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Davenport has a proud past and a bright future.●

RECOGNIZING PISEK, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. On June 23, the residents of Pisek will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Pisek, a railroad town located in Walsh County, was established in 1882 by Frank P. Rumreich and other Czech and Moravian settlers. Pisek was chosen as the name because some of its settlers had come from Pisek, Czechoslovakia, and also because the community was built near a sand ridge. Pisek means "sand" in Czech.

Pisek is home to 96 residents and several small businesses. The local J-Mart draws customers throughout the area because it is known for having the best Christmas candy selection in the region. Pisek's church, the St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church, was blessed on the feast of St. John Nepomucene on May 16, 1887, and today it continues to be vital part of the community. The community's celebration will include a church service, a parade, a traditional Bohemian pork and dumpling meal, and various afternoon activities. An evening street dance will close the celebration.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Pisek, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Pisek and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Pisek that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.●

RECOGNIZING LAMOURE, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased today to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. On June 22 to 24, the residents of LaMoure will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

LaMoure is a small town in southeast North Dakota with a population of roughly 1,000 residents. LaMoure was named in honor of Judson LaMoure, a legislator in the Dakota Territory government. It is the only known community named "LaMoure" in the United States.

LaMoure has a variety to offer, from its beautiful lake and parks to tours of the Toy Farmer Museum and Hutterian Brethren Colonies. Also in LaMoure, you can tour the County Courthouse, which is on the National Register of Historical Places. The LaMoure County Memorial Park, a short drive from LaMoure, is home to the LaMoure County Summer Musical Theater, which showcases local talent in a series of live performances throughout the summer.

For those who call LaMoure home, it is a comfortable place to live, work, and play. The people of LaMoure are enthusiastic about their community and the quality of life it offers. The community has a wonderful celebration weekend planned that includes parades, dances, picnics, games, and much more.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating LaMoure, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well into the future. By honoring LaMoure and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as LaMoure that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

LaMoure has a proud past and a bright future.●

WISCONSIN JAZZ AND HERITAGE FESTIVAL

● Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, today I honor the late Milwaukee jazz legend, Tony King.

Mr. Tony King was an inspiration and mentor to all of his students during his tenure as teacher and director of the jazz program at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music in downtown Milwaukee. As an accomplished pianist, he not only applied his talent to share beautiful music with the world, but also dedicated himself to help foster the talent of young musicians. Mr. King recognized the potential and skill of his students and guided them with respect, care, and humility.

Mr. King's life and legacy will be celebrated this Memorial Day weekend in Milwaukee at the Second Annual Wisconsin Jazz and Heritage Festival at Jamie's Club Theatre. Mr. King's historic contributions to the jazz community in Wisconsin are reflected in the lives and accomplishments of his former students who will return to Milwaukee and perform in his honor. Many teachers hope they have an impact on their students' lives and the community in which they taught. Mr. King's impact will be remembered this weekend in Milwaukee with sounds of happiness, laughter, and the music that he loved so much.●

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM E. COLSON

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to William E. Colson, a

great Oregonian, who devoted his entire life to building and operating quality senior housing. Beginning in 1971 in Salem, OR, Bill Colson and his father Hugh built and operated independent living communities for seniors. The company they founded, Holiday Retirement Corp., earned a reputation for providing middle-income seniors access to outstanding housing and services. By steadily constructing and selectively acquiring senior housing properties, Holiday Retirement Corp. grew to become the largest owner and manager of senior housing in the world.

Bill Colson and his partners, including his wife Bonnie, son Bart, and Dan Baty, Norm Brendan, Patrick Kennedy, Thilo Best, Mark Burnham, the Hasso family, Bruce Thorn, and their loyal employees and investors collectively built and managed over 80,000 senior living units in the United States, Canada, France and United Kingdom.

Bill Colson has been recognized as a founding father of seniors housing by the American Seniors Housing Association, an organization he helped create in 1991. With his passing at age 66, Bill Colson leaves his wife, two sons, Brad and Bart, and three grandchildren, all of whom he adored. He was beloved by his family and by the thousands of employees and residents he served so well over the years. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Bill Colson and celebrating his lifetime of achievements building and operating outstanding housing for seniors across North America and Europe. He will be remembered by those whose lives he touched as a devoted family man, successful businessman, generous philanthropist, genuine friend and a great American.●

TRIBUTE TO JOAN MCKINNEY

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to Joan McKinney—journalist, advocate for the free press and accomplished shag dancer—who turned 60 this week, for her outstanding contributions to the State of Louisiana and to our country.

Joan McKinney, originally of Greenville, SC, came to Washington in 1971 to work on the press staff of former Senator Fritz Hollings. As her career advanced, she chose to return to journalism, and she worked for papers in both Louisiana and South Carolina before coming back to work here at the Capitol, covering Washington for the Baton Rouge Advocate, a position she held from 1979 to 2003. I came to know and respect Joan in my many hallway meetings with her since I came to the Senate in 1997.

In her tenure as the advocate's congressional correspondent, Joan beat the Capitol's marble floors and came to be well respected by the Louisiana delegation. The Members from my State knew there was nothing, nothing that could get by her. She was so skilled at asking the right questions that she was able to draw from our elected officials