Pat Walker has received many awards in recognition of her philanthropy, including the 2002 American Heart Association Tiffany Award, the Distinguished Services Award from the Razorback Foundation, the prestigious Arkansas Children’s Award, and the University of Arkansas Medical School Distinguished Services Award. She has been recognized as one of the Most Distinguished Women in Arkansas and was named to the Top 100 Women in Arkansas list by Arkansas Business in 1999.

The Tom and Pat Walker Charitable Foundation has made countless donations over the years, including millions to educational institutions in Arkansas, millions to healthcare research and community health centers in Arkansas, and the hundreds of thousands of dollars to build libraries in Arkansas.

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CONGRATULATING ALBERT YARNELL

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, in 1992 Ray Yarnell bought a bankrupt dairy in Searcy, AR, and created the Yarnell Ice Cream Company. At the time, there were 43 ice cream companies in business in Arkansas.

Ray’s son Albert began working for the company at the age of 12, riding his bicycle to deliver bills. During World War II, Albert Yarnell left to serve his country as a member of the Army Signal Corps. After his service, he studied dairy production at the University of Missouri and returned to work at the Yarnell Ice Cream Company in 1948.

With the passing of his father in 1974, Albert Yarnell became the president of the company. In 1978, he personally created the Nation’s first all-natural ice milk, and after becoming chairman of the company in 1985, he led the team that invented the Nation’s first non-fat, no-sugar-added ice cream in 1990. He is affectionately known in his hometown of Searcy and at the company as “Mr. Albert.”

A very successful family business, the Yarnell Ice Cream Company now stands as the only remaining ice cream producer in Arkansas. Albert’s son Rogers is the current president of the company and Albert’s granddaughter Christina is the treasurer. Albert and his wife Doris both contribute to and are deeply respected in the community they have called home for so many years. Mr. Yarnell also serves on several boards, including Main Street Searcy, the Yarnell and Health Corporation, the Searcy Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce.

Earlier this year, Albert Yarnell was inducted into the Arkansas Business Hall of Fame. He joins other distinguished members such as Sam Walton, Jackson Stephens, Don Tyson, and J.B. Hunt.

Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating both Albert Yarnell, the patriarch of the Ice Cream Industry, and the Yarnell Ice Cream Company on the company’s 75th anniversary.

HONORING THE INN AT LONG SANDS

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I wish to honor and recognize a small business from my home State that has triumphed over adversity in the wake of several major coastal storms. The Inn at Long Sands in York Beach, ME, suffered extensive damage as the result of a devastating storm on Mother’s Day weekend of May 2006. With Memorial Day weekend approaching, signaling the unofficial beginning of summer—a busy time for York County’s tourism industry—Arline Shea, the Inn’s co-owner watched countless hotel and meal reservations get washed away. As a result of the storm, the Inn sustained over $100,000 in damage. This was not a welcome beginning for Arline, who had just purchased the Inn in February 2006.

Although the storm dealt Arline a heavy blow, she exemplified Maine’s entrepreneurial spirit by reopening in a matter of weeks. To recover from the damage the Inn had sustained, Arline wisely made good use of the tools available to small businesses in the wake of disasters. She contacted the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Small Business Administration to find out what kinds of assistance she would be able to receive. Arline’s entrepreneurial spirit shined through just a matter of weeks. To recover from the damage the Inn had sustained, Arline wisely made good use of the tools available to small businesses in the wake of disasters. She contacted the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Small Business Administration to find out what kinds of assistance she would be able to receive. Arline’s entrepreneurial spirit shined through just a matter of weeks. To recover from the damage the Inn had sustained, Arline wisely made good use of the tools available to small businesses in the wake of disasters. She contacted the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Small Business Administration to find out what kinds of assistance she would be able to receive. Arline’s entrepreneurial spirit shined through just a matter of weeks.