

Helmand Province, Afghanistan. That day, Mr. Emmott's squad was on combat patrol when it came under intense enemy fire. Upon seeing a marine in his squad fall from multiple gunshot wounds, he rushed through the fire-fight to provide first aid.

Mr. Emmott and other squad members proceeded to transport the injured marine to the casualty collection point, when a second marine was shot in the thigh. Mr. Emmott ignored the chaos around him and worked calmly to aid the second casualty. After stabilizing the second marine, Mr. Emmott was struck directly in the face by a bullet, which pierced his sinus cavity and just narrowly missed his carotid artery. The blow knocked him unconscious. His squad leader, who saw him get shot, thought he was dead.

When Mr. Emmott regained consciousness, he refused morphine in order to supervise the treatment of the injured marines. Despite difficulty speaking and choking on his own blood, he provided precise instructions to another combat lifesaver on how to administer aid to the injured. Then, despite excruciating pain, he managed to stagger to the medical evacuation helicopter, so that the other injured marines could be carried on stretchers.

Today I would like to offer my humble thanks to Mr. Emmott for his selfless service, leadership, and courage. We all admire his strength and willingness to put others before himself, especially as he faced his own life-threatening injuries. He is truly an inspiration and role model for all Americans. At the young age of 22, he has already accomplished feats of excellence that few could do in a lifetime. I commend Mr. Emmott for his unwavering commitment to his comrades and to his country.

STENNIS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, some 9 years ago, the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership began a program for summer interns working in congressional offices. This 6-week program is designed to enhance their internship experience by giving them an inside view of how Congress really works. Each week, the interns meet with senior congressional staff and other experts to discuss issues ranging from the legislative process, to the influence of the media and lobbyists on Congress, to careers on Capitol Hill, and more.

Interns are selected for this program based on their college record, community service experience, and interest in a career in public service. This year, 25 outstanding interns, most of them juniors and seniors in college who are working for Democrats and Republicans in both the House and Senate have taken part.

I congratulate the interns for their involvement in this valuable program and I thank the Stennis Center and the senior Stennis fellows for providing

such a meaningful experience for these interns and for encouraging them to consider a future career in public service.

I ask unanimous consent that a list of 2011 Stennis congressional interns and the offices in which they work be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Matthew Becker, attending the University of Mary, interning in the office of Senator John Hoeven

William Bergstrom, attending Harvard College, interning in the office of Senator John Hoeven

Kathleen Bouziss, attending the University of Wyoming, interning in the office of Senator Mike Enzi

Tyler Brandt, attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison, interning in the Senate Special Committee on Aging

Andrew Bunker, attending Wake Forest University, interning in the Office of The Speaker

Jessica Casperson, attending the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, interning in the office of Senator Herb Kohl

Kaitlin Chandler, attending Boston University, interning in the office of Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee

Andrew Clauw, attending the University of Michigan, interning in the office of Representative Hansen Clarke

Todd Garland, attending Louisville Law School, interning in the office of Representative Geoff Davis

Sarah Gokey, attending Smith College, interning in the office of Senator Kent Conrad

Emily Holman, attending Miami University, interning in the office of Representative Tammy Baldwin

Mark Kauzlarich, attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison, interning in the office of Senator Herb Kohl

Aubrey Lauersdorf, attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison, interning in the office of Representative Tammy Baldwin

Alan Ledford, attending the University of Virginia, interning in the office of Senator Orrin Hatch

Anna McCracken, attending Elon University, interning in the office of Senator Jon Tester

Nicholas Muncy, attending the U.S. Air Force Academy, interning in the office of Senator Mike Enzi

Lilly Nottingham, attending Harvard University, interning in the office of Representative Mike Coffman

Andrew Podrygula, attending Middlebury College, interning in the office of Senator Kent Conrad

Hannah Postel, attending Middlebury College, interning in the House Committee on Foreign Affairs

Emily Risch, attending Minnesota State University Moorhead, interning in the office of Senator Kent Conrad

Jeff Swartz, attending The George Washington University, interning in the House Committee on the Budget

Allison Tilt, attending Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, interning in the office of Senator Jon Tester

Kim Touch, attending Northern Virginia Community College, interning in the office of Representative Don Young

Deana Veal, attending the University of Georgia, interning in the office of Senator Saxby Chambliss

Dan Wolgamott, attending St. John's University, interning in the office of Representative Tim Walz

NASA RECOGNITION

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, earlier today, in the early morning hours before sunrise, humankind once again touched the Earth after exploring the universe. On the day when 42 years earlier, Ohio's Neil Armstrong became the first human to walk on the Moon, I rise to honor the men and women of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's, NASA, Space Shuttle Program on reaching the historic milestone of the 135th and final flight of the Space Transportation System, STS. I especially honor the men and women of NASA Glenn in Cleveland, OH, for their achievements with the Space Shuttle Program, thereby advancing the human exploration of space, driving scientific advances and technology development, and enriching the lives of all people throughout the United States and the world and inspiring our next generation of explorers.

The first firing of a hydrogen/oxygen rocket engine occurred in 1953 at the NASA Lewis Flight Propulsion Laboratory, now known as NASA Glenn Research Center. Early design work and testing of turbopumps, seals and bearings, main combustion chamber injectors, baffles, heat transfer testing, development of the electroforming process, and testing of nozzle shapes and lengths was all performed by NASA engineers in Cleveland, OH. These research and development activities led to the current design of the Space Shuttle Main Engine. Three space shuttle main engines combined delivers more than 37 million horsepower, the same amount of energy as 13 Hoover Dams.

NASA Glenn is also a leader in fuel cell research and development. Scientists performed vital research to improve the performance and efficiency of the fuel cells to generate electricity for the space shuttle. Today, that work continues as NASA Glenn is a leader in alternative energy, from fuel cells to wind turbines to batteries that are now changing the way Americans live and work.

In the 1970s and 1980s, NASA Lewis ran aerodynamic wind tunnel tests on scale models of the solid rocket boosters, orbiter and external tank, and complete scale models to gather data for the new Space Transportation System. Some of the models even had gaseous hydrogen-oxygen rockets and solid propellant booster rockets, which were fired in the wind tunnel to test their behavior during ascent. These activities helped NASA to catalogue important flight characteristics of the Space Shuttle for launch and landing.

NASA Glenn not only fostered the Shuttle program's achievements, but it also comforted its setbacks. After two unfortunate accidents—the *Challenger*, STS-51L, on January 28, 1986, and the *Columbia*, STS-107, on February 1, 2003—Glenn engineers performed many shuttle safety improvements and aided the return to flight.

And as the Space Shuttle Program progressed through breakthroughs and heartbreaks, numerous microgravity experiments have been designed, built, and operated by NASA Glenn and conducted on-orbit on the space shuttle. The results of NASA Glenn experiments have been used to improve fire safety, emissions reduction, energy efficiency, healthcare, and electronics.

On the ground Ohio's NASA engineers explored the universe with Ohio astronauts on-orbit. Nineteen astronauts from Ohio flew on the space shuttle, some multiple times. Former astronaut-turned-U.S. Senator John Glenn flew on STS-95, and STS-70, the "All-Ohio Crew," flew in 1995 with four Ohio natives on the crew, and the fifth crewmember was made an honorary Ohioan.

As we congratulate NASA on the Shuttle Program and honor all those involved in its success, the true measure of the importance of the STS Program will be where NASA goes next.

I have had the privilege to meet many of the scientists, engineers, and workers at NASA Glenn. They are dedicated and compassionate, guided by the scientific patriotism that displays a nation's pursuit in understanding the world in which we all live.

The space shuttle has enabled the United States to continue its leadership in space, science, and technology. I am proud of NASA Glenn's role in the design and testing of the space shuttle, and especially of its leadership in numerous scientific experiments that have been conducted on the space shuttle.

