

climate change. Well, if the habitat is changing, usually the species will adapt also. Studies show that is happening. If the grizzly bears are short of white bark pine nuts, that doesn't mean they can compensate by eating livestock or attacking people. Let's be reasonable about this.

#### REMEMBERING DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, this Sunday, October 14, 2018, we celebrate the 128th birthday of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The last President born, in the 19th century, Ike came of age in both a changing nation and an ever-shrinking world. As Kansas' favorite son, Ike left an indelible mark on the Nation and on the world, from being appointed Supreme Allied Commander during the Second World War, to being duly elected as our President. Ike's character-driven experiences guided him in all of his workings.

Many remember important dates and events surrounding the life of General and President Eisenhower, but October 14, 1890, was probably like any other day in this changing Nation, and the world could not know that one of its staunchest supporters of peace and prosperity would be birthed on that day. President Eisenhower once said, "When you finally find something that must be done, impossibilities disappear and become merely major obstacles." This determination and dedicated belief in America brought Ike from our Nation's heartland in Abilene, KS, to the U.S. Military Academy, to an extraordinary career in the Army, and to the Nation's Capital as a newly elected President.

Among many attributes, Eisenhower embodied the undying American ideal that calls us to achieve more than the previous generation and to strive for a safer and more prosperous world for generations to come. Ike believed this to be his prime duty, and his determination and ability enabled him to achieve that goal. Eisenhower's historical achievements earned him the respect of most citizens in this Nation and from many around the globe.

As Americans, we owe a great deal to the man who led the U.S. and Allied Forces in the liberation of Europe and expelled from the world the evil of Hitler's Nazism. Moreover, Ike's legacy as President included the creation of the Interstate Highway System, NASA, the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, now known as HHS and the Department of Education, and the FAA. He also brought Alaska and Hawaii into the Union.

As the chairman of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, I am pleased to report that the national memorialization of President and General Eisenhower is well underway and that the construction of the memorial honoring Ike is near the halfway point of completion. We have a dedication scheduled for May 8, 2020, marking the 75th anniversary of the Allied victory

in Europe during the Second World War.

Today I ask my fellow citizens and Senators to celebrate and memorialize this outstanding president, Kansan, and American by wishing Ike a happy 128th birthday.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING CENTRAL VALLEY SCHOOL

• Ms. HEITKAMP. Mr. President, I want to congratulate the students, faculty, and parents of Central Valley School, located in Buxton, North Dakota, on being awarded the 2018 National Blue Ribbon School Award.

Founded in 1982, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students perform at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students' academic achievement. A National Blue Ribbon Schools flag overhead has become a mark of excellence in education recognized by everyone from parents to policymakers in thousands of communities. Since the program's founding, the U.S. Department of Education has bestowed this coveted award to more than 8,500 of America's best schools.

Central Valley School serves roughly 196 students and was one of three schools in North Dakota to receive the honor of Exemplary High Performing School in 2018. Receiving recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School signifies the hard work and dedication of the educators, students and parents involved, and I have no doubt the students at Central Valley School are on a path to success. At Central Valley School, teachers focus on each individual student using their multi-tiered system of support. This personalized teaching can consist of one-on-one with students to focused instructional help from a web-based program. The faculty meets eight times a year to assess what certain students might need to be successful. Central Valley's innovative commitment to developing student potential has resulted in high student outcomes for which we can all be proud.

Central Valley School holds true to its motto, "A Commitment to Educational Excellence for Students, Staff, and Community: Achievement; Enhancement; Involvement," by constantly looking at the needs of each individual student. I wish the very best to the community of Buxton and congratulations to all engaged at Central Valley School for achieving this high honor. Thank you for your commitment to our children and leaders of tomorrow.●

##### RECOGNIZING FREEDOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

• Ms. HEITKAMP. Mr. President, I want to congratulate the students, fac-

ulty, and parents of Freedom Elementary School, located in West Fargo, ND, on being awarded the 2018 National Blue Ribbon School Award.

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Freedom Elementary School serves nearly 495 students and was one of 3 schools in North Dakota to receive the honor of Exemplary High Performing School in 2018. Receiving recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School signifies the hard work and dedication of the educators, students, and parents involved, and I have no doubt the students at Freedom Elementary are on a path to success. The school's theme is RICK, which stands for respect, inclusion, compassion, and kindness, which helps ensure all students have the best possible learning environment and treat each other with dignity. They have been successful in developing caring, thoughtful, and respectful students through promoting the RICK philosophy and by incentivizing good behavior and promoting togetherness with various awards and competitions.

The West Fargo Public Schools mission statement reads, "Educating today's learners for tomorrow's world." This mission embodies all that Freedom Elementary is working to accomplish by providing a healthy and respectful learning environment that leads to success. I wish the very best to the community of West Fargo and congratulations to all engaged at Freedom Elementary for achieving this high honor. Thank you for your commitment to our children and leaders of tomorrow.●

##### RECOGNIZING RICHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

• Ms. HEITKAMP. Mr. President, I want to congratulate the students, faculty, and parents of Richland Elementary School, located in Abercrombie, ND, on being awarded the 2018 National Blue Ribbon School Award.

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