

Soldier's Medal, the highest award for heroism not involving combat, for risking their lives to rescue a woman who was being electrocuted underneath a hotel dock on Lake Hamilton in Arkansas.

On August 23, 2008, Hall and Bullinger had spent the day at a training workshop, later joining their families to boat on Lake Hamilton. Before long, they heard cries for help from two families nearby on the water and immediately went to their aid.

Both Hall and Bullinger jumped into the water, quickly finding it to be full of electricity from a nearby streetlight. The pair spent 15 minutes diving for a woman trapped in the water. Eventually, their efforts were successful as they pulled her from the lake. Not everyone was saved, however. A 14-year-old girl lost her life that day.

I salute these two brave servicemen. My father and both grandfathers served our Nation in uniform and taught me from an early age about the sacrifices our troops and their families make to keep our Nation free. All of our service men and women from the Greatest Generation to Vietnam war veterans to the new generation of servicemembers in the Middle East and across the globe have sacrificed greatly on behalf of our country and local communities.

It is the responsibility of our Nation to provide the tools necessary to care for our country's servicemembers and honor the commitment our Nation has made to them. During these tough economic times, it is even more important that we don't shortchange our veterans. It is the least we can do for those whom we owe so much.●

RECOGNIZING BOONE AND NEWTON COUNTIES

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I recognize Boone and Newton Counties, in my home State of Arkansas, for their efforts to create communities where children and their families have access to healthy, affordable foods and safe places to play and exercise. These counties, through the North Arkansas Partnership for Health Education, NAPHE, recently received a \$360,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's "Healthy Kids: Healthy Communities" program.

The funding will help local officials and organizations create policies that encourage active lifestyles for children and healthier eating habits for all residents in Boone and Newton Counties. The project will create a walking path to connect the south side of Lake Harrison to the schools and grocery stores to the north and will develop a system to deliver healthy foods to underserved neighborhoods and more remote parts of the counties.

According to Rick Hinterthuer, NAPHE executive director, "our community model is extremely efficient and effective. If we can do it in Harrison, it can be done in other places. We reach our community best through

the Home Town Health Coalitions of Boone and Newton Counties."

I have had the pleasure of visiting the Boone County Hometown Health Improvement Coalition. The program is a model for the rest of the country and illustrates how a community can leverage its resources to address community health issues through local, State, regional and national partnerships.

As chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, I have fought to include funding to provide meals to needy children during summer months, to secure grants for States to modernize their school lunch delivery systems, to improve health outcomes for infants participating in the WIC Program, and to promote the health of young children in early childhood settings.

I salute the good work going on in Harrison and North Arkansas to help keep our youngest citizens healthy.●

TRIBUTE TO JAMES WILSON

● Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment today to recognize an armchair explorer who never left the Northeast but brought the world to the United States. In 1809–1810 in the town of Bradford, VT, Mr. James Wilson fashioned the first terrestrial and celestial globes made in the United States. In doing so Mr. Wilson gave to all Americans an invaluable tool that would be used for centuries to come.

A self-taught and passionate cartographer, James Wilson started the first geographic globe factory in Bradford. He achieved such great success that soon after he and his sons opened a second factory in Albany, NY. Wilson Globes set the standard by which all other globes were measured, achieving such perfection that in 1827 he argued to Congress there was no longer a need to import them from abroad.

The accomplishments of James Wilson and his sons are treasured in the picturesque town of Bradford. So much so that the Bradford Historical Society commissioned the Williamstown Art Conservator to repair the historical society's Wilson globe—one of the few remaining in the world. Funds for this project were received from across the Nation. Understandably, the town takes great pride in this small piece of history that they can call their own. Although Mr. Wilson only ever saw a few hundred miles of this great country, he was responsible for bringing the world to most Americans. We applaud James Wilson for the legacy he left us. Furthermore, we applaud the Historical Society and town of Bradford for recognizing Mr. Wilson's remarkable gift and their dedication to preserving the past for our future.●

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-4312. A communication from the Acting Division Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Cap on High-Cost Support for Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carriers" (FCC08-122) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 21, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4313. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Shipping; Vessel Inspections; Technical and Conforming Amendments" (RIN1625-ZA21) (Docket No. USG-2008-1107) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4314. A communication from the Senior Trial Attorney, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Enhancing Airline Passenger Protections" (RIN2105-AD72) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4315. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Positive Train Control Systems" (RIN2130-AC03) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4316. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Entry from the Entity List: Person Removed Based on Removal Request" (RIN0694-AE75) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 23, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4317. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closed Captioning of Video Programming, Order, CG Docket No. 05-231" (FCC 09-109) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4318. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; Bangor, Maine" (MB Docket No. 09-122) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4319. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Bridge Inspection Standards" (RIN2125-AF33) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4320. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation,