

Greenest City in America" challenge, beating 350 other cities across the Nation which had entered the competition. Some of the environmental projects accomplished by the city of Hastings include conversion of methane to energy at its pollution control center, production of E85 ethanol, installation of energy-efficient street lighting, and creation of an extensive network of parks and hiking and biking trails.

Hastings, NE, the birthplace of Kool-Aid, is in the heart of farm country, which most certainly contributed to its environmentally sound policies. Farmers have always been leaders when it comes to being good stewards of the land, water, and air.

For its efforts, Yahoo offered the city of Hastings its choice of either a fleet of hybrid taxi cabs, similar to those donated to New York City during the campaign's kickoff on May 14, 2007, or the equivalent cash donation. Hastings, which has signed the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement, selected the latter in order to further its environmental programs and become an even greener city. In addition to the top prize awarded to Hastings, the top five cities are being rewarded with deliveries of thousands of energy-efficient compact fluorescent lightbulbs, compliments of Yahoo.

Hastings mayor Matt Rossen plans to solicit ideas from residents for future projects, and Global Green USA will also work with the city of Hastings to identify potential city greening projects, such as expansion of renewable energy programs and energy-efficient renovations for city buildings.

As Nebraska's Senator, I am extremely proud of Hastings, NE, which has shown an outstanding commitment to the development of renewable and sustainable energy solutions for protecting the environment, improving health, and saving money. In commending the city of Hastings, NE, for being named America's Greenest City, I wish to highlight the sentiments expressed by Yahoo's cofounder, David Filo, who said, "The determined green spirit demonstrated by the people of Hastings, Nebraska, underscores Yahoo's belief that individual actions can add up to significant change."

RECOGNIZING KATIE BEHRENS

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Katie Behrens, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Katie is a graduate of Lincoln Senior High School in Sioux Falls, SD. Currently she is attending the University of Tennessee-Martin, where she is majoring in political science and public relations. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Katie for

all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come. ●

RECOGNIZING JAN CHRISTENSEN

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Jan Christensen, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Jan is a graduate of Mitchell High School in Mitchell, SD. Currently she is attending the University of South Dakota, where she is majoring in political science. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Jan for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come. ●

RECOGNIZING KIMBERLY HEINEMANN

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Kimberly Heinemann, an intern in my Washington, DC office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Kimberly is a graduate of Flandreau High School in Flandreau and Augustana College in Sioux Falls where she received a bachelor of arts in biology with a minor in chemistry. This fall she will begin studying at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Kimberly for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come. ●

RECOGNIZING ADAM KLIPPENSTEIN

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Adam Klippenstein, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Adam is from Oral, SD, and a graduate of the Academy of the New Church in Bryn Athyn, PA. Currently he is attending Briar Cliff University, where he is majoring in political science. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Adam for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come. ●

RECOGNIZING KELSEY MILLER

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Kelsey Miller, an intern in

my Rapid City, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Kelsey is a graduate of Belle Fourche High School in Belle Fourche, SD. Currently she is attending Dakota Wesleyan University, where she is majoring in public service and leadership and church music. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Kelsey for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come. ●

RECOGNIZING BADGER, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Badger, SD. The town of Badger will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding this year.

Since its beginning in 1907, Badger has been a strong reflection of South Dakota's values and traditions. As they celebrate this milestone anniversary, I am confident that Badger will continue to thrive and succeed for the next 100 years.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Badger on their anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come. ●

RECOGNIZING LOWRY, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Lowry, SD. The town of Lowry will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding this year.

Since its beginning in 1907, Lowry has been a strong reflection of South Dakota's values and traditions. As they celebrate this milestone anniversary, I am confident that Lowry will continue to thrive and succeed for the next 100 years.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Lowry on their anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come. ●

LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY

• Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I wish to acknowledge Louisiana Tech University for its scientific breakthrough and innovation in the department of nanotechnology. I would like to take a few moments to expand on Louisiana Tech's achievements and wish the facility and student body continued success.

Nanotechnology is the art of manipulating materials on an atomic and molecular level, and Louisiana Tech University has risen to the top of this scientific threshold. This year a trade magazine, *Small Times*, ranked LA Tech third in micro and nanotechnology education. *Small Times* evaluated each college based on various criteria, and Louisiana Tech surfaced as one of

the elite universities. Louisiana Tech also stands as one of the only universities in the country that offers a nanotechnology degree at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Their diversity within the program, and their excellence in both faculty innovation and curriculum ranks them among the best major scientific universities.

Louisiana Tech University also ranked tenth in the Nation for commercializing nanotechnology inventions, or the capability to process patents and turn them into profitable ideas. The university alone applied for 24 patent applications in the last year, 20 of which involved micro and nanotechnology, proving Louisiana Tech's dedication as a national contributor to the scientific spectrum. As Louisiana Tech blossoms, many profitable institutions have invested and settled within the university, such as Avoyelles Renewable Fuels, which is working to discover a way to convert biomass waste into a biofuel through a nanocatalyst.

I would also like to take a moment to honor Joshua Michael Brown. At Louisiana Tech University, he became this first person in the entire world to graduate with a nanosystems engineering degree. He will continue at Louisiana Tech University in order to gain his doctorate in micronanotechnology.

Thus, today I congratulate Louisiana Tech for its innovation in the ever-changing fields of science, and I look forward to the continued growth of the school and its students as they shape the future development of micro and nanotechnology.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) announced that on today, June 26, 2007, he had signed the following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 1352. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 East Locust Street in Fairbury, Illinois, as the "Dr. Francis Townsend Post Office Building".

At 4:55 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 366. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "Ernest Childers Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

H.R. 1065. An act to streamline the regulation of nonadmitted insurance and reinsurance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1281. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain deceptive practices in Federal elections, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2011. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 100 East 8th Avenue in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, as the "George Howard, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 2139. An act to modernize the manufactured housing loan insurance program under title I of the National Housing Act.

H.R. 2286. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure with respect to bail bond forfeitures.

H.R. 2546. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Asheville, North Carolina, as the "Charles George Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

H.R. 2602. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility in Iron Mountain, Michigan, as the "Oscar G. Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility".

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 142. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that there should be established a National Pet Week.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 229. An act to redesignate a Federal building in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the "Raymond G. Murphy Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

S. 801. An act to designate a United States courthouse located in Fresno, California, as the "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse".

The message also announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 4303, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University: Mr. WOOLSEY of California and Mr. LAHOOD of Illinois.

The message further announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy: Mr. RUPPERSBERGER of Maryland, Mr. CUMMINGS of Maryland, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, and Mr. WICKER of Mississippi.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, June 26, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1352. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 East Locust Street in Fairbury, Illinois, as the "Dr. Francis Townsend Post Office Building".

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 366. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "Ernest Childers Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1065. An act to streamline the regulation of nonadmitted insurance and reinsurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1281. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain deceptive practices in Federal elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2011. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 100 East 8th Avenue in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, as the "George Howard, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2139. An act to modernize the manufactured housing loan insurance program under title I of the National Housing Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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H.R. 2602. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility in Iron Mountain, Michigan, as the "Oscar G. Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

H. Con. Res. 142. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that there should be established a National Pet Week; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 923. To provide for the investigation of certain unsolved civil rights crimes, and for other purposes.

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-2359. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Almonds Grown in California; Outgoing Quality Control Requirements: Correction" (Docket No. FV06-981-1C) received on June 22, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2360. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California: Change in Reporting Requirements" (Docket No. FV07-925-1) received on June 22, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2361. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Late Payment and Interest Charges on Past Due Assessments Under the Nectarine and Peach Marketing Orders" (Docket No. AMS-