

communities such as Bowdle are part of the backbone of our great State, and help to preserve our rich frontier history and deep-seated character. Bowdle exemplifies what it means to be a great South Dakota community.●

BRYANT, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the community of Bryant, SD, on reaching the 125th anniversary of its founding. Bryant is a community-oriented town located in Hamlin County and will be celebrating its quasiquintennial the weekend of June 24 to 26.

Founded in 1887 upon the completion of the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul railroads, the small town embraced its origins and was named after the local railroad official. Bryant prides itself on its fire preparedness and is home to a dedicated volunteer fire department.

The importance of community to the town is evident in the presence of their well-maintained auditorium and parks which host town gatherings, baseball games, dances, craft fairs, and suppers. Bryant will celebrate this milestone with many activities including a car and tractor show, a parade, and even fireman's games.

South Dakota is built on the values and spirit of small communities like Bryant. It is because of our small tight-knit communities that many choose to call South Dakota home. I congratulate the citizens of Bryant on their accomplishments over the last 125 years and look forward to seeing their future endeavors.●

CONDE, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the community of Conde, SD, on reaching the 125th anniversary of its founding. Located in Spink County, this small, close-knit community will be celebrating its quasiquintennial the weekend of June 24 to 26.

The building of railroad branches in South Dakota by the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad created growth for numerous towns. Amongst the newly established area, the town of Conde was founded in 1886. This railroad town was formerly known as Coral until April 15, 1882. A railroad official's wife selected the name in honor of the Conde family of France and the French town of Conde.

Conde, SD, "The Place to Call Home," is known for its beautiful scenery and outdoor activities. Conde is settled in the rolling Coteau Hills and is an excellent area for Ring Neck Pheasant and White Tail Deer hunting. The city of Conde still has a variety of businesses located in this community. Conde will commemorate its anniversary with a weekend of events. The community has planned to host live music bands, an all-school reunion, a

5K "Roll and Stroll" through the beautiful town of Conde, and plenty of food vendors.

Conde exemplifies the hometown community spirit of South Dakota. After 125 years, the community of Conde is still thriving, and it is my honor to publicly congratulate the citizens of Conde on reaching this commendable milestone.●

HECLA, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the town of Hecla, SD, on reaching the 125th anniversary of its founding. This small town in Brown County has flourished from its humble pioneer origins to a vibrant South Dakotan community.

The completion of the Dakota Central Railroad, known later as the Chicago Northwestern, breathed life into this region of Brown County, and the community of Hecla was born in 1886. The railroad was essential to the progress of the town as it provided a means to get supplies, export harvests, and transport mail. Mystery surrounds the naming of Hecla as the railroad crew decided to name the town after the volcano, Mt. Hekla, in Iceland for unknown reasons.

Today, Hecla is a progressive small town community. It features several local businesses, including grain elevators, lodging sites, banks, restaurants, meat processors, and insurance agencies, and is home to several churches. Hecla will be commemorating its anniversary with a celebration on the weekend of June 25th-26th. The town plans to celebrate with many events including a parade and a dance to be held on Hecla's Main Street. The events of the weekend promise to provide great opportunities to celebrate such a historic milestone.

Most South Dakotans call small towns like Hecla home. Even 125 years after its founding, Hecla still exemplifies what it means to be a great South Dakota community. I am proud to publicly honor Hecla on this memorable occasion and congratulate the people of Hecla on their achievements.●

LANGFORD, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the 125th anniversary of the founding of Langford, SD. Langford served historically as a city born from the railroads, and for many residents was the first stop to a new life on the prairie.

Founded in 1886, Langford was settled as the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Company continued to lay their track across the prairie. Sam Denton originally surveyed the 190-acre plot overlooking the South Dakota countryside. John A. Edmunds' hardware store was the first business established in Langford. The store was delivered prebuilt as a shanty. The very next day a blacksmith shop was opened with several churches soon to follow.

From its earliest days, Langford has been marked by a strong sense of community with residents gathering frequently in the Langford Opera House, now the Legion Hall. Langford at one time boasted five schoolhouses, and still continues this commitment to education with the Langford Area School District.

Residents plan to celebrate the 125th with many activities, including a parade, car show, softball tournament, and a Sunday service. Main Street in Langford will be filled with the pride of all the residents from the area, past and present.

A hundred twenty five years after its founding, Langford continues to be a vibrant community and a great asset to South Dakota. I am proud to honor the achievements of Langford on this memorable occasion.●

TURTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of the founding of Turton, SD. This small town in Spink County embodies the very values that South Dakota was founded upon.

Named after Joseph Turton, one of the town's first settlers from England, the town was founded in 1886 and formally incorporated in 1907. Situated along the Groton branch of the Chicago Northwestern Railroad, Turton was originally established as a railroad town. The railroad was essential to the development of the vibrant town as it provided necessary supplies and a means to transport goods. Today, Turton is best known for their beautiful Catholic church, which was built in 1893, and is still in use today.

Residents of Turton will kick off the town's quasiquintennial celebration and their annual St. John's Day with the Turton Community Golf Tournament, street dances, games, and banquets. To wrap up a fun filled weekend, Turton has planned a Sunday morning mass and breakfast.

Small towns like Turton symbolize what it means to be a South Dakotan community. I am pleased to recognize the achievements of Turton, and to offer my congratulations to the residents of the town on this historic milestone.●

TEEN VOICES

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I ask to have printed in the RECORD the remarks of my friend Donna Brazile at the 20th anniversary celebration for Teen Voices. Teen Voices is a journalism mentoring and leadership development program for teen girls which was founded in Cambridge, MA, and creates publications which reach hundreds of thousands of young women across the world. Donna's words do great justice to what a terrific program Teen Voices is as they celebrate an important milestone, and I believe this occasion deserves special recognition in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.