

received from the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs.

In fiscal year 2009, there were more than 3 million Americans receiving VA disability compensation, with 41,000 of them receiving service in the State of Arkansas. The VA works tirelessly to address the needs of the American public, whether through times of peace, times of war, or times of grief.

It is important that we recognize the accomplishments and extend our sincere thanks to the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs for not only a job well done, but for the men and women in desperate need of great service so evidently shown for Major Gibson. They make the State of Arkansas proud.●

TRIBUTE TO STEVE COLE AND FRANK ADAMS

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I congratulate Arkansas State Representative Steve Cole of Lockesburg for being named the new chancellor of Cossatot Community College. He replaces retiring Chancellor Frank Adams, both of whom have dedicated their careers to inspiring and training students to become our next generation of Arkansas leaders.

Cossatot Community College is a pillar of the communities it serves. With campuses in DeQueen, Ashdown and Nashville, the college serves nearly 1,500 students in western Arkansas. The college offers technical certificates in 7 programs, certificates of proficiency in 13 programs, and 5 associate's degree programs.

Both Representative Cole and Chancellor Adams have played an integral role in the development and success of Cossatot Community College.

Since 2007, Representative Cole has served as vice chancellor and dean of academics. He has also served as a faculty member and administrator for the past 13 years. Representative Cole is a dedicated public servant in the Arkansas State Legislature, representing Howard and Sevier Counties.

Chancellor Adams will retire on June 30 after 18 years at Cossatot. He led the college into the UA system in 2001 and spearheaded the development of satellite campuses in Ashdown and Nashville.

I salute Representative Cole and Chancellor Adams for their leadership, and for their efforts to inspire the next generation of leaders. The knowledge and training that the students at Cossatot Community College receive today are the tools that will carry them for the rest of their lives.●

RECOGNIZING THE 2010 ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I congratulate the 2010 inductees to the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame for their significant contributions to Arkansas agriculture, as well as commu-

nity and economic development. The Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame is sponsored by the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce and Arkansas Farm Bureau.

This year's recipients are a distinguished group, comprised of Arkansas leaders in beef cattle, conservation, crop production, and extension efforts.

Philip Alford Jr. of Lewisville, Lafayette County, is a founding member of the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association. He introduced stocker cattle grazing operations and, by organizing drainage districts, helped convert thousands of acres of nonproductive bottomland into productive crop and pasture land.

Devoe Bollinger of Horatio, Sevier County, led the effort to eradicate brucellosis from cattle herds in the State. Bollinger's career has been devoted to improving the image of the cattle rancher. He served three terms on the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission, two of those as chairman.

Mark Bryles of Blytheville, Mississippi County, led a significant increase of cotton acreage while serving as an extension agent in Mississippi County. His career as an agent with the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service spanned 35 years, 22 of those in Mississippi County. He has received numerous awards for his leadership, innovation and service.

Jack Jones of Pottsville, Pope County, helped create the LeadAR program in Arkansas. Jones is a second-generation farmer and rancher from Pope County and has given much of his adult life serving the State's largest industry. He spent 24 years on the Arkansas Farm Bureau board of directors, 17 of those as vice president.

Leonard Sitzer of Weiner, Poinsett County, developed one of the most successful rice farming operations in northeast Arkansas. Sitzer's life is a testament to hard work, dedication, and leadership. With only a 10th-grade education, he returned from duty in World War II to build one of the most successful rice farming operations in Poinsett County. He spent 33 years on the Riceland Foods board of directors.

Mr. President, as a seventh-generation Arkansan and farmer's daughter and as chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I understand firsthand and appreciate the hard work and contributions of our Arkansas farmers. Agriculture is the backbone of Arkansas's economy, creating more than 270,000 jobs in the State and providing \$9.1 billion in wages and salaries. In total, agriculture contributes roughly \$15.9 billion to the Arkansas economy each year.

I salute this year's inductees to the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame and all Arkansas farmers and ranchers for their hard work and dedication.●

RECOGNIZING KING'S HILL INN

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I wish to honor a Maine small business

that has patriotically devoted itself to giving members of our Nation's military a relaxing surprise by providing Maine soldiers home from the warfront with a comforting night's stay in the picturesque western Maine town of Paris. Opened by Janice and Glenn Davis in 1999, the King's Hill Inn is a beautiful Victorian inn surrounded by scenic mountains and lakes in historic and peaceful Oxford County. And for Maine soldiers who have just returned from a theater of war, the King's Hill Inn simply promises "... the best, quietest night's sleep with their loved one, far from the cold battlefield."

This historic inn got its start in 1998 when Janice and Glenn Davis bought and restored the farm property, which was the 1811 birthplace of Horatio King, who served as Postmaster General under President James Buchanan. The rural town of Paris, frequently known as the home of King and Hannibal Hamlin, President Abraham Lincoln's first Vice President and a prominent Maine political figure, is also recognized for its panoply of natural wonders, many of which are accessible from King's Hill Inn. From the inn, guests can experience much of Maine's serene landscape which includes the beautiful Oxford Hills region, the exciting Saco River, as well as area mines that celebrate Maine's gem and mineral concentrations. The inn offers guests six stunning suites, each with a unique and charming setting—perfect for a weekend getaway.

To give back to our Nation's bravest men and women who have served overseas, the King's Hill Inn offers a free overnight stay with a complimentary breakfast for each Maine soldier returning from the warfront and his or her significant other. In addition, the Davises offer a 28-percent discount to "all military personnel stationed around the world" in honor of their 28-year-old son CAPT Aaron Davis, a member of the U.S. Air Force who has served in Afghanistan. The Davises also work with various local business owners wishing to make donations of their own to the soldiers spending the night at the King's Hill Inn, including restaurants offering a free dinner and florists providing beautiful floral arrangements.

After experiencing firsthand how difficult it was to part with her son when he was leaving to serve a year in the war in Afghanistan, Janice realized how such departures would be even more heartbreaking for the spouses of active-duty military personnel. Her objective in offering this magnanimous promotion is to provide soldiers with "... that escape from the war front and that reunification with their spouse or loved one. My goal is that it will start a grassroots effort right here in Western Maine that will spread all the way to California, where my son is."

The King's Hill Inn has truly offered a noble gift to our servicemen and women who have sacrificed so much for