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-Blanka Center, Iowa Arts 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 living members with records 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 sixth in the NCAA Football Poll. Herb 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 serving his country in the armed services. With his passing, the future of 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 Lou, now 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 Zim- merman, a lawyer who is currently serving his country in the armed services. Other graduates have gone on to become doctors—Doug Peter—teach- ers—Sandra Peter, Pat Kahre and Frank Daily—artists—Joyce Ballantyne and Beverly Ballantyne—and business professionals—Byron Ballantyne and Jim Peter.

In 1996, a Final Four 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 predeces- sor 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.”

His 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 Mr. Nihill, 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 resolution, which 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.


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
EDUCATION AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

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-1497. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmittning, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modification of Class E Airspace; Thedford, NE” (RIN21120–AA66)(Docket No. 06–ACE–16) 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 “Modification of Class E Airspace; Alliance, NE” (RIN21120–AA66)(Docket No. 06–ACE–15) 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; Bombardier Model DHC–8–400 Series Airplanes” (RIN21120–AA66)(Docket No. 2006–NM–150) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.


EC-1506. 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–AD02) 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; BAE Systems Limited Model Bae 145 and Avro 146–1J1” (RIN21120–AA64)(Docket No. 2005–NM–106) 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; Airbus Industrie Model A300 Airplanes” (RIN21120–AA64)(Docket No. 2006–NM–145) 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–AD33)(Docket No. 2006–AE–13) 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 entitled “Airworthiness Directives; E
ding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), a leading association for the Nation’s 1.3 million American citizens of Greek ancestry, and its Welfare, to the Committee on the Judiciary.