

attendees and their families to experience and enjoy the many educational, social, and culinary offerings that will be available.

Fiesta is organized and coordinated by Fiesta Indianapolis Inc., a non-profit volunteer organization. Fiesta's mission is to promote and preserve Hispanic culture in central Indiana. Executive Director Carmen DeRusha has done outstanding work to coordinate Fiesta 2002, and I am thankful to her for her leadership in organizing the many individuals, groups, and businesses that are a part of this event.

I am so pleased to join in this celebration, and I welcome the opportunity to be a part of Fiesta 2002. The success and longevity of the Fiesta event is attributable to the growth and strength of the Hispanic presence in Indiana, and to the dedication and commitment of everyone involved planning Fiesta 2002.

Fiesta 2002 is important for the Hoosier State and I want to share with my colleagues in the Senate my support for this great event. The Hispanic community is strong in Indiana and growing stronger every day. Fiesta 2002 is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Hispanic heritage and to celebrate their rich and vibrant traditions that broaden and strengthen the fabric of our community in Indiana.●

NORMA EUDORA CRONK

● Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Norma Eudora Cronk Dickson. On October 16th, 2002 she will celebrate her 100th birthday. Norma is a resident of Chinook, MT.

Norma Dickson was born October 16, 1902. She was the eldest of four children born to John Colburn Cronk and Anna Rogers Cronk. John and Anna Cronk moved to Montana in 1898, and settled in the Milk River Valley in Coburg, MT. Her parents were ranchers and prominent members of the community. Her father John was elected state representative in Montana in 1923. Her parents raised cattle and prize winning Percheron horses. The livestock pavilion at the Blaine County Fairgrounds was dedicated to her father's memory.

Norma attended college and taught for a few years prior to her marriage in 1928 to Dr. Joseph Robert Dickson, another Montana native who practiced dentistry in Chinook, Montana.

Norma and Dr. Dickson had four children; Joseph Robert Dickson Jr., Marilyn Dickson Gregg, James Cronk Dickson, and George William Hunt Dickson. They also have thirteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

In addition to Norma's dedication to her family, she has been very active in her community of Chinook, MT. Her involvements include the Eastern Star, Chinook Presbyterian Church, and High School Girl's State. She has also worked at the Chinook Senior Center as a volunteer from its inception until

she was 97 years old. Finally, she was named Senior of the Year in Chinook. She is a treasure to her community, her State, and of course, to her family.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO D.C. MURPHY

● Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate D.C. Murphy of Nampa, ID on his recent achievement of driving two million miles without a preventable accident. Put into perspective, that is equivalent to driving around the world eighty times, or driving 275 miles every day for the last twenty years. As I am sure you can imagine, this is an incredible feat. Over the twenty years he has been employed by Yellow Transportation, the roads have become increasingly crowded. To travel as many miles as he has without an avoidable accident is an achievement of which he should be very proud.

Over the last twenty years there has been a 39 percent increase in the number of registered large trucks, and at the same time also a 90 percent increase in the number of miles these trucks traveled. It is a credit to the trucking industry, D.C. Murphy, and other truckers with similar responsible driving habits that even though there are more trucks than ever before on the road, the number of accidents has continued to decrease.

Again, let me commend D.C. Murphy on this accomplishment. I would like to wish him continued safety for as long as he is on the road.●

IN MEMORY OF SAM SIMMONS, SHERIFF OF GREENVILLE, SC

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I received sad news from my home State last week. Sam Simmons, the sheriff of Greenville, SC, was tragically taken from us. Sheriff Simmons was a tremendous public servant and long-time friend to law enforcement. He began his law enforcement career at the age of 20 and served his community and state for nearly 29 years in this field.

During his career, this tenacious, yet soft-spoken man worked his way up through the ranks in the Greenville County Sheriff's Office from dispatcher to the top law enforcement officer for Greenville County. I had the opportunity to work with Sheriff Simmons and his staff over the years and knew him to be an extraordinary example of how law enforcement officials should conduct both themselves and their departments.

Last week, several police officers in Sheriff Simmons' department called him a "lawman's lawman." I echo these sentiments and offer my heartfelt condolences to his wife, Mona, and their family.●

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 12:46 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4797. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 265 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, as the "Nat King Cole Post Office".

H.R. 5157. An act to amend section 5307 of title 49, United States Code, to allow transit systems in urbanized areas that, for the first time, exceeded 200,000 in population according to the 2000 census to retain flexibility in the use of Federal transit formula grants in fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5336. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 380 Main Street in Farmingdale, New York, as the "Peter J. Ganci, Jr. Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 442. Concurrent resolution recognizing the American Road and Transportation Builders Association for reaching its 100th Anniversary and for the many vital contributions of its members in the transportation construction industry to the American economy and quality of life through the multi-modal transportation infrastructure network its members have designed, built, and managed over the past century.

H. Con. Res. 401. Concurrent resolution recognizing the heroism and courage displayed by airline flight attendants each day.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 503(b)(3) of the National Skill Standards Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 5933), and upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, the Speaker reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the National Skill Standards Board for a 4-year term: Mr. William E. Weisgerber of Iona, Michigan.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4797. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 265 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, as the "Nat King Cole Post Office"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.