

I am particularly proud that the Northwest Research and Education Institute recently completed their application and received their accreditation. The accreditation is a stamp of quality approval that puts the Northwest Research and Education Institute in a league with medical schools, professional societies and other organizations which offer the highest standards of continuing medical education.

I am proud of the accomplishments of the Institute already and I am confident that the Institute will continue to accomplish its goals of providing quality continuing medical education programs to Montana's medical community.●

RETIREMENT OF ROBBIE CALLAWAY

● Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, after 33 years of extraordinary service to America's young people, Robbie Callaway, senior vice president of government relations at the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, is moving on. Robbie's dedication to positive change and helping others has been truly inspiring. He has been a magnificent advocate for children and for the Boys & Girls Clubs in Utah and all over the country.

Robbie's untiring commitment to youth and disadvantaged communities goes back much further and encompasses much more than just his time with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Beginning as a juvenile justice advocate at the National Youth Work Alliance, Robbie rose to be the executive director of that coalition of community based youth service agencies. In 1982, he cofounded the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and continues to serve on its board of directors. He also recently assisted the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation in bringing baseball, America's pastime, to underprivileged children. In all of these endeavors, Robbie has left an ongoing legacy of hope and inspiration.

Today, there are probably only a handful of people in Congress who do not know Robbie Callaway. He played a pivotal role in the passage of national Amber Alert legislation. He has been instrumental in expanding both the resources and reach of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, including increasing the number of clubs in public housing facilities and onto Indian reservations. Robbie Callaway's character, built on honesty and integrity, has earned him and the organizations he has served the trust of Congress.

Although Robbie is leaving his position with the Boys & Girls Clubs, his passion for helping others remains. In his new career, he will join with a dedicated group of individuals pursuing a cure for cancer. Having witnessed Robbie's determination, I believe he can succeed.

It was a pleasure to work with Robbie Callaway and to help the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. We will miss Robbie's passion for children and for

the Boys & Girls Clubs movement. I hope to work with him in his new pursuits, and I wish him great success and happiness, now and in the future.●

TRIBUTE TO MR. ALAN NEWMAN, FOREST SUPERVISOR OF THE OUACHITA NATIONAL FOREST

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, I rise today in tribute to Mr. Alan Newman, Forest Supervisor of the Ouachita National Forest, who will retire on January 3, 2006, after more than 32 years with the U.S. Forest Service. Prior to his 10 years of service to Ouachita National Forest, Alan worked as the Forest Supervisor and Deputy Forest Supervisor of the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas and has also served with the U.S. Forest Service in Wisconsin, Michigan, Tennessee, and Kentucky. He also served as a C-130 pilot in the Air Force for 5 years including 2 years of active duty in Vietnam.

Alan has been an asset to the Ouachita National Forest throughout his tenure as Forest Supervisor. He successfully led an effort to finalize the largest land exchange in the history of the U.S. Forest Service—the Arkansas/Oklahoma land exchange of 1996. Alan has also been extremely instrumental in the restoration of historic Camp Ouachita, a former Girl Scout Camp built by the Civilian Conservation Corps, CCC, and the Works Progress Administration, WPA, and listed on the National Historic Register. It is only through his strong commitment and leadership that Camp Ouachita is now available for public use. Restoration included restoring the Camp Ouachita lodge and facilities to usable condition, while adhering to national historic standards. Alan leaves a lasting legacy with the restoration of these structures.

In 2001, the Ouachita National Forest suffered tremendous damage due to an unprecedented ice storm. Alan led the forest through a major salvage sale program designed to restore ecological health to the forest. He has fostered strong, positive working relationships with a variety of partners across Arkansas and Oklahoma. Recently, the Ouachita National Forest Plan was successfully completed in record time and with significant public involvement.

Alan's work is testament to his commitment to natural resource management. He leaves the 1.8 million acres of the Ouachita National Forest in extremely good condition. I appreciate Alan's commitment and dedication and wish him and his family well in retirement.●

UNO MAVS WIN NCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER TITLE

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, today I want to share with my colleagues that after 4 years of earning

their way to the Final Four and into two national championship matches, the University of Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks women's soccer team won their first ever national title in Wichita Falls, TX.

In their season's first overtime match, Brandi Beale scored the game-winning shot to seal the Mavs' victory. The 2005 UNO women's soccer team is the first ever Nebraska soccer team to win a national title. Meghan Pile, a senior who has played in all four final fours said it best with her statement, "It's the only way to go out."

