

people and organizations that continue to carry on Iowa's tradition for innovation and invention. Congratulations on reaching this important milestone to the advisory board for Invent Iowa and to the sponsors including the Belin-Blank Center, Iowa Area Education Agencies, Iowa Intellectual Property Law Association, Rockwell Collins Corporation, McKee, Voorhees and Sease patent attorneys Larry Engman and David Belin, Dean P. Barry Butler and the College of Engineering at the University of Iowa, and Dean Mark J. Kushner and the College of Engineering at Iowa State University.

The most important partners in the success of Invent Iowa have been classroom teachers across Iowa. They help guide students through all phases of the invention process from the documentation of need, to the inception of the idea, creation of the prototype, research to ensure the innovativeness of the invention, and the final presentation to a panel of evaluators. Without these dedicated teachers working with the young inventors, there would be no Invent Iowa.

On the 20th anniversary, I congratulate all the Iowans who have worked so hard to make Invent Iowa such a success. I wish them even greater success in their next 20 years. Also, good luck to the students who will be participating in the 2007 Invention Convention this weekend.●

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE POTTER FAMILY

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the Potter family, who are being honored with the Family Tree Alumni Award from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, UNL. This award was established in 1995 for families having at least three generations of UNL graduates and at least two family members with a record of outstanding service to the university, the alumni association, their community and/or their profession.

This legacy finds its roots in Herb "Cub" Potter, Sr., who began attending the University of Nebraska in 1910. Herb lettered as a quarterback on the dominating "Stiehm Rollers" Nebraska football teams of 1911, 1912, and 1914. The latter of those teams finished with 7 wins, 0 losses and 1 tie, which was said to be deserving of the mythical national title. At the university, Herb met his wife, Carrie Coman, a fellow student and an Alpha Omicron Pi member.

The two sons of Herb and Carrie Potter, Herb, Jr., and younger brother Brooks, became the next generation of Huskers during the early 1940s. Herb, Jr., graduated in 1943 with a degree in business administration and soon married a fellow graduate, Lois Ballantyne, class of 1940. Brooks attended the University of Nebraska until he enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the onset of World War II. Unfortunately, Brooks passed away while serv-

ing his country as a member of the "greatest generation."

Herb, Jr.'s close ties to Nebraska did not end with his graduation. He embarked on a career spanning 30 years at the University of Nebraska Foundation as secretary/treasurer and later vice president. Upon his retirement in 1982, Herb's tenure spanned a period during which the foundation grew from a staff of 5 employees and assets of \$1 million to a staff of 22 and assets of \$80 million.

Herb and Lois passed on the Husker tradition to their two daughters, Barbara and Carol. Barbara, class of 1967, met and married Robert Reynolds, class of 1971, at Nebraska. Robert went on to serve in the U.S. Department of the Interior with distinction for 33 years. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the National Park Service, Robert was given the Meritorious Service Award in 1991, the second highest award given in the Department of the Interior. Then in 2000, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award, which is given to only 4 out of 20,000 each year.

Carol, class of 1973, M.S. 1975, also met her husband, Paul Lou, class of 1973, M.S. 1976, at the university. Paul has spent the past 25 years as an instructor teaching a broad range of computer classes at Diablo Valley Community College in Pleasant Hill, CA, where he is considered one of the most popular teachers.

From the Ballantyne family, there have been several other Nebraska graduates, with the latest being Kevin Zimmerman, a lawyer who is currently serving his country in the armed services. Other graduates have gone on to become doctors—Doug Peter—teachers—Sandra Peter, Pat Kahre and Frank Daily—artists—Joyce Ballantyne and Beverly Ballantyne—and business professionals—Byron Ballantyne and Jim Peter.

Finally, current marching band member Kyle Peter represents the fifth generation of the Potter family tree to attend the University of Nebraska.

In addition to this legacy being deep in its years, it is also wide in its spread. From 1910 up to the present, there has been a member of either the Potter or Ballantyne families affiliated with the University of Nebraska during every single decade. What a rich tradition at Nebraska.●

#### TRIBUTE TO COACH DOUG ROSS

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I would like to congratulate and make some remarks today about a very valuable asset to the University of Alabama in Huntsville and the entire State of Alabama—Ice Hockey Head Coach Doug Ross, who is retiring after 25 years of coaching the UAH Chargers hockey team.