I am confident that both NASA and the United States will refocus to continue to push the boundaries of science—fueling technology advancements and inspiring our children to become the next generation of scientists, engineers, and explorers. NASA Glenn and Ohio will continue to play a major role in that effort.

Our Nation is defined by the spirit of discovery, pushing westward on land, navigating the oceans, and sending humankind into what was once a mere vision seen only through Galileo's eye. We are a nation of explorers. And we all have a responsibility to safeguard that defining American spirit and to inspire a new generation of American explorers.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING WAY WAY STORE

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, it is always devastating when a business that has been part of the fabric of a local community closes, whether it is the drycleaner, the candy shop, or the grocery store. That was the case with the Way Way Store in Saco, ME, which closed its doors 8 years ago after nearly 80 years in business. However, due to the entrepreneurial spirit of a local couple, the Way Way Store has re-

cently reopened, reinstating the original store's dedication to offering personal service and affordable products. Today I commend the Way Way Store for its grand reopening and discuss its remarkable history.

The Way Way Store was originally opened in the southern Maine town of Saco in the late 1920s by the Cousens family. Eugene Cousens constructed the store from handmade concrete blocks, an effort that resulted in the building being placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Today, the building's exterior retains its original red-and-white color scheme, and the original cash register still sits atop the counter. Through the 1940s, the Way Way Store was essentially a rest stop for travelers as it offered gasoline, clothing, outhouses, and food. Over time, the Way Way Store began to focus on selling candy and other foods and quickly became a popular local establishment.

Like many other established small businesses, the Way Way Store places a strong emphasis on family. The Cousens family owned the Way Way Store from the time that it opened until Peggy Tyrell and Catherine Cousens decided to close the store in 2003. Eight years later, Peter Scontras, a retired historian and schoolteacher, and his wife Bridget reopened the store last month to much acclaim, thus restoring a local landmark. They remain determined to honor the legacy that the Cousens left behind while adapting to ensure the store's success.

The Way Way Store has been something of an institution in Saco, and the reopening has provoked a strong positive response in the town. People who frequented the Way Way Store before it closed in 2003 are coming back to take in the atmosphere that harkens back to the mid-20th century and to enjoy the wide range of sweets that the store offers. By offering a multitude of traditional favorites like penny-candy and employing original ideas like a takeout ice cream window, the Scontras family has proved to be shrewd business owners, and the new Way Way Store has endeared itself to yet another generation of Mainers.

As many specialty shops fall to the wayside due to competition from larger chains, it is inspiring to see a small business rediscover success and continue its contribution to the local economy. People in the Saco area have expressed their gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Scontras for reinvigorating a true gem in York County. I join them in thanking the Scontras family for the risk they have taken in opening a small business in this tumultuous economy and commend them on their hard work and dedication to their customers and to the Way Way Store's grand tradition.●

ISABEL, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Isabel, SD. The town of Isa-

bel will commemorate the 100th anniversary of its founding this year.

Isabel was founded in 1911 and named after the daughter of a railroad agent. Located in Dewey County, it was a booming community in the early years when the town served as the last western stop on the Milwaukee railroad. Isabel became a home for settlers looking for a place to successfully raise livestock and farm. Today, the community of Isabel continues to carry on their strong agricultural heritage and grow their local businesses.

Isabel has been a successful and thriving community for the past 100 years, and I am confident that it will continue to serve as an example of South Dakota values and traditions. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Isabel on this landmark occasion and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

MELLETTE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Mellette County in South Dakota. Mellette County will commemorate the 100th anniversary of its founding this year.

Mellette County was organized in 1911 and named after Arthur C. Mellette, the first Governor of the State of South Dakota. The county seat, White River, is home to the annual Frontier Days celebration and rodeo. In celebration of the centennial, the communities of Norris, White River, and Wood will be hosting many events to mark this important milestone.

Mellette County has been a successful and thriving example of South Dakota values and traditions for the past 100 years, and I am confident that it will continue that tradition. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Mellette County on this landmark occasion and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time: