

educational style at WildCare. Her vision, her passion and her spirit will remain in the countless lives she touched.●

#### TRIBUTE TO BETH McWHIRT

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I pay tribute to Beth McWhirt teacher of social studies at Fulton County Schools on being named Teacher of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce in Hickman County, Ky.

Beth has exhibited a great commitment to her students at Fulton Middle and Senior High Schools. As a teacher of social studies, Beth is tasked to mold our Nation's young citizens to understand the history of our great Nation and the world. Being honored with this award, Beth sets an example of excellence for the rest of the faculty at Fulton County Schools.

Mr. President, I now ask my fellow colleagues join me in thanking Beth for her dedication and commitment to the education of America's future. In order for our society to continue to advance in the right direction, we must have teachers like Beth McWhirt in our public schools.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY BRONCOS

● Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, Today on the first day of the 110th Congress, I wish to recognize the accomplishment of the Boise State University Broncos football team this past Monday, January 1, 2007.

College sports have a way of putting schools, and cities, on the map. For instance, George Mason University was virtually unknown until their basketball team catapulted into the national spotlight through March Madness last year. However, no sport is more adept at this than the all-American sport of football.

On New Year's Day, Boise State University battled Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl. One announcer commented that, until today, many of the Oklahoma football players didn't even know where Boise is. Well, Mr. President, they do now.

In what is being described as one of the most thrilling games in the history of college bowl games, the Broncos defeated Oklahoma 43 to 42. I can't begin to describe to you the enthusiasm of the Bronco fans before, during, and especially after the game. It was contagious. And that is coming from a proud Idaho Vandal.

Idaho is a small State. We haven't had nationally known sports teams. It wasn't too long ago that Boise State was only known in football circles for its blue football field. On the first day of 2007, that all changed.

I am proud of what our Broncos did proving to the Nation that Idaho knows how to play football.

With this new notoriety, of course, comes an opportunity for us to tell the country that Idaho's State-run univer-

sities have a lot to offer besides great football. Between Boise State, the University of Idaho, and Idaho State University, Idaho offers tremendous education with a quality of life that can't be beat.

Boise, Idaho is now on the map of millions of college football fans thanks to our Broncos. To them I say congratulations and thank you.●

#### HONORING 2007 BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY BRONCOS

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, if a football victory on New Year's Day is a harbinger of things to come, 2007 looks to be a thrilling year marked by success and celebration. Most of my colleagues here know that Boise State University won the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl on New Year's Day. This bowl victory completes an undefeated football season, 13 to 0, thanks to the hard work, dedication, and love of the game by the Boise State football players, fans, coach Chris Petersen, his staff, the athletic department, and the university administration. They all worked very hard to reach this remarkable achievement, and they have not only my congratulations, but the congratulations, of Idahoans and Americans everywhere.

Idaho is home to just over a million people and has some surprising secrets, not the least of which has been the five-time defending Western Athletic Conference Champion Boise State Broncos football team. It is a source of tremendous pride to see the team make national headlines, once again, for Idaho in this incredibly positive manner. The victory that barely eluded them in last year's MPC Computers Bowl came riding home and riding home hard. The Fiesta Bowl game against traditional football powerhouse the University of Oklahoma was college football at its best, and the BSU players and coaches came through with some stunning plays. While Boise dominated the first three-quarters of the game, the Sooners came roaring back. The last 2 minutes of the game were as good as college football gets. When the game went into overtime, the Sooners didn't waste a play they immediately scored a touchdown to temporarily take the lead. With the game on the line, the Boise State players came through and scored a touchdown along with a thrilling two-point conversion to bring the final score to 43 to 42, Boise State. Earlier in 2006, Boise was named the eighth most inventive city in the Nation. That creativity and innovation was certainly the Spirit of Idaho at its best on the field of play at crunch time and made this dreamed Bronco victory a reality.

The BSU Broncos are committed to excellence both on and off the field. The players take the energy they generate on the field and spread it throughout the community and State. The extraordinary progress and development of the BSU football program

and the entire university stand as a testament to what can be accomplished with leadership, commitment, determination, and, most importantly, teamwork.

As the Nation marvels at the "hook and lateral" and "Statue of Liberty" plays that sealed the victory, I congratulate Coach Petersen, President Bob Kustra, Athletic Director Gene Bleymaier, the entire team, loyal students, alumni, and fans on their collective victory which all Idahoans enthusiastically share. I offer a friendly condolence to my colleagues from Oklahoma, and I am confident that their fine program will continue its tradition of excellence. And I offer this statement as a friendly notice to my colleagues from States that are home to traditional college football powerhouses: that thunder you hear is from our charging Broncos. I look forward to another great season this fall when the Broncos will run again.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MARVIN VAN HAAFTEN

● Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations and gratitude to an extraordinary Iowan. Marvin Van Haaften is stepping down from his distinguished position as director of the State of Iowa's Office of Drug Control Policy. He assumed this position after being named by Governor Tom Vilsack in 2002 and has served the State with honor and distinction since accepting the appointment.

I would like to take this opportunity to show Marvin Van Haaften the appreciation that the country, the State of Iowa, and myself personally have for his extensive commitment as a public servant. With more than 32 years of law enforcement experience, Marvin has taught extensively in the field of rural law enforcement, particularly death investigation and domestic violence crimes. He has provided local and national leadership on the role of law enforcement in strategic victim safety and offender apprehension, and is presently on the board of directors of the National Center for Rural Law Enforcement. Marvin also served on many local and State committees such as the Iowa Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Advisory Council, the board of the Mid-Iowa Narcotics Enforcement Task Force, the board of the 18-county South Central Iowa Clandestine Laboratory Task Force, and was the third vice president on the board of directors of the Iowa Association of Counties. Marvin was named Sheriff of the year in 1991 by the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association and served as its president in 1996. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy and has attended the National Sheriffs' Association's National Sheriffs' Institute and the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Institute. In 1997 he became a licensed Iowa medical examiner investigator.

Marvin knows firsthand the true value and significance of a loving family. He has been married to his wife Joyce for 42 wonderful years and has the blessings of 5 grown children and the joy of 11 grandchildren. It is through Marvin's love of family and law enforcement experience that enabled him to expose the destruction that drug abuse wreaks on families.

I share my appreciation for Marvin Van Haaften along with my fellow Iowans for the invaluable service he has provided to our State and country. He has proven himself to be versatile and fully capable of accepting and mastering the tasks placed before him. His enduring commitment to the safety of Americans is cause for admiration.

Again, I offer my congratulations and sincere appreciation to Marvin Van Haaften for his remarkable achievements throughout his extensive and highly regarded career. His hard work and determination will be missed in Iowa and throughout the Nation.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JUSTIN MINKEL

● Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, it is with the greatest pleasure that today I honor Justin Minkel, a second grade teacher at Harvey Jones Elementary School in Springdale, AR, who was named a recipient of the 2006 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.

Since the inception of the Milken Foundation National Educator Awards Program in 1985, over 2200 outstanding men and women have been named Milken Educators. They are honored with both public recognition and financial reward for their exceptional educational talent and positive results in the classroom.

Justin Minkel teaches in a classroom where English is the second language for the majority of his students. His students have flourished under his instruction, with nearly a third becoming fluent in English. He uses hands-on experiences to show the relevance of math concepts, and makes subjects such as science, social studies and literature more meaningful by associating them with real-world experiences. He has shared these strategies with other professionals throughout his district and has also mentored student teachers from a local university.

During the 2007-2008 school year, Mr. Minkel will serve as an ex-officio member of the Arkansas State Board of Education. He will travel the State providing professional and technical assistance to other teachers.

My home State of Arkansas is fortunate to have men and women of Justin Minkel's caliber who devote their lives to providing quality education for our children. He exemplifies the commitment and energy that will help to build a brighter future for the generations to come, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Justin Minkel on receiving the 2006 Milken Family Foundation National Education Award. This is a well deserved honor.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 1, resolving that Karen L. Haas of the State of Maryland, be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives, and that Wilson S. Livingood of the Commonwealth of Virginia, be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, and that James M. Eagen, III, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, be, and is hereby, chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, and that Father Daniel P. Coughlin of the State of Illinois, be, and is hereby, chosen Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 2, resolving that the Senate be informed that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled, that NANCY PELOSI, a Representative from the State of California, has been elected Speaker, and Karen L. Haas, a citizen of the State of Maryland, has been elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Tenth Congress.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 3, resolving that a committee of 2 Members be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

The message also announced that the Speaker appoints as members of the committee on the part of the House to join a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has been assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make, the gentleman from Maryland Mr. HOYER and the gentleman from Ohio Mr. BOEHNER.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2005, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 19, 2006, subsequent to the sine die adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DAVIS of Virginia) had signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

H.R. 6111. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6143. An act to amend title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for providing life-saving care for those with HIV/AIDS.

H.R. 6344. An act to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy Act.

H.R. 6407. An act to reform the postal laws of the United States.

H.R. 6429. An act to treat payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments.

H.J. Res. 101. Joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Tenth Congress.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2005, the enrolled bills were signed on December 19, 2006, subsequent to the sine die adjournment, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. FRIST).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2005, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 19, 2006, subsequent to the sine die adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOLF of Virginia) had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 3248. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to assist family caregivers in accessing affordable and high-quality respite care, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5782. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for enhanced safety and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, to provide for enhanced reliability in the transportation of the Nation's energy products by pipeline, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6342. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to expand eligibility for the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2005, the enrolled bills were signed on December 20, 2006, subsequent to the sine die adjournment, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. ALLEN).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2005, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 27, 2006, subsequent to the sine die adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DAVIS of Virginia) had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 482. An act to provide for a land exchange involving Federal lands in the Lincoln National Forest in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

H.R. 486. An act to provide for a land exchange involving private land and Bureau of Land Management land in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, for the purpose of removing private land from the required safety zone surrounding munitions storage bunkers at Holloman Air Force Base.

H.R. 1245. An act to provide for programs to increase the awareness and knowledge of women and health care providers with respect to gynecologic cancers.

H.R. 4588. An act to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984.

H.R. 4709. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen protections for law enforcement officers and the public by providing criminal penalties for the fraudulent acquisition or unauthorized disclosure of phone records.