The team is ecstatic over their victory, and so am I. On behalf of all Nebraskans and myself, I want to congratulate these women and the coaching staff for their enormous success.●

HONORING VINE DELORIA JR.

● Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I rise to honor and celebrate the remarkable life and legacy of Vine Deloria, one of the most influential American Indian people of our time, who through his writings and activism reframed the social debate about the identity of Native American people.

Deloria was born in South Dakota in 1933 to a distinguished Yankton Sioux family. He served in the Marines and graduated from Iowa State University. He earned a master's degree from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, initially planning to become a minister. He then went on to earn a law degree from CU in 1970. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Barbara; two sons, Philip and Daniel; a daughter, Jeanne Deloria; a brother, Philip; a sister, Barbara Sanchez; and seven grandchildren.

Deloria began his writing and advocacy work as executive director of the National Congress of American Indians, NCAI, in 1964. The 1960s were a crucial era for American Indians, as their community leaders worked together to combat the cumulative legacy of desperate economic conditions, political disenfranchisement, and religious repression on the reservations. While at NCAI, he challenged the century-old Federal assimilation policies of termination and relocation, and helped set the foundation for the American Indian civil rights movement in the late 1960s and early 1970s. His leadership at NCAI marked a turning point in American Indian policy.

Mr. Deloria opened the Nation's eyes both to wrongs it had wrought on American Indian people and to the solutions available to mend the disparities. Among the many areas of American Indian policy issues that he influenced, he helped to craft the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, the Indian Self-Governance Act, and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

His political passion also drove him to write the transformative 1969 book "Custer Died for Your Sins," which helped frame the modern debate about

the boundaries of sovereignty for modern Indian nations. The book also challenged the Federal Government's unjust treatment of our Nation's tribal governments. When academic critics challenged his intellect and sophistication, he responded by writing "The Metaphysics of Modern Existence." A lively discussion with Vine was an invigorating and thought-provoking sport enriched by his extraordinary and pointed sense of humor.

Deloria taught history at the University of Arizona from 1978 to 1990 and then at the University of Colorado, where he taught until his retirement in 2000.

In 2002, Deloria received the Wallace Stegner Award, the highest honor presented by CU-Boulder's Center for the American West. The inscription on Deloria's award, given to people who have made a sustained contribution to the cultural identity of the West, reads as follows:

Always grounded in the stories told by plains and ridges of your Sioux homeland, and guided by your vision of tribal sovereignty, you have become a hero for the ages in Indian country and far beyond, you have changed the West and the world through your activism during the termination crisis, your spirited leadership ever since, your vast and influential writings, and your encompassing mind and matchless courage.

I rise today on the floor of the Senate to honor and celebrate the life's work of Vine Deloria, Jr. We are a better, stronger people for having been blessed with his wisdom.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. PHILLIP A. SINGERMAN

● Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Phillip A. Singerman on his very successful tenure as executive director of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO). Dr. Singerman recently announced his intention to step down from this position at the end of the year.

The Maryland General Assembly created TEDCO in 1999 as a quasi-State investment corporation to facilitate business growth and foster technology transfer. When Dr. Singerman came from the U.S. Department of Commerce to lead TEDCO in 1999, its budget was approximately \$650,000. Since Dr. Singerman began, TEDCO's assets have increased nearly ten fold. Through Dr. Singerman's leadership and drive, TEDCO created innovative partnerships between Maryland's large and growing high-tech Federal sector and start-up businesses that allowed the private sector to harness and grow applications for the cutting-edge technologies developed by the Federal Government. This work has also allowed Maryland businesses to work with the Federal Government to "spin-in" technology—connecting the best of the private sector's technology expertise to

our Federal sector on behalf of our national interest.

Through these and other efforts, TEDCO has gained a national reputation. For the last 2 years, it has been recognized by Entrepreneur Magazine as the leading backer of seed and early stage companies in the country. In fact, TEDCO's investments have been so successful that a company receiving its seed funding now typically receives 25 times that initial amount from other venture capital firms and the Federal Government over the following 3 years. In short, Dr. Singerman has done a tremendous amount to bolster Maryland's preeminent role as a national center of excellence for high technology innovation. As Richard C. "Mike" Lewin, former head of the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development put it in a recent Baltimore Sun article: "[h]e made TEDCO from scratch what it is today, the most effective technology development operation in the country."

Mr. President, I am proud to have worked with Dr. Singerman over the last 6 years. His contribution to the State of Maryland and to our Nation cannot be overstated, and I wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors. I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the entire Baltimore Sun article about Dr. Singerman's tenure as executive director of TEDCO quoted above.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Baltimore Sun, Dec. 14, 2005]
MD. TECH AGENCY'S DIRECTOR RESIGNS
(By Tricia Bishop and David Nitkin)

Phillip A. Singerman, who guided a quasi-state technology development agency from the dot-com bust into the era of homeland security-related startups, has resigned as its executive director.

In his six years leading the Maryland Technology Development Corp., the former assistant secretary of the U.S. Commerce Department in the Clinton administration helped TEDCO support tech companies with everything from promotion to venture capital. TEDCO is considered one of the top early-stage investors in the country.

"TEDCO's programs have now proven their effectiveness, the organization has achieved a new level of stability, and a competent and energetic staff has been put in place," Singerman wrote in a letter he submitted Monday to the agency's board of directors.

"The organizational tasks now facing TEDCO are more administrative and less, entrepreneurial. Therefore," he said, "I believe the time is now appropriate for me to seek new professional challenges."

Singerman, who was appointed to his post in August 1999 by Democratic Gov. Parris N. Glendening, did not return phone calls yesterday. His last day as executive director will be Dec. 31.

Renee M. Winsky, the group's deputy executive director, will likely step in to fill the position on an interim basis after that, although a formal announcement has yet to be made.

Because Singerman was well-respected, some of those disappointed by the resignation saw it as the result of political pressure. However, unlike, other recent turnovers at

state agencies, the immediate reaction was muted.

The Maryland General Assembly created the organization in 1998, with the dot-com boom in full flower and bright kids with big ideas becoming instant millionaires. TEDCO was given the job of moving technology being developed within the state's universities and federal laboratories into the commercial world.

"It doesn't happen through osmosis. There has to be an organization that is intensely focused on making it happen," said Penny Lewandowski, an executive with the Edward Lowe Foundation in Michigan and a former executive director of the Greater Baltimore Technology Council. She was among the first people Singerman met when he took the TEDCO post.

"He had a real understanding of the mission and what they set out to do," Lewandowski said. "For somebody, to be able to pull out these companies and give them the help that they needed and really put them on the map something that we hadn't seen before."

Several TEDCO board members expressed surprise at Singerman's resignation, although talks had been going on as to how the seven-year-old group could best progress.

"I think [TEDCO] has done an excellent job of getting us to what I will call the first phase of this commercialization effort," said Aris Melissaratos, secretary of the Department of Business and Economic Development, which oversees TEDCO. "The challenge is to take it to the next level. I've been having strategic discussions with the board over the last couple of years of how do we do that."

Part of those discussions centered on whether Singerman's contract would be renewed.

"I'm always looking for the next superstar to pop in. I don't think these government jobs should be forever," said Melissaratos, who is a member of TEDCO's board of directors. "I like Phil because he's a good guy. He did a super job. Again, even though he did a super job, I wouldn't mind finding a way to get the organization to the next level, and I've been talking to Phillip about that continuously."

Del. Kumar P. Barve, a Montgomery County Democrat who was a lead sponsor of the legislation that created the technology investment agency, said Singerman was expected to be replaced by Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr.'s administration.

State Board of Elections records show that Singerman contributed \$950 in donations to former Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend between December 2000 and July 2002, months before she lost the election for governor to Ehrlich. Singerman gave, \$250 to Ehrlich last year.

Singerman "has pretty uniformly gotten positive reviews. But the governor wants to put his guy in charge, which is technically his right to do," said Barve, who is the House Democratic leader and a frequent critic of Ehrlich. "Phil was expecting to be replaced, and I'm sure that was part of his motivation for leaving. Who wants to get fired?"

Melissaratos and other board members, however, said, politics didn't push out Singerman.

"In no sense, in my view, should it be implied that Phillip was somehow forced out. He resigned his position in his own volition. People were trying to convince him—[board chairman] Frank [Adams] was trying to convince him—to stay," said Theodore O. Poehler, vice provost of research at the Johns Hopkins University and vice chairman of TEDCO's.

On Monday, Singerman gave his resignation to Adams, who said he reluctantly accepted it.