

ATHLETES NOMINATED TO THE 2000
PARALYMPIC ATHLETICS TEAM

Rodney Anderson, Daniel Andrews, Ken Bair, Bob Balk, Lisa Banta, Jennifer Barrett, Cheri Beccerra, Thomas Becke, Trent Blair, Cheri Blauwet, John Brewer, Ted Bridis, Shawn Brown, Jeremy Burleson, Bert Burns, Lynne K. Carlton, Joseph Christmas, Wiley Clark, Ed Cockrell, Shea Cowart, Keith Davis, Ross Davis, Troy Davis, Gabriel Diaz DeLeon, Barton Dodson, Jean Driscoll, Rob Evans, Mark Fenn, Brian Frasure, Jessica Galli, Roderick Green, Deborah Hearn, Jacob Heilveil, Doug Heir, Scott Hollonbeck, and Larry Hughes.

Tony Iniguez, Val Jacobson, Eric Kaiser, Michael Keohane, Dave Larson, Jeff Lauterbach, Cheryl Leitner, Joseph LeMar, Arthur Lewis, Kenneth Marshall, Vince Martin, Pan McGonigle, Asya Miller, Royal Mitchell, Nancy Moloff, Edward Munro, Lindsay Nielsen, Paul Nitz, Albert Reed, Freeman Register, John Register, Ian Rice, Rich Ruffalo, Payam Saadat, William Schneider, Marlon Shirley, Judy Siegle, Matthew Smith, Amie Stanton, Laura Terry, Tony Volpentef, Lynn Wachtell, Chris Waddell, Tim Willis, and Dana Zimmerman.●

FARGO-MOORHEAD, ALL-
AMERICAN CITY

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise to congratulate the City of Fargo, North Dakota, on its recent selection with neighboring Moorhead, Minnesota, as an All-American City by the National Civic League.

This is a prestigious but well deserved honor. The Fargo-Moorhead metro area is one of the most vital and fastest growing in the Upper Great Plains. The region is home to three highly respected colleges and universities. It is a major medical and commercial center. And in recent years, the area has seen remarkable growth in high technology.

But modern infrastructure and economic vitality are only part of the story of this award. Fargo was recently ranked the best medium-sized city in America in which to raise children. It offers the sort of civil society with safe streets, strong families, and functioning and responsive government that comes to mind when people all over this country think of what it means to live in America's heartland.

It was pleasant news but no surprise that Fargo-Moorhead was one of 10 communities that were winners in the national All-America City competition, hosted by the National Civic League. The league could not have chosen better.

As I have discussed on the Senate floor, recent storms dumped over seven inches of rain on Fargo in just over seven hours, inundating the city and causing hundreds of millions of dollars of damage. These torrential rains have also meant something else, however—another chance for the area's residents to show their resilience, compassion, and community spirit. Already, Fargo-Moorhead is coming back, stronger than ever.

Mr. President, I would like to pay special tribute to the cooperation between Fargo and its sister city to the

east, Moorhead. Rather than a basis for rivalry, the proximity and common experience of Fargo and Moorhead have proven compelling rationales for cooperation. The joint award to Fargo and Moorhead of All-America City honors recognizes the daily cooperation and friendship that characterizes relations between these neighboring communities.

Numerous volunteers invested thousands of hours of work in preparations for the recent competition, and deserve sincere thanks. Let me make special note of the efforts of Fargo Mayor Bruce Furness and Moorhead Mayor Morris Lanning for their leadership and vision. In helping to make this award a reality, they are allowing the nation to see what we in North Dakota and Minnesota have known for years—that Fargo-Moorhead is shining example of the American dream made reality, a truly All-America City.

Again, on behalf of the United States Senate, I offer my most sincere congratulations to Fargo and Moorhead for being recognized as an All-America City.●

HONORING ARDYCE HABEGER
SAMP

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to publicly commend Ardyce Habeger Samp of Flandreau, South Dakota on being named for the prestigious 2000 Dakota Conference Award for Distinguished Contribution to the Preservation of Cultural Heritage of South Dakota and the Northern Plains.

Ms. Samp is a freelance writer, with more than 125 published short stories and two books, entitled "When Coffee Was a Nickel" and "Penny Candy Days." She is an active member of her community, serving on various boards, clubs and church organizations.

This past May, Governor Bill Janklow issued an honorary executive proclamation, declaring May 26, 2000 "Ardyce Habeger Samp Day." Also recently, Ms. Samp received the prestigious 2000 Dakota Conference Award for Distinguished Contribution to the Preservation of Cultural Heritage of South Dakota and the Northern Plains.

Mr. President, Ardyce Samp's scholarship and literary talents have enhanced the lives of South Dakotans. Her role in community leadership serves as a model for other South Dakotans to emulate. We are grateful for her continued work to tell the story of the Northern Plains. I am pleased to be able to share her story with my colleagues and to be able to publicly commend her work.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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 nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:47 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1304. An act to ensure and foster continued patient safety and quality of care by making the antitrust laws apply to negotiations between groups of health care professionals and health plans and health insurance issuers in the same manner as such laws apply to collective bargaining by labor organizations under the National Labor Relations Act.

The message also announced that the House of Representatives has passed the following concurrent resolutions, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 125. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 5(a) of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Act (36 U.S.C. 101 note), the Speaker has appointed the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: Mr. LAHOOD of Illinois and, in addition, Ms. Joan Flinspach of Indiana and Mr. James R. Thompson of Illinois.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 5(a) of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Act (36 U.S.C. 101 note), the Minority Leader appoints the following individuals to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: Mr. David Phelps of Illinois and Ms. Louise Taper of California.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4425. An act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

MEASURE PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4680. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program, to modernize the Medicare Program, and for other purposes.