

has approached these positions and the people he has touched along the way. Those who know Scott best describe him as a loyal, encouraging, and creative boss, who supports and celebrates those who work with him. Everything Scott does is done in an "all hands on deck" manner that gives everyone an opportunity to pitch in and support the common goal.

One cannot talk about Scott without recognizing his acumen for all things trivia—Scott is a virtual trivia savant. He knows the answer to nearly every trivia question, regardless of topic, and can somehow relate every event back to an old movie or seventies rock song. He will search to the end of the Internet to find a historic or comic analogy to make a point about fiscal responsibility, or often the lack of it. He is equally conversant on the latest entertainment news and military strategies of ancient times. The influence of his crosscutting interest and knowledge has occasionally found its way to the Senate floor, where both the Geico Caveman and a Rube Goldberg cartoon have been used to drive home a point.

As a lifelong boater, fisherman, and lover of all things relating to the ocean, Scott reminds me of the remarks that President Kennedy made at the 1962 America's Cup sailing race. He said, "All of us have in our veins the exact same percentage of salt in our blood that exists in the ocean, and, therefore, we have salt in our blood, in our sweat, in our tears. We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea—whether it is to sail or to watch it—we are going back from whence we came."

Kathy joins me in wishing Scott well as he joins the National Marine Manufacturers Association, to "go back from whence he came" and advocate on behalf of issues he is most passionate about. As he sets off for new adventures with his wife Ann, and, of course, Buddy the Budget beagle dog by his side, Scott leaves in his wake a nation that is better off for his service, and colleagues that will miss him dearly.

#### CHILD HEALTH DAY

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of Child Health Day. Under a joint resolution of Congress, the President has proclaimed National Child Health Day each year since 1928. It is especially fitting that we celebrated Child Health Day yesterday, October 1, 2007, just 4 days after this body approved legislation to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIP, improving benefits and ensuring that 10 million American children receive health insurance coverage.

Child Health Day serves to focus attention on children's health issues. Past themes of this day have ranged from prenatal care, childhood injury prevention, the importance of immunizations and prenatal care. This year's theme is "Building a Bright Future

Through Preventive Health," and this is exactly what Congress seeks to do with the bipartisan reauthorization of CHIP sent to the President for his signature.

The role of preventive health care in ensuring the well-being of all people is well established, but such care is especially critical for children. The American Academy of Pediatrics, AAP, recommends that children receive routine preventive health services such as immunizations, vision and hearing checks, and screenings for signs of developmental or medical problems. These recommendations include 6 preventive care visits during a child's first year, 3 visits during the second year, and 17 preventive visits between ages 2 and 21.

Unfortunately, many of our Nation's children do not receive these important physician visits. A survey of literature by the Commonwealth Fund found that estimates of the number of children who receive all their recommended visits range from 37 percent to 81 percent. Critically, this review concluded that insurance coverage is the most powerful indicator of whether a child receives all recommended well-child care. One study determined that just 68 percent of uninsured children receive the recommended preventive care, compared with 76 percent of privately insured children and 85 percent of publicly insured children.

The Children's Health Insurance Reauthorization Act will increase the number of children who receive this important preventive care. Simply by providing nearly 4 million uninsured children with insurance coverage will increase the likelihood that they will be screened for developmental and medical problems, receive all their immunizations, and benefit from regular hearing and vision checks. In addition, the legislation ensures that children who receive their health coverage through Medicaid are entitled to all medically necessary early periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment, EPSDT, services. These services are required in every State and are designed to improve the health of low-income children by addressing their physical, mental, and developmental health needs.

As we recognize Child Health Day, I wish to congratulate Congress on its bipartisan effort to improve child health through reauthorization of the Children's Health Insurance Program. I also urge President Bush, in the spirit of Child Health Day, to drop his veto threat and sign this legislation. This is the single most important action he can take to ensure more children get the health care they deserve.

#### SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, over the next 10 days, a remarkable event will unfold in Shanghai, China. Every 2 years, thousands of Special Olympics athletes from around the world come

together to showcase their athletic skills and celebrate the spirit of Special Olympics. Starting today, more than 7,500 Special Olympians will begin competing in Shanghai in the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games.

Over the coming 10 days, tens of thousands of athletes, coaches, volunteers, family members, government and industry officials, plus experts in health and education from 165 countries have come together to celebrate the talents of those among us who have intellectual disabilities. This spectacular event is not about athletic skill as much as it is about determination, courage, and the desire to compete.

I can speak firsthand about what a rewarding experience it is for all of us who have been involved in Special Olympics. Last year, my State of Iowa hosted the first USA National Summer Games. Thousands of athletes, volunteers, coaches, and families attended our games, in addition to 30,000 fans and spectators. Ames, IA, was transformed into an Olympic Village, and it was thrilling to experience.

I am pleased that three extraordinary athletes from Iowa are now in China competing: Corey Leonhard in track, and Jenna Schrack and Jody Sheriff competing in bowling. Team USA includes 401 athletes, and 102 of them are at the World Games today.

Special Olympics is not just about sports. It is about spirit, and it is about drawing out the best in all of us. The Special Olympics organization is responsible for much more than the games. Its Special Olympics Healthy Athletes Program, developed over a decade ago, focuses on the health, fitness, and well-being of people with and without disabilities. Last year alone, it made possible more than 135,000 health care screenings. Volunteer health care professionals and students were trained to provide the screening and compile the data. In China, medical volunteers will provide health examinations free of charge, including dental, vision, and hearing exams.

The Special Olympics is both a world-class sporting event and a world-class humanitarian experience. Many countries have sent delegations to the games. In addition to our athletes and volunteers attending the Opening Ceremonies, the U.S. delegation will include Department of Education Secretary Margaret Spellings, figure skating champion Michelle Kwan, former Assistant Secretary of Education John Hager, Ernie Banks of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, Lynn Fuchs, Professor of Special Education and Human Development at Vanderbilt University, Anne Sweeney of Disney Media Networks and Disney-ABC Television Group, Jennifer Polk Wardlow, a Special Olympics North Carolina athlete, Dr. Tim Shriver, chairman of the board of Special Olympics, and the incomparable Eunice Kennedy Shriver, founder of Special Olympics.

Mr. President, I regret that, with the Senate in session, I couldn't attend today's opening ceremonies. But my