

of these children. They have established two adoption placement centers in Romania. Moreover, they have inspired others to open their hearts and homes to the orphaned children of Romania.

I want to applaud Dennis and Debbie Sparrow for their devotion to helping adoptive parents and children. These "Angels in Adoption" have not only made a difference in hundreds of young lives, but they have also raised the awareness of the benefits of adoption. The hard work of these angels is an inspiration to others and a blessing to the children whose lives they have touched.●

#### CONGRATULATIONS ON THE 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF UPS

● Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, today I congratulate United Parcel Service on the occasion of its 95th anniversary, and to ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of one of the Nation's most successful companies, a company that employs more than 371,000 men and women worldwide.

UPS was founded on August 28, 1907, in a small office under a sidewalk in Seattle, WA, where founder Jim Casey started what has become the largest transportation company in the world. Now headquartered in Atlanta, GA, UPS is considered the world leader in package delivery, and has been recognized for 4 straight years as the "World's Most Admired Delivery Company" by Fortune magazine.

Customers around the globe rely on UPS to ship nearly 13 million packages a day, creating a volume of 3.4 billion packages annually. UPS.com is one of the busiest websites on the Internet, allowing customers to enhance the customer service and efficiency of their e-commerce.

And UPS employees are among the best in the business, a result of working in an environment that enables growth and opportunity. In return, UPSers provide countless hours of volunteerism to organizations such as the United Way. In fact, last year alone, employees donated more than \$50 million to the United Way, more than any corporation in the 115-year history of the United Way.

The true spirit of UPS is shown in the legacy carried out by its employees over the last 95 years. UPS is an example of what's right in corporate America today, and I am proud to congratulate them on 95 years of exemplary service.●

#### WELCOMING BOETTGER BABY

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise today to announce the birth of a fine young lady, Emily Copeland Boettger. Emily is the first child of Scott and Sally Boettger, and was born on May 8, 2002. Scott and Sally live in Hailey, ID, and are active in natural resources and environmental issues in the State.

Scott serves as the Executive Director of the Wood River Land Trust, and Sally serves as the Director of Development of The Nature Conservancy in Idaho. I have spent time in the Boettger's home and enjoyed their expertise and experience in outdoor activities. I'm happy to report that mother, father, and baby are doing well, although Scott and Sally are probably getting used to fewer hours of sleep.

Emily is the granddaughter of Cherry and William F. Gillespie, III, of Wilmington, DE, and Doug and Gail Boettger of Spring City, PA. I know they join with me in sending best wishes and welcome greetings to young Emily.

It is always a joyous event to bring a new family member into the world. Emily has been much-anticipated and has held a place in the hearts of her parents and family for many months now as they have awaited her arrival. As the father of five myself, I know that Scott and Sally are in for a most remarkable, frustrating, rewarding, and exciting experience of their lives. Emily will make certain of that. Our best wishes go out to the Boettger family on this most auspicious occasion.●

#### IN MEMORY OF IRA YELLIN

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I would like to take this moment to reflect on the rich life and legacy of an exceptional Los Angeles leader and friend, Ira Yellin.

Ira died of cancer on September 10, 2002, of complications from lung cancer at his home in Santa Monica Canyon. He was 62 years old. This was a sad day for so many people throughout California, whose lives were touched by Ira's unyielding commitment to making our community a more beautiful and better place to live.

Although a strong supporter of many civic organizations, Ira was most well-known for his extraordinary dedication to restoration of several of Los Angeles's historic gems. While eating at Grand Central Market, waiting for a train at Union Station or admiring the beautiful restoration of City Hall, we have Ira to thank for helping to restore and maintain these wonderful places. Those who have visited Los Angeles' recently dedicated Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels may also thank Ira, for playing a role in its design.

Born in 1940 near Boston, MA, and raised in Van Nuys, CA, Ira often visited downtown Los Angeles with his father, who instilled in his son the passion for city life and the importance of making the world a better place. Years later, Ira attended Princeton University and Harvard Law School, and returned to California where he received a master's degree in law from the University of California, Berkeley. After he finished his studies, he spent a year in the Marines before settling in Los Angeles.

In 1967, Ira worked as a lawyer at a Beverly Hills firm while helping to run

a non-profit legal advocacy organization. Then, in 1975, he left the firm to work in real estate development and management, overseeing building projects throughout California and on Los Angeles' Westside. However, Ira realized he was more drawn to downtown buildings in need of restoration than the state-of-the-art build on Los Angeles' affluent Westside. In 1985, Ira began his own real estate firm and dedicated his life to the revival of buildings throughout Los Angeles.

Ira's passion for turning neglected buildings into treasures for the community made him a great asset to Los Angeles. His dedication to community service benefitted many cultural and civic organizations. Ira was active with the Skirball Cultural Center, the J. Paul Getty Trust and served as past president of the American Jewish Committee.

I will miss Ira Yellin. Until the very end, he pursued his vision and turned dreams into realities. Although his presence will be greatly missed, his wonderful work will be long remembered for generations to come.●

#### ON THE WORK OF ATF SPECIAL AGENT JOHN CARR 2002 MEDAL OF VALOR RECIPIENT

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am proud today to recognize the courage of Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, ATF, Special Agent John Carr, who was recently honored with the Federal Bar Association's, FBA, distinguished 2002 Medal of Valor Award in Los Angeles. For the past 13 years, the FBA has presented the award to federal employees who demonstrate outstanding service in their field of work.

Special Agent Carr earned his award for working undercover to catch violent gang members staging a series of home invasion robberies. Carr transformed his look, acquainted himself with the criminals, and pretended to help them in their operation. Carr gave the criminals false information, which led them to traps planned by the ATF. Thanks to Carr's work, many dangerous criminals were caught and taken off our streets.

John Carr risked his life working on this assignment. There are not many people who would make such a great sacrifice for others to feel safe in their homes. Through his courage, bravery and steadfast dedication, Carr prevailed in the face of danger. I extend my sincere congratulations to John Carr on this honor, and thank him for his great work.●

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO NICK COSMA

● Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I rise today to offer my most sincere words of support and encouragement to Mr. Nick Cosma. Today Nick will stand and take his oath to become a citizen of the United States.