

Voorhees Hasson, introduced safe hygiene practices in the care of patients and trained enlisted medical personnel.

By 1918, the Nurse Corps grew to over 1,030. During World War I, Navy nurses served on ships and deployed to Europe to serve at base hospitals in France, Scotland and Ireland. Superintendent Lenah Sutcliffe Higbee was recognized with the Navy Cross for her success in developing an innovative training camp which quickly prepared nurses to meet the growing war requirement. Many years later, Superintendent Higbee would receive a most auspicious honor when she became the first living woman and only Navy nurse to have a ship named after her. The destroyer, USS *Higbee* was commissioned in 1944.

World War II became the defining moment in the lives of an entire generation of Americans. Amidst the startling images of the horrors associated with war, came heroic accounts of the tenacity and faith demonstrated by American servicemen and women on a daily basis. On battlefronts from North Africa to Italy to Normandy to Corregidor and Bataan, the nurses of World War II contributed greatly to the care of the wounded, the morale of the fighting men, and the development of nursing as a profession. It was during this war, that 11 Navy Nurses were taken prisoner by the Imperial Japanese in the Philippines. Spending thirty seven months in an internment camp where starvation and psychological warfare were commonplace, these nurses continued to care for patients without regard to self.

Throughout the war, Navy nurses served at 40 naval hospitals, 176 dispensaries, on board 12 hospital ships and as flight nurses on air evacuation missions. Admiral Halsey said of Navy nurses: "They magnificently upheld the highest traditions of U.S. Naval Service." Navy nurses earned over 300 military awards for their exceptional duty during the war.

From the humble beginnings of the pioneering "Sacred Twenty" to today's Nurse Corps force of 4,100 strong, Navy nurses continue to answer the call of duty whether it is at the bedside of a patient in a stateside military hospital, in a joint humanitarian mission aboard a hospital ship transiting the Pacific or in the throes of conflict in Iraq.

Today we recognize the men and women of the Navy Nurse Corps for their selfless service and dedication to our nation and our military. I commend the Navy Nurse Corps for its commitment to excellence and for a century of leadership and caring for America's Navy and Marine Corps from 1908 to 2008.●

HONORING DR. MICHAEL E. BROWN

● Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I am pleased to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Michael E. Brown, Ph.D., as he retires from a long and successful career as a leader in edu-

cation. This month, Dr. Brown will retire as assistant superintendent of instructional services with Rialto Unified School District in southern California, and can look back on a proud career of service and distinction in education and community leadership.

Dr. Brown will retire after almost four decades of leadership in Rialto Unified School District. Dr. Brown's service in education began in 1971 when he began as a teacher in Rialto teaching fifth and sixth grade. In 1976 Dr. Brown was awarded his Ph.D. in education from the University of California, Riverside. Dr. Brown would then serve the district as a program specialist, as a principal, as director of curriculum, and as assistant superintendent.

Numerous schools under his leadership have received California Distinguished Schools Awards, and all elementary schools in the district have seen increased API scores. Middle schools and high schools have similarly seen growth in their AVID programs both in student participation and success.

Dr. Brown has also worked tirelessly in his community. He served in the California National Guard from 1969 through 1975, and has served in various community organizations such as Kiwanis International, Phi Delta Kappa International, the Boy Scouts of America, and as an active member in his church congregation.

As he retires from almost four decades in education, I am pleased to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his many accomplishments.●

THE RETIREMENT OF DAN MAYER

● Mr. JOHNSON. Madam President, today I wish to recognize the service of Mr. Dan Mayer, who has been in the banking business for nearly 49 years. Spending the past 47 years in Sturgis, SD, Dan has helped guide peers and new generations alike toward success in the beautiful Black Hills.

Dan began his career and community service in Sturgis in 1959. After being elected to the Sturgis city council in 1968, he served for 22 years, presiding as president for several terms. In 1973, Dan was part of the group that started the Sturgis Industrial Economic Expansion Corporation, which developed the first Sturgis Industrial Park.

I remember when Dan and other city leaders met with me to discuss expanding their industrial park, intent on making Sturgis an attractive and effective place to start a business. I was pleased to work with the group to obtain funds for the expansion, which eventually attracted gun and ammunition manufacturers to the industrial park.

