

a village. The Dakota territory's first insurance company was chartered in Portland in 1885.

Portland has come a long way since its beginnings in the early 1880s. The town has built a rich heritage of agriculture but has also grown to incorporate technology, manufacturing, and health services. Portland has been described by its citizens as the way America is supposed to be. The MayPort Community Center offers the chance for recreational activities such as ice skating and hockey.

The community of Portland is the ideal location for its residents to grow and prosper together. To celebrate its 125th anniversary, the town will hold several golf tournaments, a parade, comedic acts, and a street dance.

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

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#### 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARTHUR, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, today I recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. On July 13 to 15, the residents of Arthur will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Arthur is a small town in eastern North Dakota with a population of 402. Despite its small size, Arthur holds an important place in North Dakota's history. Originally named Rosedale, the settlement was renamed Arthur in 1881 in honor of Chester Alan Arthur, the 21st President of the United States. The post office was established in 1881, as was the lumber yard and the first general store, the Hall-Larson Store. Arthur was incorporated as a village in 1921.

Today, the economy of Arthur is largely based on agriculture. The Arthur Mercantile, the First State Bank, and the Arthur Companies are family businesses that have been present in the community for over 100 years. This is a remarkable feat for such a small town. The town is also home to the Arthur Center, a notable good samaritan center, which will celebrate its 80th anniversary this summer, and two churches.

Arthur's motto "small town, big heart" truly captures the essence of the town and its residents. The people of Arthur enjoy socializing, attending sporting events, and working together for the betterment of the community. The town has an exciting celebration

planned that includes an all-school reunion, a parade, a fireman's rodeo, street dance, community worship, and much more.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Arthur, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Arthur 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 Arthur that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

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#### HONORING THE LONE STAR FUGITIVE TASK FORCE

● Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate the Lone Star Fugitive Task Force, LSFTF, for its exemplary service to the Western District of Texas. The LSFTF, which commenced its work in May of 2005, is the principal law enforcement agency responsible for fugitive enforcement in the Western District of Texas. Sponsored by the prestigious U.S. Marshals Service, the LSFTF maintains offices in Alpine, Austin, Del Rio, El Paso, Midland, Pecos, San Antonio, and Waco. Bringing both local and Federal fugitives to justice, the task force continues to serve the public through its unrelenting hard work.

Although the LSFTF has only been in existence for 2 years, it led the Nation in arrests in 2006 and has been recognized as one of the most effective fugitive task forces in the United States. Garnering acclaim across the Nation, the task force has not only protected the citizens of the Texas localities in which it is based but has also helped construct a safer nation as a whole.

The Lone Star Fugitive Task Force's perpetual success in capturing perilous fugitives stems in part from its innovative officer instruction and groundbreaking education in modern fugitive hunting techniques.

Realizing the value of its proximity to the Mexican border, the LSFTF frequently works in tandem with Mexican law enforcement officials in order to promote international security. The organization has earned a stellar reputation among surrounding districts and across international borders for its reliability in dealing with fugitives fleeing across national boundary lines into Mexico.

In April 2006, the resolute task force played an instrumental role in leading Operation FALCON II, a 7-day collaborative effort between law enforcement agencies across the Western United States. The operation was immeasurably successful in apprehending thousands of fugitives, including hundreds which were being sought out for sexual offenses.

In response to its sustained track record of excellence, the Lone Star Fu-

gitive Task Force was selected to host, in September 2006, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's, NCMEC, national pilot training program, made possible by the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act passed earlier that year. Under the guidance of the LSFTF, the program's agenda focused on the improvement of vital skills for U.S. marshals to gain a better understanding of the motives and patterns of sexual offenders. Such an ambitious plan has aided the U.S. Marshal Service in their success in detaining this dangerous variety of criminal.

From its own pioneering methods to its cooperative efforts and rigid style of law enforcement, the LSFTF has made a positive impact on the communities it serves and continues to set a shining example for law enforcement agencies across the country. By doing so, the organization has, in its own modest way, assisted in ensuring the freedom and well-being of Americans across the country.

For these reasons, among many others, I would like to recognize the Lone Star Fugitive Task Force for its tremendous success. By bringing hazardous fugitives to justice and striving to improve the security of the general public, the LSFTF successfully works for the betterment of the communities and the Nation it humbly serves.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED DURING ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, were signed on July 2, 2007, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD):

S. 277. An act to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes.

S. 1704. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

##### ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on July 2, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 277. An act to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, and for other purposes.

S. 1704. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, 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: