

Bobbi Brown Barrasso, Thermopolis is also the hometown of former Wyoming Governor Dave Freudenthal. The fine folks of the county are incredible leaders and greatly contribute to the success of the entire State.

It is an honor to recognize the residents of Hot Springs County as they celebrate their 100th anniversary. This year, the Hot Springs County Centennial Committee has planned a county-wide celebration on June 22nd to commemorate this milestone. I invite my colleagues to visit the communities of Hot Springs County. The county's rich heritage, geological wonders, and genuine cowboy hospitality provide a truly wonderful experience to visitors from all over the world.

#### RECOGNIZING THE NEHEMIAN

Mr. RISCH. Madam President, during Small Business Week it is important to recognize the ingenuity of small business owners who take a leap of faith and invest in an idea in order to make their dream of being an entrepreneur a reality. I rise today to honor The Nehemian of Buhl, ID, a small business that has shown over the course of 25 years in business that they can take chances and survive in this economic climate.

Over 26 years ago, Nancy Tyrrell and her husband, Ed, opened The Nehemian, a shop that sold antiques and offered custom picture framing. But after years of being in business, the Tyrrells wanted to expand their services and increase their sales. Tyrrell began designing custom key fobs which depict Idaho points of pride, including the Boise State Broncos and the University of Idaho Vandals. As a result of this risk to produce and market new product, The Nehemian found great success in the sale of these local treasures.

Tyrrell has faced her share of entrepreneurial challenges. After a \$25,000 loss on a project, Tyrrell considered going back to teaching instead of continuing as a small business owner. But her love for the creative opportunities her business provided convinced her that she wouldn't be happy doing anything else. Instead of giving up, Tyrrell rededicated herself to her store and sought to expand into an untapped market. Her custom key fobs are manufactured by Silver Creek Mint, another local business located in Buhl and where her son is employed. Tyrrell licensed both the Boise State Bronco and University of Idaho Vandal key fob with Collegiate Licensing Co. in order to sell to a market in which she recognized a demand for her product. After only 6 weeks of selling her custom key fobs, Tyrrell had recouped two thirds of her investment. Currently, The Nehemian sells 12 different variations of key fobs. There is even a Great Seal of Idaho key fob which is sold at the Idaho State Capitol gift shop. Tyrrell also offers key fob design services to large companies to commemorate special milestones.

Though The Nehemian is a small company, they have learned to manage their resources well and expand their products. Nancy Tyrrell's business has achieved a reputation of quality, as well as that of a unique Idaho gem. I would like to recognize The Nehemian as an Idaho Small Business of the Day based on their resiliency through hard times, their willingness to take a risk and their creative spirit.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO MIKE CURRY

• Mr. ENZI. Madam President, I wish to take a moment of the Senate's time to call your attention to the retirement of one of the true heroes of my home town of Gillette, WY. For 30 years our local basketball team, the Camels, has been coached by one of the finest high school coaches of all time—Mike Curry.

Mike has been doing a good job for so long we thought he would be on the bench on the Camels' side of the court forever. That is why it took us all by surprise when Coach Curry decided to retire from coaching at the end of this past season.

Over the years Coach Curry has been more than our coach—he's been a Wyoming tradition. Ask anyone who is a Camels fan who has been responsible for their success and every one will tell you our secret advantage has been the coaching ability and basketball knowledge of Coach Curry.

His concern for each of his players, and his great love of Campbell County High School, has been evident for all the years of his service to the people of Gillette. It shows itself in the hearts of those he has coached and in the lives of those he has worked with as their teacher. He has always been one to lead by quiet but focused example and that important quality of his has made him a role model that has helped to provide guidance and direction to all those with whom he has worked.

If you ask the members of all those championship teams that played for Coach Curry, they will tell you that they learned some important lessons from him that helped to shape their lives. Thanks to him they came to realize what high expectations, teamwork, making good, thoughtful decisions and refusing to ever give up on a goal can mean to the pursuit of a difficult challenge. Ask his current players and they will tell you what it has meant to play for Coach Curry and to receive the legacy of success from his past efforts that helped to get them inspired and motivated right from the start. They knew before they even made the team how successful Coach Curry's Camels had been and that made them ask more from themselves than anyone else would have ever thought was possible for them to achieve.

Coach Curry is now ending a remarkable career. In 30 years he has collected

605 wins and 12 State titles. If we were to ask him which one was sweeter—the first win or the last—I have a feeling he would tell us that they were all special because each one was made possible by a team of young men committed to winning and to each other.

For my family, we will always remember Coach Curry for the impact he had on our son, Brad. He also touched the rest of our family as we watched the Camels play for and learn from a very strong, steady coach. For the community of Gillette, we will always remember the key role Coach Curry played in strengthening Gillette's sense of community and increasing our sense of pride in our school and those who wore its colors.

Congratulations and good luck, Coach Curry. You did a great job and you can now look back on your coaching career with the satisfaction that comes from a job well done. You can also look ahead to some new adventures as this chapter of your life comes to a close and you begin a new one. God bless. •

##### TRIBUTE TO JOHN J. SWEENEY

• Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, I rise today to recognize the contributions that John J. Sweeney, AFL-CIO president emeritus, has made to improve the lives of working men and women and their families across America and around the world. The labor movement is the foundation of America's middle class, and John Sweeney understands that fact. He has devoted his life to fighting for workers so that they have safe working conditions, good benefits, and a paycheck big enough to support a family.

John Sweeney's life is an inspirational one. He was born in the Bronx, NY—the son of Irish immigrants. His parents knew the value of hard work. His father was a New York City bus driver and his mother worked as a domestic for wealthy families. John Sweeney's father was a member of the union and it was that union membership and steady income that made it possible for Sweeney to attend Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y. and graduate with a degree in economics. He also holds honorary degrees from Georgetown University, Oberlin College, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, the University of Baltimore, Catholic University Law School, the University of Toledo's College of Law, Iona College and the College of New Rochelle.

Sweeney's first job in the labor movement was with the International Ladies' Garment Workers, which later merged with the Clothing and Textile Workers Union. He joined SEIU Local 32B in New York City in 1961 as a union representative. Sweeney was elected president of Local 32B in 1976 and led two citywide strikes of apartment maintenance workers during the 1970s.

John Sweeney was first elected president of the AFL-CIO in 1995 on a platform of revitalizing the federation,