

and empower taxpayers. I urge my colleagues to join me to increase awareness of the earned-income tax credit.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

I yield the floor, and I note the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSIONAL STAFF

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, this is the second week of the 112th Congress. I welcome back the Presiding Officer. I have spent many a Monday afternoon presiding over this Chamber as a new Member in my first 2 years. While they are not here, I welcome my new colleagues in the Senate and, obviously, our new colleagues in the House.

We still have an enormous number of challenges facing us as a country, and I look forward to working with Members in both bodies to make sure we meet these challenges in a bipartisan way.

Last year, I took up the banner that had actually been started by the Presiding Officer's colleague who preceded him in this Chamber, and that was the effort of honoring, on a regular basis, exemplary Federal employees right here on the Senate floor. It is a tradition that was begun by Senator Ted Kaufman.

I want to start this new 112th Congress with what will be a weekly occurrence where I will come forward and recognize Federal employees who play an extraordinarily important role in our country. I have been blessed to have had a great number of those employees in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as the occupant of the Chair has been in Delaware.

Today, I thought I would actually rise on no specific employee but to honor congressional staff on Capitol Hill and in the many congressional districts across the country. There are nearly 6,000 Federal employees in the Senate, and nearly 10,000 serve in the House of Representatives. I am referring to the individuals who sort the mail, the clerks who sit before you in the presiding chair, the folks who manage the Chamber day in and day out, and the Capitol Police, who do an incredibly important job of making sure we are able to work in a safe environment. I am also referring to those folks who work directly for us as Members of Congress. They work their hearts out for us. Beatriz is here with me today. They work long hours and get little attention. Clearly, they impact the lives of millions of Americans every day.

I know a little about this firsthand because I started my career in politics as a staff member for then-Congress-

man Chris Dodd. I did manage to get him lost a number of times when I drove him around his district in eastern Connecticut. That experience taught me how dedicated the congressional staff is and that they are truly public servants and are instrumental to the democratic process that takes place on the floor of the Senate and on the floor of the House.

Congressional staff help Members of Congress draft and analyze legislation. They respond to literally thousands of letters, phone calls, and e-mails on a regular basis. More often than not, they are out in the district or back at home when we are in Washington.

I know my State staff has helped Virginians with securing adoptions, reuniting families through our immigration casework, and simply helping countless Virginia families navigate the complex bureaucracy that we know as the Federal Government.

Congressional staff also help us plan events that bring us closer to those we represent so we can continue to hear their views or complaints as we try to communicate our agenda.

I want to take a special moment—and we did this as a body last week—to pay tribute to those who were lost in the horrible shooting in Tucson. It is important to remember as we pray for the recovery of Congresswoman GIFFORDS that we recall as well a member of her staff, Gabe Zimmerman, who was Congresswoman GIFFORDS' director of community outreach. Gabe was one of the victims of that mass shooting. He was simply doing his job organizing "Congress On Your Corner" for the Congresswoman to make sure the folks who hired her, the people of Arizona, had a chance to see her firsthand and express their views.

I want to make sure we also recognize and continue to keep in our prayers Pamela Simon and Ronald Barber who were injured on that day and are in the process of making their recovery.

As we keep in mind that tragedy, I think it is important that we recall not only are those of us who are directly hired sometimes put in harm's way by this job, but there are literally thousands of particularly young people who work for us day in and day out without a lot of recognition who are public servants as well. As we saw with the tragedy a month or so ago in Tucson, they sometimes give the greatest devotion of service as well.

I hope my colleagues will join me over the coming week or two and say a special thanks to all of those who work long and hard for us on our staffs, including the pages who keep the order; the reporters who make sure, even when we are a little bit too long-winded, that they take down virtually every word; and those special folks on the dais who have been known at times to keep new Members awake during particularly long-winded speeches by Members.

I thank our congressional staff. We will be back on a regular basis to cele-

brate the very good work of Federal employees in various walks of life. I can't think of a better way to restart this tradition than this week honoring those great staff members who serve us in the Senate and in the House.

With that, I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. (Mr. MANCHIN). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we are in morning business; is that right?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That is correct.

REMEMBERING SUZANNE WAUGHTEL-HOPPER

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the heroic life of Suzanne Waughtel-Hopper, a deputy sheriff of Clark County, OH, and a beloved mother, wife, daughter, sister, and friend who was killed in the line of duty on the morning of January 1, 2011.

On that fateful day, Deputy Hopper, who went 6 years without ever missing a work day, volunteered to work overtime where she was scheduled to start her shift at 3 a.m. But by 2:34 a.m. she had already started her patrol, and by 2:58 a.m. she had already made an arrest by taking a drunk driver off the street. Throughout the morning, she fielded calls of theft and criminal activity, and by 11:30 a.m. she answered her last call, a report of a dispute at a local campground. While taking forensic evidence photographs, she was shot and killed and German Township officer Jeremy Blum was injured. As Deputy Hopper did each day of her career, she answered her call to duty, the call to uphold the sacred oath she took to protect her community.

In the days since her tragic loss, family and friends have recounted her commitment to the core values of the Clark County Sheriff's Office—integrity, duty, courage, and honor. During the celebration of her life on January 7, 2011, at First Christian Church in Springfield, OH, thousands of people from Clark County and across the State and the Nation remembered her acts of courage on the job, her kindness and empathy to the community, and her love and affection for her family. Flag waving mourners gave thanks and prayers to a public servant who kept their streets and neighborhoods safe for the last 12 years.

School children will remember her as a role model and DARE instructor. Special Olympians will remember her encouragement and support, while several charities will remember her generosity and selflessness. Families who she helped in the line of duty will remember the clothing and food she provided them while she was off duty.

From Young's Dairy to Diane's in North Hampton to the streets of Clark County, her friends from old remember a young girl who grew up into the police officer she always wanted to be. And her fellow heroes in the Clark County Sheriff's office will remember her camaraderie and friendship, forged through her many different assignments and numerous divisions where she served with distinction and honor.

I express my deepest sympathies to Deputy Sheriff Hopper's parents Charles and Bonnie Bauer; her husband Matthew Hopper; her daughter and son Emily Bauer and Charlie Waughtel; her stepchildren Cole and Madeleine Hopper; her sisters and brothers-in-law Annette and Robert Bauer-English, and Marie and Eric Lundgren; her parents-in-law Victoria Hopper and Joseph Kleehammer; and numerous other loved ones.

A grateful State will forever remember Deputy Sheriff Suzanne Waughtel-Hopper, a trusted and true public servant.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING OFFICER FIRST CLASS JON-MICHAEL RONDA

• Mr. COONS. Mr. President, today I remember Officer First Class Jon-Michael Ronda, formerly of the New Castle County Police Department, who passed away on December 2, 2010, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Officer Ronda was an outstanding citizen of Delaware, and the selflessness of his service to the people of New Castle County and the Nation will not be forgotten. He was born in Panama and moved with his family to New Jersey, where he graduated from Pemberton Township High School and Trenton State College. Determined to serve his country, Officer Ronda joined the 177th Security Forces Squadron of the New Jersey Air National Guard in 1995 and was deployed to Qatar in 2002. He was an outstanding staff sergeant and combat arms instructor, recognized with the Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Training Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, the Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon, the Good Conduct Ribbon, the New Jersey Merit Award, and the Small Arms Expert Marksman Ribbon. Officer Ronda's strength in the face of adversity was a hallmark of his service, and he received an honorable discharge in 2007.

Officer Ronda joined the New Castle County Police Department in 1998 and was a member of the National Latino Peace Officers Association. He was a well-respected member of the Department who received several complimentary letters for his service.

I extend my deepest sympathies and condolences to his family and friends and join the people of Delaware in my gratitude for his service.●

CENTER FOR FAMILY RESOURCES

• Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, today I honor in the RECORD the 50th anniversary of the Center for Family Resources in Marietta, GA.

In 1960, three community leaders—Fred Bentley, Sr., Howard Ector, and Harry Holliday—envisioned a better way to combine six existing emergency assistance organizations in the county under one roof to be more effective and efficient. After working with the United Way for funding, they founded the Cobb County Emergency Aid Association, Inc.—CCEAA.

For a decade, the organization worked tirelessly to help meet the emergency needs of the citizens of Cobb County, GA, through financial assistance, furniture, clothing, medical supplies, food and a Christmas program.

As the organization grew, it began to look for ways to become more effective in helping families become independent and self-sufficient. Families repeatedly faced limited access to affordable transportation, childcare and housing, as well as a lack of education and training to secure and maintain employment. The organization determined the removal of those barriers was the real key to breaking the cycle of poverty.

In 2004, the agency changed its name to the Center for Family Resources. The Center for Family Resources has grown from a small emergency aid agency to a multifunction human services organization, serving both generations of the family to develop personal responsibility and a self-sufficient lifestyle. The center develops and maintains collaborative partnerships with organizations to improve services for local families.

Today, the Center for Family Resources serves an average of 10,000 individuals each year and has served more than 400,000 individuals since 1960.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure and it is a privilege to recognize the Center for Family Resources and its contributions to Cobb County. I congratulate Jeri Barr, the Board of Directors, the staff and volunteers of the Center for Family Resources on their many accomplishments.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, was signed on January 28, 2011, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

H.R. 366. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 27, 2011, the following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 223. A bill to modernize the air traffic control system, improve the safety, reliability, and availability of transportation by air in the United States, provide modernization of the air traffic control system, reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

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-305. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Benton, IL" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0838)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-306. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Central City, NE" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0837)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-307. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Crewe, VA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0692)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-308. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Port Clarence, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0354)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-309. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress Under Section 319 of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 (December 2010)"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-310. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Johnson, KS" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0841)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-311. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation,