

in Vermont. In the past 2 years, hurricanes Irene and Sandy devastated the Northeast, while huge swaths from Texas to the Midwest have been gripped in a historic drought, and tornadoes have raked the heartland.

We can no longer willfully ignore these impacts or continue to deny the facts: The science is clear and definitive that human-induced climate change is happening and it is happening rapidly. We are obligated to reduce carbon emissions, and efforts to do so have the support of the American people.

Not only is the science clear, but the human and economic costs of climate change are hitting home. The severe weather events of just the past 2 years have caused damages in the United States in excess of \$188 billion and left more than 1100 people dead. If we do not act now then the toll is sure to mount, with ever more destructive and deadly weather pounding our coasts, parching our Nation's agricultural center, and rising sea levels threatening our coastal communities. If we do not act now, the devastating impacts of climate change will only get worse.

But climate change is not just about weather disasters. For instance, we also have seen asthma rates double in the past 30 years, and our children and grandchildren will only suffer more asthma attacks as air pollution worsens. We already reduced smog and acid rain and have set limits for mercury, lead, and arsenic. It is time to set a limit on carbon pollution that causes climate change and assaults the public health.

The President's proposal will allow the United States to take further important steps toward the environmental quality and good jobs that will come with a cleaner and safer energy future. We can act now so that future generations—our children and grandchildren—will know that we took the steps that helped make their world safer and cleaner.

#### VOTE EXPLANATIONS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I wish to note that on the evening of Monday, June 24, 2013 I missed Senate rollcall vote No. 160 on the motion to invoke cloture on the Leahy substitute amendment No. 1183 due to travel delays. I would like to make clear in the RECORD that if I were in attendance I would have voted in opposition of the motion to invoke cloture on this measure.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I was unavoidably detained during rollcall vote No. 160 on the motion to invoke cloture on Leahy amendment No. 1183. Had I been present I would have voted nay.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### REMEMEBERING W.A. "BILL" KRAUSE

• Mr. President, today I wish to remember an Iowa farm boy whose legendary work ethic simply worked wonders. As we bid farewell this week to one of Iowa's most successful entrepreneurs and cofounders of one of Iowa's most iconic businesses, Bill Krause's can-do spirit will inspire generations of Iowans. That is because the footprint this gentle giant leaves behind is one of a man who pioneered a wildly successful chain of convenience stores. Kum & Go is one of the Nation's largest family-owned chains in America with more than 420 stores doing business in 11 States.

A self-starter from an early age, Bill's tireless work ethic and visionary leadership skills reflect the very best of America's entrepreneurial spirit. Throughout his career, Bill was rewarded with the prizes and pitfalls of risk taking at its very best and at its very worst. Named Iowa Entrepreneur of the Year in 1992, Bill's varied business pursuits stretched beyond his signature success and prosperity in the convenience store industry, including fashion retailing, trucking, gaming, farming, banking, as well as interests in Iowa-based soccer and baseball teams. An honest-to-goodness rags to riches story, Bill always kept his eyes focused on the opportunity that lie ahead at the next bend, without losing sight of what mattered most in life: his family, faith, and friendships, including those of thousands of employees and the countless customers he loved to meet and greet in his stores.

After graduating from Eldora High School, Bill worked his way through college and graduated from his beloved alma mater, The University of Iowa, in 1957 with a degree in journalism. A lifelong Iowa Hawkeye fan, Bill is one of those uncommonly humble men of considerable means who never forgot from where he came.

That sense of loyalty later translated into valuable financial contributions, including a signature gift that launched a historic renovation to Kinnick Stadium. He earned a number of distinguished awards and accolades from The University of Iowa and for more than five decades supported the Hawkeye's celebrated athletics programs as a tireless fan and patron. He also served as adviser to deans of the Tippie College of Business, sharing his Main Street expertise with those tasked with teaching the next generation of business leaders. Putting his money where his mouth is, Bill founded a fund to jump-start the next generation of business leaders. Since 1998, the Krause Fund has provided more than 1,200 Iowa undergraduate students with the opportunity to learn about managing an endowed equity portfolio.

Bill Krause knew how to run a business, how to create jobs and how to

keep customers satisfied. The narrative of his success was shaped by his humble beginnings, earning \$10 a day at age 15. Years later with his father-in-law, Tony Gentle, he pioneered the convenience store concept of buying milk, bread and eggs at the local gas station when customers pulled up to fill their tanks. By all accounts, Bill's American success story bloomed as a result of his integrity, decency, passion and generosity.

His homegrown roots stretched deep, defining his contributions of time, talent and treasure to his church and community. He was awarded the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award by the National Catholic Education Association in 2007 and the Civitas Award from Dowling Catholic Schools in 2012. Through scholarship, service and sacrifice, Bill and Nancy Krause taught their 3 children and 12 grandchildren the real measure of success.

In fact, a few years ago a room at the Kum & Go headquarters in West Des Moines was known as the "one-liner" room because of the messages lining the walls. When asked, Bill said the legacy he hoped to leave behind mirrors one of the lines on the wall: "It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice." Perhaps that is one of the reasons why he gave blazers to high school kids for their first job interviews. Or why he was a leading fund-raiser for minority and low-income students at Holy Family School in Des Moines.

Mr. President, may I suggest to the U.S. Senate that Bill Krause has more than secured this legacy throughout his professional and personal life. Barbara and I share our deepest condolences to Bill's family, especially to his wife Nancy, and to all those who are mourning the loss of this larger-than-life Iowan.●

##### CONGRATULATING PHILLIPE RIBIERO

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I am delighted to congratulate Pontiac High School chemistry and biology teacher Phillippe Ribiero for winning the qualifying round and advancing to the final round of the Make My Lab WoRx contest. This is a wonderful achievement that reflects his talent as an educator and the fine work that is happening across Michigan to ensure that the best and brightest are teaching our young people.

The 2013 Make My LabWoRx contest is part of a program developed by Astellas Pharma. It seeks to increase the understanding of the role science plays in human health and medicine. The contest is comprised of seven qualifying rounds that take place across the country, including Michigan. To participate in the contest, science teachers must submit a lesson plan or experiment, along with a video demonstration. Involvement in this program allows teachers to showcase their passion for teaching science in a

creative and exciting way. Mr. Ribiero's winning video and lesson plan instructed students on how to make an acid/base indicator using common household items. Mr. Ribiero's win in the 2013 Make My LabWoRx contest has provided Pontiac High School with a new microscope and funding necessary to purchase additional lab equipment.

A quality education is fundamental to the future success of our young people, and to the health and prosperity of our country. This award is indicative of Mr. Ribiero's creativity, dedication and hard work as a science teacher, and his ability to challenge Pontiac High School students academically and to nurture their growth as individuals. I am proud of the example he has set, which represents the best of our State's educational system.

I know that Mr. Ribiero's family, friends and the Pontiac High School community are all truly proud of his accomplishment. I also know my Senate colleagues join me in congratulating Phillippe Ribiero on this achievement. His work has brought pride to both Pontiac High School and the community at large. I wish Mr. Ribiero the best of luck as he continues to educate and inspire young minds for years to come.●

#### REMEMBERING ELIOT AND MURIEL BATTLE

● Mrs. MCCASKILL. Mr. President, I wish to offer tribute to a truly passionate team from Columbia, MO—Eliot and Muriel Battle—who together became key to forever changing race relations throughout Columbia.

One local newspaper recently wrote: "You could not have Eliot without Muriel. What they accomplished, they accomplished together." And what they accomplished was astounding—a testament to the power of leadership by example.

Over the last decade, the city of Columbia and the University of Missouri have lauded this couple with various citywide recognitions and, for Eliot, an honorary degree, in honor of their lifelong efforts. Yet the most poignant recognition of all was the decision to name Columbia's newest high school "Muriel Williams Battle High School." Education served as the backbone of the couple's series of first-ever accomplishments as they became pioneers in the desegregation of the city's public schools.

Seeing the new high school open became one of Eliot's last goals. And he met it with pride. Despite his declining health, he walked to the podium on June 2 to a standing ovation, spoke loud and clear, and received a second standing ovation at the end of his speech honoring his wife, who had passed 10 years earlier, in 2003. Nine days after the ceremony, he passed on too.

It is amazing how life works sometimes. Their story is one for all to

know and understand. I would like to share a few highlights.

They moved to Columbia in 1956 in the heart of the civil rights movement, just a year after Rosa Parks would not give up her seat on the bus. In this era, many civil rights leaders had more radical approaches to change, but the Battles did not fit into these molds. Even though they also wanted quick change, they were a couple who lived "quietly yet determined and unwavering," as one newspaper columnist noted, working behind the scenes of social justice and modeling the racial acceptance they wanted their community to adopt.

Both of the couple's first education jobs in Columbia were at Douglass School—Eliot as an assistant principal and, later, Muriel as a social studies teacher. Both had come from families that emphasized "education was the answer" for African Americans, Muriel once said. "We grew up," she said, "knowing we were going to college." It became clear quickly that both Eliot and Muriel wanted all Columbia children to have the same chance they did.

In 1960, Eliot became the first African-American faculty member at a newly integrated Hickman High School, serving as a guidance counselor. His approachable manner helped ease the tension of desegregation by mediating between some African-American families and White educators.

After Muriel's stint at Douglass School, she spent 30 years at West Junior High School, where she worked as a teacher, department chairperson, assistant principal, and principal. She retired as the school district's first female associate superintendent of secondary education.

Muriel was known for making all people of all ages and race feel valued and welcome even down to her school motto: "We're glad you're here."

Long into their retirement from education, the couple continued their efforts to promote diversity. Eliot became a founding member of the Minority Men's Network, served on the Columbia College board of Trustees, and wrote the 1997 book: "A Letter to Young Black Men."

Muriel formed the Battle Group, an education consulting firm that provided strategies to school districts, parent-teacher associations, and juvenile justice facilities, and dedicated time and money to building a Martin Luther King, Jr., memorial.

Their efforts toward overall community acceptance reached far beyond their professional lives. Two of their four children became the first African-American students to attend Grant Elementary—the first of Columbia's schools to be integrated.

They also integrated neighborhoods, being one of the first African-American families to move beyond the redlining real estate limits in Columbia and into a White neighborhood. Despite the hateful letters they received—and even after having a White neighbor shoot

their family dog, Bingo—the couple led by example and continued to tell their children that these neighbors feared change and they had to push on.

As one local newspaper recounted, Battle's daughter said her father would routinely say "They don't understand, and they are afraid. We have to live our lives and do the best we can, and if they knew better, they would do better."

The community of Columbia was so lucky to have had this team move into its community and change it forever.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the lives and accomplishments of Eliot and Muriel Battle.●

#### CLAIRE CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Claire City, SD. Founded in 1913, Claire City will celebrate its 100th anniversary this year.

Located in Roberts County, Claire City possesses a strong sense of community that makes South Dakota an outstanding place to live and work. On August 15, 1913, many people gathered along the treeless prairie to buy lots for \$100 to \$600 in this new town named after Claire Feeney. Claire City has continued to be a strong reflection of South Dakota's greatest values and traditions. The community of Claire City has much to be proud of and I am confident that Claire City's success will continue well into the future.

Claire City will commemorate the centennial anniversary of its founding with celebrations held from June 28th through June 30th featuring events such as a parade, tractor pull, and an auction of centennial items. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Claire City on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO BRITTANY ANDERSON

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Brittany Anderson, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Brittany is a graduate of Roosevelt High School in Sioux Falls, SD. Currently, she is attending Wheaton College, where she is majoring in political science. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Brittany for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO KATIE HAUGEN

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Katie Haugen, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.