

Let me again reiterate my gratitude for the wonderful work that the Crawford County Adult Education Center does each day. I congratulate the center on achieving this milestone as it celebrates 50 years of service, and I look forward to hearing many more success stories as a result of the center's ongoing work.●

RECOGNIZING THE IDAHO STATE POLICE

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, my colleague Senator JIM RISCH joins me today in honoring the Idaho State Police, ISP, of Meridian, ID, for being selected as a recipient of the 2016 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, known as the Freedom Award.

The U.S. Department of Defense indicates that the Freedom Award is the highest recognition it gives to employers for "exceptional support of their National Guard and Reserve employees." The ISP is one of only 15 employers chosen this year for this national recognition out of the 2,424 nominations submitted by National Guard and Reserve Servicemembers. U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter stated, "Without the unfaltering support of employers like them, the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve would not be able to fulfill their vital roles in our National Security Strategy." The Freedom Award has been given to 220 employers over the past 20 years.

Guard and Reserve members or their family members nominate employers for the Freedom Award. This makes the award especially meaningful, as nominators have direct knowledge of their treatment at work. The Department reported that Army National Guard Sgt. Sara Breckon, who suffered a concussion during Active-Duty training, nominated the ISP for this year's award. She described to the Department how her supervisor went the extra mile working with her medical team to assist with her progressive return to work, successful therapy, and recovery. Her coworkers also assisted by donating 80 hours of personal leave so she could receive her pay. Sergeant Breckon told the department, "It is a privilege to work for ISP as they set the bar for all leaders in the military and civilian sectors."

The Department of Defense also noted that the Idaho State Police actively recruits Guardsmen and Reservists through the Hero2Hired program, and 18 percent of the Idaho State Police workforce has served or is serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. The ISP joins a group of four Idaho employers selected for the award since the Freedom Award was established.

Being recognized as a great employer of Guardsmen and women and Reservists is a distinct accomplishment. We commend the Idaho State Police for setting a model leadership standard. The men and women who serve in the Guard and Reserve and their families

give immensely of their time and talents to serving our Nation. Their skills and commitment add great value to the workforce and our communities. This award is a tribute to the excellent treatment and regard Idaho employers have demonstrated to valued members of our communities. Congratulations to the Idaho State Police on this achievement.●

RECOGNIZING ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP COOPERATIVE EMPLOYEES

● Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize and thank Steve Robinson, Wesley Thames, David Baskin, James Abbott, Andrew Harris, and Ian Hansman. They work for Cowetta-Fayette EMC, and Cobb EMC, and Carroll EMC, electric cooperatives in the great State of Georgia.

In July, these gentlemen traveled to Costa Rica as volunteers for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association International Foundation. During their time in the town of Guanacaste, they helped construct an electric distribution system and worked alongside employees at the local electric co-op, Coopeguanacaste.

Along with local linemen, their volunteer efforts connected five families in Guanacaste with first-time access to electricity by building almost 2 kilometers of power lines. While working together, they shared safety and best construction practices with their counterparts at Coopeguanacaste.

Access to electric service for these families will improve their quality of life and allow them to compete in a growing and competitive economy. With electricity, these families can improve their livestock farming by preserving meats and dairy products, beginning their own businesses or selling at the market. This first-time access to electricity also will help with environmental conservation because residents will no longer need to burn wood and other traditional fuels for cooking and light.

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association International has been active in rural electrification development in Costa Rica since 1963, with direct involvement in the establishment of four electric cooperatives in Costa Rica. Today these co-ops serve approximately 200,000 consumer members.

Thanks to these volunteers, more families in the world now have a chance to a better life. Once again, thank you to these fine Georgians for their work, dedication, and selfless commitment to improving the lives of others.●

RECOGNIZING ROYAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

● Mr. SCOTT. Mr. President, I would like to congratulate and honor Royal Missionary Baptist Church in North Charleston, SC, for their 100th anniversary, which will be celebrated on September 25, 2016.

Originally founded in 1916 by Rev. Handy Washington, the Royal Missionary Baptist Church was first housed in the home of Sister Brooks. In its early years, many of the members worked together to construct their own building in Burton Quarters. The church then purchased their Pearson Street property and today is blessed with both the Pearson Sanctuary and their Luella Street property to better serve God.

Rev. Isaac J. Holt, Jr., has served the church as its pastor since 1993. Under his leadership, the church has prospered and expanded to such an extent that it was necessary to add two new services and build an additional sanctuary. The church has faithfully upheld its motto, "The Church where Everybody is Somebody But Christ is Essential," and proudly credits the guidance of Jesus and the Holy Spirit for their success. I acknowledge with pleasure the church's influence in North Charleston and recognize their growth and success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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 messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on September 12, 2016, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY) has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 2040. An act to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the enrolled bill was signed on September 12, 2016, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. CORNYN).

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:08 p.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, without amendment:

S. 1579. An act to enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower Native