

spending, which I think is critical to many. Third, it is a good omen. I hope we can take this cooperation and work out the rest of the so-called extenders bill together on both sides of the aisle. I am very pleased with this development. I thank the majority leader and the minority leader for working this out. Now we can put this issue aside and doctors will be paid, seniors will get the benefits they deserve, and we can go on to work cooperatively to finalize the rest of the bill.

I thank my friend.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this year has been an extremely difficult year. No one has been more involved in everything we have done here than my friend from Montana. In true times of crisis—and we have had plenty of crises in the last 18 months, and he and I had a relationship before that. In the last 18 months, we were in the trenches together to work through some big problems we have here legislatively. Because of his responsibility as chairman of the Finance Committee, much of the burden of what goes on in the Senate is on his shoulders. He has broad shoulders and a wonderful staff. I enjoy working with him, and I enjoy his friendship.

REMEMBERING ARKANSAS FLOOD VICTIMS

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, it is with heartfelt sympathy that I stand before you today to offer my deepest condolences to the family members and friends who lost their loved ones in the flash floods that swept through the Albert Pike Recreation Area in the Ouachita National Forest Campgrounds in the early morning hours of June 11, 2010. Approximately 8 inches of rain fell in 1 hour overnight, providing very little warning to campers of the danger. The warnings went unheard early Friday morning; the campground has no sirens, no park ranger on site, poor radio reception, and spotty cell phone service.

The Caddo and Little Missouri rivers rose by 20 feet overnight, engulfing the hikers and campers who were spending the night in tents along the rivers in the isolated Ouachita Mountains. The 54-unit campground was quickly inundated with water, which was rising as quickly as 8 feet per hour. The water was so violent it overturned RVs and peeled asphalt off the roads.

Twenty people, in some instances several members from the same family including young children, lost their lives in this tragedy. Among those lost were eight Louisianans, and my heart goes out to the Smith family, who lost Anthony, Joey, and Katelynn; to the Basinger family, who lost Shane and Kinsley in Gloster; and the Roeder family in Luling who, lost Kay, Debbie, and Bruce.

The 20 people lost to this tragedy will be greatly missed by their families,

friends, and communities. I ask that you remember the victims of the flash floods in your thoughts and prayers.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HEBRON, NORTH DAKOTA

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, today, I am pleased to recognize a community in North Dakota that is celebrating its 125th anniversary. From July 1–4, the residents of Hebron, ND, will gather to celebrate their community's founding.

The city of Hebron was established in the 1880s and was formed into a village in 1885. It was incorporated as a city in 1916. Hebron grew to its highest population of 2,000 in the mid-1950s and now is a town of around 900 nestled in a peaceful valley located 2 miles north of Interstate 94 in southwestern North Dakota.

Hebron is home to the Hebron Brick Company, Inc., which was started in 1904. Soon after European settlers began arriving in western North Dakota, Charles Weigel and Ferdinand Leutz established Hebron Fire & Pressed Brick Company. It is the oldest manufacturing operation in North Dakota, and its state-of-the-art brick making facility had made it one of the most successful brick companies in the upper Midwest. Abundant natural resources of the area allow the Hebron Brick Company to provide its customers with an array of brick options. Their modern facilities ensure that the Hebron Brick Company manufactures consistent, durable, and elegant products for their customers.

Hebron sits along the Old Red Old Ten Scenic Byway. The Old Red Old Ten Scenic Byway allows tourists the opportunity to explore the rich history of North Dakota settlers. The culture of Native Americans and the diversity of European pioneers are captured along this route. The natural beauty of the buttes, river valleys, and prairie provides an image of pleasant, rural life for visitors.

The citizens of Hebron are proud to mention the many reasons their community is so strong. The city offers genuine small-town living with a weekly local newspaper, two grain elevators, a public library, an outstanding public education system, parks, and recreational areas for families and friends to spend quality time together. Hebron will soon celebrate the completion of its new community center, and I wish to congratulate the city on achieving this milestone.

In honor of the city's 125th anniversary, community leaders have organized a parade, car show, street dance, concerts, and other celebratory events.

I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. Senate join me in congratulating Hebron, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Hebron and all other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering

frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Hebron that have helped shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Hebron has a proud past and a bright future.●

NEW LEIPZIG, NORTH DAKOTA

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, today, I am pleased to recognize a community in North Dakota that is celebrating its 100th anniversary. From July 1–4, the residents of New Leipzig, ND, will gather to celebrate their community's founding.

In May 1910, a town site was platted by the Milwaukee Land Company of Chicago. The German-Russian residents of nearby Leipzig, wanting a location closer to the railroad, relocated to what was soon named New Leipzig. New Leipzig underwent a brief name change in 1912, but after input from residents, the town was once again called New Leipzig.

Hertz Brothers Hardware is believed to be the oldest company still doing business in Grant County. Originally located in Leipzig as the Farmers Commerce Company, the company quickly moved to New Leipzig and became known as Hertz Brothers Hardware in 1912. Today, the business is under its third generation of management. Roehl Trucking is also a third-generation business, and Stelter Repair is under its fourth generation of management. Main Street today is almost entirely populated by farm-related service businesses. Businesses currently servicing the area include Tietz Hardware, Larry's Service Center, Stern Motors, Randy's Sales & Service, Stelter Repair, Roehl Transfer Inc., Schock Real Estate, B & L Lounge, Star Grocery, Hertz Brother's Inc., the United States Postal Service, New Leipzig Grain, and Dakota Community Bank.

New Leipzig, like so many other rural communities, strives to be a true home for its people and to provide a solid upbringing and quality education for its children.

In honor of the city's 100th anniversary, community leaders have organized class gatherings, a bonfire, a parade, a dance, and an ice cream social, among many other fun and exciting events.

I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. Senate join me in congratulating New Leipzig, ND, and its residents on their first 100 years and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring New Leipzig and all other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as New Leipzig that have helped shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

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