

America's middle class. Then we fought together to make sure that American autos and American workers could compete with foreign competition on an even playing field. Congressman DINGELL recognized that this was the key to a new golden age of American cars and trucks. We are seeing that today.

While scientific consensus was still forming about threats pollution posed to our air and animals, JOHN DINGELL wrote the Endangered Species Act in 1973 and the major expansion of the Clean Air Act in 1990. In 2001, he created the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge—the very first of its kind in North America—and in the years since he has worked to expand refuge protection to more acres.

He loves Michigan dearly. He understands the connection our people have to manufacturing, to agriculture and to the land and Great Lakes that power our tourism industry and our Michigan way of life.

Even during the years he spent chairing the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, when Congressman Dingell was one of the most powerful Members of Congress, you could still find him waving to the crowd from the open top of a Ford Mustang convertible at Dearborn's Memorial Day Parade or at a booth at the Monroe County Fair, always with that same big smile. As Tip O'Neill once said, "All politics is local," and local people are what JOHN DINGELL loves about politics.

The people of his district never doubted his dedication. That is why they would still put "Dingell for Congress" signs on their lawn, long after his district boundaries had changed. If a piece of Southeast Michigan was "Dingell Country" once, then it was Dingell Country forever.

And now he feels great pride—and his constituents feel great comfort—knowing that the district will remain in his family's hands. His beloved wife Deborah, who has been his closest confidant and understands him more intimately than anyone, will carry on his legacy long into the future. So if you go back to Congressman John Dingell, Sr., it means that Southeast Michigan has been under the Dingell name for 81 years—and counting.

While Congressman DINGELL will no longer be in Congress, we can still follow him on Twitter.

Even at age 88, he is constantly evolving, charging boldly into the future, driven by a very simple principle: We are put on this earth to help people.

JOHN D. DINGELL, Jr., has helped many people and yet he will insist that he has received much more than he has been given. He claims to be the "luckiest man in shoe leather," and we are lucky that he has served Michigan and our Nation, so long and so faithfully.●

RECOGNIZING CARE CHEST OF SIERRA NEVADA

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 25th anniversary of Care Chest of Sierra Nevada, an organization that supplies free medical equipment to Northern Nevadans in need. As a provider of services to underserved communities, Care Chest has long been a vital nonprofit in Nevada, and I am proud of the work they do on behalf of the Silver State.

Founded in 1990, Care Chest began as a grassroots effort to reuse and recycle medical equipment. Today, this organization helps improve the quality of life for those who otherwise could not afford the rising cost of health care supplies. Twenty-five years later, Care Chest has served over 100,000 people in Northern Nevada. Last year alone, Care Chest served nearly 9,000 Nevadans and distributed over 16,000 medical items. Free of charge services provided by Care Chest include emergency prescriptions, diabetic supplies, respiratory items, and liquid nutritional products. Care Chest has dedicated its efforts to the underserved communities in Northern Nevada, as 69 percent of its clients in 2013 were uninsured while 55 percent were below the poverty line.

As Nevada's unemployment rate remains one of highest in the Nation and as health care costs continue to rise, I recognize the unique role that Care Chest has played in working to address the needs of its local community by offering health care services to those in need. As a lifelong Nevadan and member of the Senate Committee on Finance and the Senate Special Committee on Aging starting in the 114th Congress, I am proud of the work Care Chest does on behalf of the Reno community and its senior citizens.

Today, I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in recognizing Care Chest of Sierra Nevada, an organization whose mission is both noble and charitable. I am humbled and honored to recognize Care Chest, and I wish them the best of luck in their 25th year of service to the State of Nevada.●

RECOGNIZING THE WELLS FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, I wish to recognize and congratulate the Wells, NV, Future Farmers of America chapter for winning a national title in the Western National Rangeland Career Development Event. As a lifelong Nevadan and advocate of agriculture education, I am proud to celebrate this victory for Wells and for the Silver State.

As a rancher, I recognize the role the Future Farmers of America organization plays in preparing students for a future in agriculture. The Western National Rangeland Convention, hosted in Elko, NV, brought 14 teams from five States to compete in various categories including plant identification, rangeland biodiversity, habitat evaluation,

and stocking management. With nearly 6 million acres of farmland in the Silver State, these are invaluable skills for future Nevada farmers.

I am especially proud to recognize team members Wyatt Gibbs, Deseret Johnson, DeMar Gale, Chelsea James, and Justin Sorenson for representing the Wells community as leaders in rangeland farming techniques. Under the leadership of adviser Don Noorda, the Wells Future Farmers of America chapter proudly brought home Nevada's first national title. As ranch owners, my wife Lynne and I understand the importance of agriculture education. Management of our State's rangelands has been one of my top natural resources priorities in the U.S. Senate. Recently, I was instrumental in the enactment of the Grazing Improvement Act, which will provide much needed security to livestock producers all across the West.

Today, I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in recognizing the Wells Future Farmers of America, a group of driven young adults dedicated to Nevada's agriculture and rangeland. Their commitment to Nevada's agricultural future is commendable, and I wish them the best of luck in all of their future endeavors.●

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF JAMES CLEVELAND "JESSE" OWENS

On Tuesday, December 16, 2014, the Senate adopted S. Res. 226, with its preamble, as amended, as follows:

S. RES. 226

Whereas James Cleveland "Jesse" Owens was born on September 12, 1913 in Oakville, Alabama;

Whereas Jesse Owens, the youngest of 10 children of sharecroppers and the grandson of a slave, moved with his family at the age of 9 to Cleveland, Ohio as part of the Great Migration;

Whereas as a student at Fairmount Junior High School, Jesse Owens broke junior high school world records for the high jump and the broad jump;

Whereas Jesse Owens attended East Technical High School in Cleveland, Ohio where, as a member of the track team, he placed first in 75 of the 79 races he entered during his senior year, set the world record in the 220-yard dash, and tied the world record in the 100-yard dash;

Whereas Jesse Owens, the "Buckeye Bullet", matriculated at the Ohio State University in 1933 after attracting national attention as a high school athlete;

Whereas while attending classes, training, and breaking a number of track and field records, Jesse Owens worked various jobs, including as an elevator operator at the Ohio State Capitol, a waiter, a gas station attendant, and a library employee;

Whereas due to his race, Jesse Owens was barred from living on campus at the Ohio State University, denied service at restaurants near the University, and forced to stay in segregated hotels;

Whereas on May 25, 1935, in a 45-minute period during the Big Ten Track and Field Championships in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Jesse Owens, competing with an injured back, tied the world record in the 100-yard

dash and set new world records in the long jump, the 220-yard dash, and the 220-yard low hurdles;

Whereas as of the 2012 Summer Olympics, only two men had surpassed the long jump record Jesse Owens set in 1935;

Whereas at the 1936 Summer Olympics, Jesse Owens won 4 gold medals, tied the world record in the 100-meter dash, and set new Olympic records in the 200-meter race, the long jump, and the 400-meter relay;

Whereas Jesse Owens' resilience and heroic performance at the 1936 Summer Olympics exposed the struggle against racial bigotry and publicly defied Adolf Hitler's intention of proving that ethnicity was a predetermining factor for achievement;

Whereas the record-breaking performance by Jesse Owens at the 1936 Summer Olympics was never recognized by the 32nd President

of the United States or the 33rd President of the United States, but was later recognized in 1955 by the 34th President of the United States, who referred to Jesse Owens as an "Ambassador of Sport";

Whereas following his Olympic career, Jesse Owens resumed his commitment to public service by spending much of his time working with community groups such as the Boys Clubs of America, chronicling his personal story to magnify the importance of equality and civil rights;

Whereas during the 1950s, Jesse Owens worked with the Department of State to promote democracy abroad as an Ambassador of Goodwill during the Cold War and advocated for socioeconomic equality, individuality, freedom, and love of country;

Whereas Jesse Owens was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by the 38th

President of the United States in 1976 and the Living Legend Award by the 39th President of the United States in 1979, and was posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by the 41st President of the United States in 1990; and

Whereas the integrity, courage, and strength of character that Jesse Owens demonstrated remain an example for all people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors and celebrates the 100th anniversary of the birth of James Cleveland "Jesse" Owens; and

(2) supports and encourages the people of the United States to recognize the contributions of Jesse Owens to the Olympic Games, collegiate athletics, international race relations, and democracy.