

options, education on drug abuse for youth, and tools for prosecuting peddlers of synthetic drugs.

The Opioid Crisis Response Act addresses the front end of the problem through education and prevention and also tackles the back end through treatment and law enforcement solutions.

I would like to recognize my colleagues and thank them for their cooperative spirit and determined efforts to help develop and move this legislation forward.

Without reaching across the aisle and working together, we wouldn't be here.

In particular, I would like to thank Senator ALEXANDER and his staff for their leadership in making this happen.

I am proud of the work we have done so far and look forward to continuing our bipartisan effort.

Hopefully, this bill crosses the finish line, and we get the President's signature on a major piece of legislation.

We certainly haven't solved all of our drug problems, but I will continue to work hard to look for more ways that Congress can help, but for today, we can take a brief moment to recognize what we have done in passing this bill.

It is truly an important step in the right direction. This bill will serve Iowans and all Americans in our continued fight against the opioid crisis.

OPERATION TWIN LINKS

Mr. NELSON. Mr. President, on the 11th of November 2018, the world celebrates the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. America entered the Great War 2 years, 8 months, and 9 days after it started, but with our allies and through great sacrifice, defeated the Central Powers.

In honor of the Great War centennial, two men have served as thankful ambassadors from our oldest ally: France. Mr. Christophe de Goulaine and Mr. Pierre Lauvergeat have undertaken a historic effort named Operation Twin Links. In tribute to American World War I veterans and their families, the two men traveled almost 5,000 miles of American countryside on a fully restored 1918 Harley Davidson 1000 18-J motorcycle. This is the very model our servicemembers rode throughout the Western Front. It is also the same model that Corporal Roy Holtz of Chippewa Falls, WI, rode into Germany on November 12, 1918, in the famous photograph titled, "The first Yank and Harley to enter Germany." The motorcycle is named Bony, after the French commune which is home to Somme American Cemetery and Memorial, the final resting place for 1,844 American soldiers.

Operation Twin Link's historic journey of remembrance and thanks began at Fort Caroline National Memorial in Jacksonville, FL, which shares a special linkage as twin city to Nantes, France. From there, Bony traveled to the Harley Davidson Headquarters in Milwaukee, WI, then to Las Vegas, NV.

Along the way, these ambassadors made numerous stops, thanking Americans for their support during those dark times in history and reminding us all of the links shared between our two great nations. Bony's trip concluded on September 10, 2018, in Jacksonville, FL, where Mr. de Goulaine's ancestor, French explorer Rene de Goulaine de Laudonniere, founded the first European settlement in America.

As we near the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, I invite all Americans to remember the sacrifice of our great generation and our enduring allies in Europe. Furthermore, it is with gratitude and appreciation that I thank Mr. de Goulaine and Mr. Lauvergeat for reminding us of the deep friendship of the people of France and for undertaking this feat to bring home a symbol of American ingenuity, steadfastness, and resolve from World War I.

RECOGNIZING THE TRANSIENT REACTOR TEST FACILITY RESTART

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, along with my colleagues Senator JAMES RISCH and Representative MIKE SIMPSON, today I wish to call attention to an important event taking place today at the U.S. Department of Energy's, DOE, 890-square-mile site in Idaho. Today, Idaho National Laboratory, INL, personnel ran the first experiments in the Transient Reactor Test, TREAT, facility in nearly a quarter century.

Idaho National Laboratory is our Nation's lead nuclear energy research, development, and demonstration laboratory, the place where 52 original nuclear reactors were constructed and demonstrated. One of those reactors was the TREAT facility, which operated from 1959–1994, and remained fully fueled while on standby status. Transient testing focuses upon testing nuclear fuel under accident conditions. TREAT is one of the most capable and flexible transient test reactors in the world.

Following the accident at the Fukushima-Daiichi Power Plant in Japan 7 years ago, Congress directed the DOE to develop reactor fuels that could better withstand accident conditions. During TREAT's 35 operating years, the reactor performed 6,604 reactor startups and 2,884 transient irradiations. Given this history, it made more sense to restart the facility than build a new reactor. That decision paid off when, on August 31, 2017, the Resumption of Transient Testing Program was completed more than 1 year ahead of schedule and approximately \$17 million under budget.

This highly successful restart at the TREAT facility was recognized in August, when a joint DOE-INL team won the Secretary of Energy Award. This award recognizes DOE employees or contractors who accomplish significant achievements. It is the highest non-monetary internal recognition that can

be achieved at the DOE. U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry highlighted the TREAT restart team's effort and efficiency, and recognized the importance of the facility to nuclear energy scientists and engineers as they work to develop advanced nuclear fuels and reactor technologies.

Congratulations, INL and DOE, on the TREAT restart and for bringing back online an important national asset in the effort to develop the advanced nuclear reactors so vital to our economy, environment, and national security.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO CALEB FRARE

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing Caleb Frare of Custer County for becoming the most recent Montanan to play Major League Baseball.

Born in Billings, MT, Caleb, like most boys, dreamt of becoming a professional baseball player. Throughout his adolescent life, Caleb advanced in all levels of baseball. As a standout of the Miles City Outlaws baseball club, Caleb was on track to a promising career in baseball.

After graduation from Custer County High School in 2012, Caleb was drafted by the New York Yankees in the 11th round. Caleb was recently traded by the New York Yankees to the Chicago White Sox, where he played on their triple-A team out of Charlotte, NC. Caleb received the phone call he had so patiently been awaiting his whole life. The White Sox had called him up for his first Major League debut. In his debut, Caleb pitched a perfect inning in the Chicago White Sox's 8–0 win over the Boston Red Sox.

I congratulate Caleb on such a tremendous achievement and look forward to the many more milestones he will complete during his baseball career.●

TRIBUTE TO GARY JOHNSON

• Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize Mr. Gary Johnson on the occasion of his retirement. Gary has served as the airport director for the city of Stillwater Regional Airport, SWO for the past 32 years and has a lifelong dedication to the aviation community. Under his steady leadership, Stillwater Regional Airport has grown into one of Oklahoma's best general aviation and commercial airports. Earlier this year, Stillwater Regional Airport celebrated its 100,000th commercial passenger in less than 2 years—made possible because Gary brought regular commercial service back to the airport.

Gary began his career in aviation by graduating from Southeastern Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's of science in professional aviation-business. In addition to being a pilot, he started his own fixed based operator, the Stillwater Flight Center,