With nearly five decades of personal and professional ties to the Sturgis area, Dan is still an active force in the community. He currently serves on the Heritage Acres Board, the Sturgis Industrial Board, the Sturgis Hospital

Advisory Board, and the Sturgis Water Board. One Sturgis resident is quoted as having said, "Our business wouldn't be here without this man. He believed in our community and, at the most vital of times, he believed in us."

Dan will be retiring on June 19, 2008 and intends to stay in the Sturgis area, retaining his positions on the local boards. I want to commend Dan for his longstanding and steadfast commitment to the betterment of his community. Being in the banking business for so many years, Dan has been a major influence in the lives of Sturgis area residents. He has seen countless families through home and ranch purchases, home improvements and business start-ups and expansions. Along with his wife Donna, children Jamie and Mark, and nine grandchildren, Dan has strived to fulfill his commitment of making Sturgis and the surrounding area a greater place to live, work, and raise a family. I am most deeply grateful for the opportunity to thank Dan for his efforts, and eagerly look forward to his continued involvement in the community.●

RECOGNIZING THE VERMONT ALL STARS

● Mr. SANDERS. Madam President, today, I recognize the Vermont All Stars, the Vermont math team that won first place in Division B of the American Mathematics League's Regional Competition, held this year at Pennsylvania State University. The team was comprised of 15 Vermont students, ranging from grades 8 through 12, and seven alternates. The country-wide event, of which this was a part, is the Nation's highest precollegiate math competition.

In the individual competition, two Vermonters placed in the top 10. Both students achieved perfect scores, which qualified them to advance to a final round, which ultimately determined the ranking of the 10 students who received perfect scores. Following up perfection with an even tougher competition, Colin Sandon placed fifth overall, and David Rolnick placed tenth. Both Colin and David are high school seniors who will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the fall.

Deserving of special mention—and special honor—is Mr. Anthony Trono, both founder and coach of the team. Tony Trono is a retired math teacher who had a long career teaching mathematics at Burlington High School.

Many years ago he began a program entitled the Vermont Talent Search, in which a math test is distributed to middle school and high school students. This was to be the first step in bringing Vermont students to the American Math League competition. The top achievers on the Vermont Talent Search tests are chosen for the team that competes in the American Mathematics League's competition.

Not content with working on this, and desiring to share his love of mathematics with students all over our

State, Tony Trono also runs a week-long summer math camp at the University of Vermont.

Because family reasons precluded him from accompanying the team this year, as he has done so often before, Barbara Unger chaperoned the team to Penn State. Like Tony a retired math teacher, from Middlebury Union High School, she said of Tony Trono, "He has given his life to upper level math." How true that is!

Our Nation has excelled in the areas of math, engineering and science in large measure because of dedicated teachers such as Tony Trono—and Barbara Unger. They serve as role models to future generations of teachers, in addition to so ably training generation after generation of capable—and as the recent success of the Vermont All Stars indicates—superior mathematicians. Our State and our Nation owe a deep debt of gratitude to Tony Trono and to the many thousands of dedicated math teachers who follow along similar paths by sharing their love of mathematics.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARTESIAN, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Madam President, today I recognize the community of Artesian, SD, on reaching the 125th anniversary of its founding. Artesian is a rural community infused with hospitality, beauty, and an exceptional quality of life.

The city of Artesian was founded in 1883 and named after the abundance of flowing wells, known as artesian wells, in its part of South Dakota. As over a third of its citizens are of German descent, the Artesian community of Sanborn County still appreciates and exemplifies its rich heritage.

Today, Artesian has come a long way from its days as a railroad supply center. The town now boasts a variety of businesses, including those in both the service and manufacturing sectors. A community center, multiple churches, a post office, veterinarian, and 4-H club continuously bring the community closer.

The people of Artesian celebrate this momentous occasion on the weekend of July 4–6, 2008 with a street dance, fireworks, and a parade. South Dakota's small communities are the bedrock of our economy and vital to the future of our State. It is especially because of our small communities, and the feelings of loyalty and familiarity that they engender, that I am proud to call South Dakota home. Towns like Artesian and its citizens are no different and truly know what it means to be South Dakotan. One hundred twenty-five years after its founding, Artesian remains a vital community and a great asset to the wonderful state of South Dakota. I am proud to honor Artesian on this historic milestone.●

GREENLAND POINT CENTER, INC.

● Ms. SNOWE. Madam President, as this Saturday marks the official beginning of summer, I rise to recognize a small nonprofit from my home State of Maine that has championed the activities that have made the State a long-time destination for seasonal travel and exploration. Since 2005, the Greenland Point Center, Inc., on Long Lake in Princeton, has served to educate both youth and adults on issues of conservation and leadership while promoting outdoor activities and learning.

Originally founded in 1978, the Greenland Point Center previously operated under the auspices of the University of Maine at Machias. Facing closure in 2004, community members and conservation groups from around the state rallied behind it, purchasing the land that housed the camp from the University and revitalizing the program.

Today the Greenland Point Center, which has become a perennial favorite for Mainers and their families, hosts a series of camps designed to allow children and families to explore the natural world and grow as individuals. At the same time, the center works to empower campers by teaching them many of the vital safety skills that are imperative to the successful enjoyment of this Nation's natural resources. The center's exciting camp programs range from the more traditional Wet 'N' Wild Camp, where campers learn to canoe and sail, to the Downeast Teen Leadership Camp, where middle-school students from Maine's Washington County have an opportunity to learn the skills necessary to help them lead healthy lifestyles as they progress through the often challenging adolescent years. Thousands of young men and women who have attended the Greenland Point Center's camps have come to appreciate the solemn responsibilities of environmental stewardship while being encouraged to enjoy the boundless energies of youth.

The firm has a deep commitment to making the opportunities that it offers available to all youth, regardless of their financial situation. To promote that goal, the Greenland Point Center works tirelessly to provide scholarships for financially disadvantaged individuals who wish to experience the natural wonders of the State of Maine. Of particular note, each year's Maine Moose Permit Auction raises scholarship money for the Center, affording numerous youngsters from across the State the chance to take part in discovering Maine's beautiful surroundings.

Additionally, the Greenland Point Center is an active participant in the nationwide "Hooked on Fishing—Not On Drugs" program. Founded by the Future Fisherman Foundation and funded through the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, "Hooked on Fishing—Not On Drugs" seeks to keep Maine's youth off drugs by teaching angling skills, conservation efforts, and social skills, pre-

serving proud traditions while promoting a healthy way of life.

The State of Maine has long been a proud bastion of outdoor adventure and protecting the environment. The Greenland Point Center has served to help maintain the appreciation of nature and all of its wonder. Coupled with lessons in healthy physical, mental, and emotional lifestyles, the Greenland Point Center has served the youth of Maine and the Nation while shaping a new generation of leaders and entrepreneurs. I congratulate the Greenland Point Center on its past achievements and wish everyone involved success as the Center continues to nurture America's youth.●

RECOGNIZING DR. ED RENWICK

● Mr. VITTER. Madam President, today I stand in recognition of Dr. Ed Renwick, who served as director of the Loyola University Institute of Politics for more than 30 years, until his recent retirement on June 1, 2008. I would like to take some time to make a few remarks on his accomplishments as director and recognize his contributions to the Louisiana community.

As the director of this unique educational program, he served as a mentor to many future politicians and political experts. His keen ability to explain the nuances of Louisiana politics made him particularly extraordinary and provided his many students with a unique insight into our State's storied history. His teaching methods were groundbreaking as they focused on the empirical ends of Government rather than their theoretical origins. In particular, Dr. Renwick focused on the way in which political theory works in practice, how it actually affects the daily decisions of elected officials and political candidates.

In addition to his service as director, he also served as a respected member of the political science faculty, which he will continue to serve following his retirement. As both an administrator and an educator, Dr. Renwick was well known for his insights that jumpstarted the political careers of many Louisianans. In choosing his fellows, he targeted individuals from diverse political, economic and social groups, in order to force bipartisan efforts to work through complex issues important to Louisiana. Thus, he taught them the importance of finding common ground rather than letting them crumble under their differences.

I was fortunate enough to be a fellow under Renwick, and I can confidently say that I am still benefitting from the knowledge and experience I gained during the program. Dr. Renwick's innovative methods helped reveal the idiosyncrasies of Louisiana politics to his students.

Thus, today, I am proud to honor a fellow Louisianan, Dr. Ed Renwick, for his distinguished service to the Loyola University community and the State of Louisiana.●