

Thirty years ago today in a Dayton, OH office building, a team of employees and consultants developed the world's first full-text commercial search engine to use for legal research. LexisNexis thus launched the first on-line legal research system, an innovation that revolutionized the way legal and business professionals, government officials, and academics conduct online legal and business research.

This special milestone offers a unique opportunity to reflect on the company's tradition of innovation and to look with optimism to the future. Today, LexisNexis is a global leader in legal, news and business information services, a distinction supported by product lines that date back more than a century.

With more than 3,000 employees in Ohio and over 13,000 employees worldwide, LexisNexis has enhanced the quality of life within the communities where it employees live and work, and it is truly deserving of high praise. I am certain that as this worthy enterprise maintains its commitment to deliver superior services and solutions to its customers, it will continue to grow and prosper and will follow in the tradition of innovation which has long been the hallmark of the company.

Thus, with sincere pleasure, I congratulate LexisNexis on this Thirtieth Anniversary and extend best wishes for the future.●

LEXIS-NEXIS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize LexisNexis, an Ohio company celebrating a very important milestone. LexisNexis, the first commercial, full-text legal information service, is celebrating its 30th anniversary today. This company, headquartered in Dayton, provides a service that has become an indispensable information resource to a wide range of professionals, not only in many of our congressional offices, but also in the legal, business, and academic arenas.

In an era when many professionals frequented the library looking for the necessary documents, LexisNexis introduced desktop terminals that allowed subscribers to call up a variety of documents from their desks, making LexisNexis the preferred search engine of countless professionals. Today, the LexisNexis continues to revolutionize legal research by providing its over 1.6 million subscribers with up-to-date information covering a variety of topics, from worldwide newspapers and magazines to tax and accounting information and legislative records. Currently, there are an astounding 2 billion documents available in the LexisNexis database, with 6.8 million documents added each week, providing its subscribers with a wealth of knowledge.

I commend LexisNexis on the success it has achieved over the past 30 years and wish the company, and all of its 13,000 employees worldwide, continued

success in delivering high-quality, invaluable resources and information.●

HONORING THE UNITED PARCEL SERVICE

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I have the privilege and honor of rising today to recognize the United Parcel Service, UPS. Recently, the Women's Business Enterprise National Council named UPS an "Elite Eight" member.

Each year the Women's Business Enterprise National Council selects and recognizes the efforts of eight companies that actively seek business contacts with companies owned and operated by women. For the second consecutive year, UPS is the recipient of this distinguished industry award.

One element specifically praised by the council was UPS's Supplier Diversity Program. This exceptional program was formally launched in 1992 as a way of promoting business opportunities through UPS contracts to companies either owned by minorities or women. Contracts with the 25,000 businesses included in this program vary from legal services and advertising to computers and uniforms.

Late last year, UPS completed a \$1 billion expansion of the UPS Worldport facility at the Louisville International Airport located in Louisville, KY. I am pleased that more than 40 Supplier Diversity Program participating businesses were involved in the completion of this project.

Since the creation of the company in 1972, UPS has received multiple recognitions for its commitment to community development and improvement. These numerous awards and distinctions are well deserved, and UPS should be commended for this commitment.●

THE CELEBRATION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL AND ACADEMY

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, today it is my great pleasure to congratulate the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy for 125 years of excellence in education. On April 4, 2003, faculty, students, and members of the community will gather to commemorate not only U of D Jesuit's achievements in education, but also its commitment to the community of Detroit.

For 125 years, the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy has provided expanding educational opportunities to a wide array of students across the Detroit metropolitan area. Since its founding in 1877, U of D Jesuit has continually increased its academic offerings to students. The school added an academy serving seventh and eighth grade students in 1973 and is now known as one of Michigan's premier private college preparatory schools.

In 1977, U of D Jesuit made the critical decision to remain in Detroit. De-

spite pressure from teachers and alumni to move the school out of the city, the Jesuits in Rome urged the school to remain in Detroit to continue pursuing their mission of justice in education. Since then, U of D Jesuit has strived to offer its students a rich multicultural environment while also providing a challenging and meaningful educational experience. The diversity that now exists within the school is both an incredible asset and an essential component of its character.

Today, U of D Jesuit offers its students excellent educational opportunities while teaching them the importance of diversity and commitment to their community. The student body at U of D Jesuit draws from nearly 70 different communities in the Detroit metropolitan area. Students come from a variety of religious and cultural backgrounds, yet they all share the common goal of improving their school and community. The University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy truly demonstrates an unwavering commitment to shaping young men into "Men for Others."

I am pleased to join with my colleagues in the Senate in offering my deepest congratulations to the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy as they celebrate 125 years of commitment to the Detroit area and excellence in education. I wish them continued success in the future.●

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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committee.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, 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. 289. An act to expand the boundaries of the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Complex and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.

H.R. 622. An act to provide for exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona, and for other purposes.

H.R. 758. An act to allow all businesses to make up to 24 transfers each month from interest-bearing transaction accounts to other transaction accounts, to require the payment of interest on reserves held for depository institution at Federal reserve banks, and for other purposes.