrid fever. Aged about 25 years. She left an infant girl."

Though Sacagawea had a short and difficult life, her legacy still lives on. The celebration of her life also gives us a great opportunity to recognize the rich culture and heritage of our Native American tribes. As we bear in mind her life, death, and impact, I encourage everyone to join in also commemorating the unique culture of the indigenous peoples of the United States.

Later this month, the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will be holding their regional meeting in Fort Pierre, SD. The South Dakota Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Encounters on the Prairie, will be hosting this regional meeting which will be commemorating the 200th anniversary of Sacagawea's reported death. I am proud to speak about the rich piece of our Nation's history she was a part of. Her memory and the heritage in which she embodies, continues to inspire us in South Dakota and across the Nation.●

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 200th Anniversary of the reported death of Sacagawea within the borders of what is now South Dakota. At this time I would like to commemorate her for her contributions to the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Sacagawea accompanied Meriwether Lewis and William Clark on the Northwestern Discovery Expedition to the Pacific Coast for the U.S. President Thomas Jefferson's Corps. In recognition of her service and bravery, the Central South Dakota Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, known as Keepers of the Story, Stewards of the Trail, are hosting a regional meeting September 28, 29, and 30, 2012. The meeting will be open to the public in the cities of Fort Pierre, Pierre, Mobridge, and Kenel, SD. To help commemorate the bicentennial of the reported death of Sacagawea, the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will travel to Fort Manuel Lisa.

The story of Sacagawea, while short, is one of great success and worthy of

remembrance. Her guidance and interpretation were vital to Lewis and Clark's journey. I hope my fellow colleagues will help me commemorate the 200th anniversary of the reported death of Sacagawea by recognizing her sacrifice and efforts.●

NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I take this opportunity to recognize and celebrate the 125th anniversary of National City, located in San Diego County, CA.

National City was founded in 1868 and incorporated on September 17, 1887, making it the second oldest city in San Diego County. The land on which it stands had earlier been an Indian rancheria, home of Apusquele band of the Hamacha tribe. In 1769 it had become one of the ranches used by the Mission San Diego de Alcalá, and the padres called it La Purísima Concepción.

In the late 19th century, National City pioneered the shipping and transportation systems for San Diego, constructing the area's first wharf and introducing the first transcontinental railroad terminus; the National City Depot, built in 1882, is the last one standing out of the original five transcontinental terminus railroad stations and is designated as a California historical landmark. Another local cultural treasure "Brick Row," built in 1887 is the only Philadelphia-style row housing in the southwestern United States and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Today, National City's 3-mile-long port along San Diego Bay is part of Naval Base San Diego, the largest U.S. Navy base on the west coast. In addition to its leading role as a naval gateway, National City is considered a symbolic link between San Diego and Mexico.

On September 22, residents of National City will gather for a citywide 125th anniversary picnic at Kimball Park. I congratulate the people of National City on this special occasion and salute their rich history and wonderful community spirit.●

REMEMBERING JOE GARLAND

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, last summer Massachusetts lost a gentleman, the fishing industry lost an icon and I lost a friend. For years Joe Garland served as the unofficial historian of Gloucester, MA—its fishermen, its boats and its life. If you visit the Fisherman's Memorial on Gloucester's waterfront on a stormy winter day, the statue of the Heroic Mariner seems to be steering the whole town into the wind toward fair weather. And if you look closely at the statue, you can almost see Joe Garland in its carved granite face, full of grit and determination, guiding his beloved Gloucester through headwinds and troubled waters.

He's been gone for more than a year now, but his memory lives on through his loving wife Helen, his family, his friends and through the continuing legacy of the schooner Adventure.

In my Boston office, I have a copy of his book about the Adventure, which he helped to restore. When I received it many years ago, it arrived with an invitation from Joe to tour the schooner and, of course, I didn't waste any time accepting his invitation. He welcomed me aboard, and his tour made the Adventure's history come alive—from its construction in 1926 through its career as a "highliner," the biggest money-maker of them all, landing nearly \$4 million worth of cod and halibut during her career.

As Joe himself once wrote, "The Adventure is a survivor, not a vision. She is here, real and beautiful . . . I can stand on those decks with the whole-sail breeze, arms hooked into the rigging, and watch her go, watch the miles bubble out from under the stern as they have done now for more than fifty [now nearing 100] years. She is fantastic!"

As we celebrate the historic restoration of the Adventure, and celebrate Joe's incredible life, I know that he is smiling down on us today, on what would have been his 90th birthday. Mr. President, the world weathers so many storms, but at the center of each we find people of character who revive our hope and give us strength. Joe Garland was such a man, and we are all blessed to have had his strength and his character as an example, and we are equally blessed that he left us with such a marvelous schooner, the Adventure, as an enduring reminder of his life.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID WOOD

● Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the career of David Wood, the founding Executive Director of Affordable Housing, Education and Development (AHEAD), Inc. in Littleton, New Hampshire. After over 20 years of hard work to make affordable housing and home ownership a reality for hundreds of NH families, David will step down from his position at the end of this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his remarkable commitment to helping those in need.

Since 1991, AHEAD has provided safe and affordable rental housing, family support, and financial education to thousands of people living in rural northern New Hampshire. Under David's direction, the organization now owns and operates 304 units of affordable multifamily rental housing in nine communities in our State. Furthermore, AHEAD has assisted more than 600 families buying their first homes and helped rescue another 250 households facing foreclosures.

AHEAD has received numerous awards over the last 20 years in recognition of the positive impact that David and his staff have brought to our