

without refueling. America's favorite innovator, Bill Gates, has invested in a company that is exploring the Traveling Wave. If Bill Gates is embracing nuclear, I think it's safe to say America will soon be back in the game.

But we need to continue our commitment to basic science research. We must rebuild our industrial capacity and continue producing a skilled workforce for the future. We need to start building new reactors in America and we need to bring the next generation of reactors to market to recognize the benefits of full-recycling. It all starts with learning from our experience and the experience of other nations like Japan.

So these two nations as well as others—are prepared to move forward together in the great nuclear renaissance that is sweeping the world. Japan is on the cutting edge of reactor construction and reprocessing technology and I hope we will soon be able to join them by expanding our own nuclear fleet and adding our research capabilities. We have come a long, long way in 70 years since the closing day of World War II when scientists unlocked the energy buried at the heart of the atom. Nuclear power has since been used for threats, it has been used for destruction, and it has been used to frighten humanity into confronting the idea that we might be capable of destroying ourselves and the planet along with us. But I think right now we can safely say that these two nations are poised on the edge of an era of cooperation when we will turn the benefits of nuclear power to the greater good of all mankind.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO NIEL ELLERBROOK

• Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, on behalf of myself and Senator LUGAR, I would like to bring to the Senate's attention the service of Niel Ellerbrook, who is retiring as chief executive officer of Evansville-based Vectren Corporation after more than 30 years of service with the company and its predecessor. Mr. Ellerbrook's accomplishments as a business leader in Indiana are well documented and too numerous to mention. Suffice it to say, Niel has been a strong and positive force for change in the State for many years. He successfully engineered the merger between two utility companies and built the resulting company Vectren Corporation into one of Indiana's largest publically traded corporations with more than 3,700 employees and operations encompassing half of the United States. Under Niel's leadership, Vectren has embarked on an impressive campaign to provide consumers cleaner energy and cost-saving energy conservation programs all of which have become models for others in the industry to follow.

Niel's business acumen tells only a part of the story, however. The son of

a minister and elementary school-teacher, Niel was born into a household that put a premium on sacrifice and doing for others. Niel's generous commitment of time and resources to civic endeavors in Evansville has benefited untold numbers of Hoosiers. Niel is an active supporter of the United Way and devotes significant energies toward education serving as chairman of the board of trustees at the University of Evansville, on the board of Signature Learning Center in Evansville, and as cochair, with his wife Karen, of the fundraising campaign that led to the opening of the Koch Children's Museum of Evansville in 2006.

Born in Rensselaer, growing up in Franklin and graduating from Ball State University, Niel is a born-and-bred Hoosier success story. Fortunately for us Hoosiers, he decided to remain in the State and place his significant mark on the history of Indiana business and civic leadership.

Speaking for my colleague Senator LUGAR, I can say how fortunate we are to call Niel a friend.

It is with great appreciation that Senator LUGAR and I congratulate Niel Ellerbrook on his remarkable career, and wish him and his wife Karen the very best in their future endeavors together.●

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BALTIMORE HERITAGE, INC.

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I wish to pay special tribute to Baltimore Heritage, Inc. as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. Baltimore Heritage, Inc.—BHI—is beginning its fifth decade of service to Baltimore City. BHI was founded in 1960 by leaders of the Baltimore business and cultural community, including members of the Greater Baltimore Committee, the Maryland Historical Society, the Peale Museum, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. For decades, the organization has effectively advocated for actions and broader policies that protect the city's irreplaceable historic buildings and neighborhoods.

BHI works in three primary areas: education, planning and advocacy, and technical assistance. Its education programs seek to involve people and promote the city's heritage. To further that effort, it conducts monthly guided tours of historic sites, spring walking tours, a fall history lecture, and a reception to recognize the best historic preservation projects.

Through its planning and advocacy work, BHI has helped preserve city landmarks and develop strategies to use Baltimore's historic buildings and neighborhoods as the basis for economic growth. Some successes include: reversing plans to demolish the historic buildings surrounding Mt. Vernon Place; saving the City Hall dome; and establishing the Baltimore City Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation, CHAP, which has gone on to help designate more than 60

local and national neighborhood historic districts and achieve protected landmark status for more than 100 historic structures, parks, and monuments. BHI was a partner in blocking the extension of I-83 through Fells Point and Canton and in preserving and reusing Camden Station and Camden Warehouse as integrated parts of the new downtown ballpark.

Baltimore Heritage leaders also were partners with Preservation Maryland in crafting and advocating for an alternative proposal for revitalizing the West Side of Baltimore's downtown—an alternative that proved the feasibility and great economic potential of integrating, rather than demolishing, the district's historic structures. This alternative plan now serves as the guideline for the city's official redevelopment plan for this important downtown district.

I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Baltimore Heritage for its dedication to showcasing our rich historic and cultural heritage. Baltimore is one of our Nation's most historic cities, and Baltimore Heritage, Inc. understands the importance of preserving the past while building for the future. To paraphrase Sir Christopher Wren's epitaph, "If you seek Baltimore Heritage's monument, look around you."●

RECOGNIZING ALCOM, INC.

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, next week marks National Small Business Week, a time when we honor our Nation's entrepreneurs and the tremendous accomplishments they have made. As small business owners and advocates from across America gather in Washington, DC, for several days of events, among that group will be two Mainers who have earned the U.S. Small Business Administration's prestigious 2010 Maine Small Business Persons of the Year award. Today I wish to recognize Trapper Clark and Tom Sturtevant, the president and corporate vice president, respectively, of Alcom, Inc., a major manufacturer of aluminum trailers located in the town of Winslow.

Alcom got its start in 2006 when Trapper Clark opened the firm in 8,000 square feet of space at the historic Wyandotte Mill in Waterville. Trapper, a graduate of the University of Maine, had previously worked for aluminum sport and utility manufacturer SnoPro, giving him a deep familiarity with the industry and how it operates. When he decided to open his own small business, he approached Tom, his stepfather who had been retired for a decade, to help get his company off the ground. Mr. Sturtevant is an entrepreneur in his own right, having founded Gazelle Products—the third-largest fiberglass-canoe manufacturer in the country when he sold it in 1990—and Benton Plastics—the third-largest manufacturer of plastic bed liners in the world when he sold the firm in 1994. Clearly,