Coach Ross began his coaching career at Ohio University in 1976 where he coached for one season, and then at Kent State University for 2 years. He came to UAH in 1982. The hockey team

at that time was a top team and the only NCAA hockey team south of the Mason-Dixon line. Under his leadership, the team has had great success, reaching NCAA Division I status. Quoting Coach Joe Ritch, his predecessor at UAH, "Doug brought UAH championships, unique notoriety, and national respect in the collegiate hockey world. We all owe Doug Ross a debt of gratitude for his commitment to UAH and hockey for this state."

The team went to the NCAA Regional Tournament this year where they played the third longest game in NCAA Regional Tournament history. In a thrilling game with top-ranked and top-seeded Notre Dame, the Chargers lost 3-2 in double overtime on a power-play goal. If winning it all could not happen, this game was one on which to cap a career.

Coach Ross is known for recruiting top notch student athletes to UAH. Following their success on the ice, many of his players are active alumni, living in the Huntsville area and actively involved in the community.

Thank you, Coach Ross, for bringing NCAA hockey to the forefront in Alabama and for your loyalty and support for the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Your legacy is a great one and I join with UAH, the Huntsville community, and the State of Alabama in wishing you the very best in your retirement.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:31 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 988. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5757 Tilton Avenue in Riverside, California, as the "Lieutenant Todd Jason Bryant Post Office".

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. 71. Concurrent resolution commemorating the 85th Anniversary of the founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), a leading association for the Nation's 1.3 million American citizens of Greek ancestry, and Philhellenes.

H. Con. Res. 88. Concurrent resolution honoring the life of Ernest Gallo.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 988. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5757 Tilton Avenue in Riverside, California, as the "Lieutenant Todd Jason Bryant Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 71. Concurrent resolution commemorating the 85th Anniversary of the

founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), a leading association for the Nation's 1.3 million American citizens of Greek ancestry, and Philhellenes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1485. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determination" (72 FR 14449) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1486. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 14447) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1487. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determination" (72 FR 14456) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1488. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 14461) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1489. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Council's 2006 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1490. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expanded Examination Cycle for Certain Small Insured Depository Institutions and U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks" (OCC-2007-0007) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1491. A communication from the Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Office's compensation plan for 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1492. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's oversight of recruiter misconduct; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1493. A communication from the Senior Attorney, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of Data Filed by Certificated or Commuter Air Carriers to Support Continuing Fitness Determinations Involving Citizenship Issues" (RIN2105-AD25) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1494. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Stability Control" (RIN2127-AJ77) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1495. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Upgrade Door Retention Performance" (RIN2127-AH34) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1496. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Car Assessment Program; Safety Labeling" (RIN2127-AJ76) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1497. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Phillipsburg, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ACE-13)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1498. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Thedford, NE" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ACE-12)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1499. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Alliance, NE" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ACE-15)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1500. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-400 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-155)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1501. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Corporation Ltd. Model 750XL Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-69)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1502. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CTRM Aviation Sdn. Bhd. Model Eagle 150B Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. CE-11)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1503. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-135BJ, -135ER, -135KE, -135KL, and -135LR Airplanes; and Model EMB-145, -145ER, -145MR, -145LR, -145XR, -145MP, and

-145EP" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-120)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1504. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-135 Airplanes and Model EMB-145, -145ER, -145MR, -145LR, -145XR, -145MP, and -145EP Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-167)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1505. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems Limited Model BAe 145 and Avro 146-RJ Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NM-106)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1506. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-145)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1507. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-8-62, DC-8-63, DC-8-62F, and DC-8-63F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-063)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1508. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca S.A. Arrius 2F Turboshift Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NE-33)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1509. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model ERJ 170 and ERJ 190 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-NM-166)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1510. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Models PC-6, PC-6-H1, PC-6-H2, PC-6/350, PC-6/350-H1, PC-6/350-H2, PC-6/A, PC-6/A-H1, PC-6/A-H2, PC-6/B-H2, PC-6/B1-H2, PC-6/B2-H2, PC-6/B2-H4, PC-6/C-H2, and PC-6/C1-H2 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-19)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1511. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Approvals" ((RIN2120-AI50)(Docket No. FAA-2006-21332)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1512. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule