

to be one of our country's premiere private-label frozen vegetable producers and employs 670 people throughout the year. Today, National Frozen Foods is committed to continued improvement through innovation within its own walls and at the industry level.

I am proud to acknowledge the part that National Frozen Foods Corporation has played in our economy in Washington State, as well as the positive impact that the frozen foods industry as a whole continues to have on the United States. In celebration of Frozen Foods Month, I applaud the employees and management of National Frozen Foods Corporation, and of the entire frozen food industry, for their hard work and contributions to our country.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. ANN COYNE

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Dr. Ann Coyne of Lincoln, NE, who has recently been awarded the National Association of Social Workers' Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Coyne's accomplishments are many, and she is most deserving of this prestigious award. First and foremost, she is a loving wife and mother. Dr. Coyne was married to her husband, Dermot, for nearly 45 years before his death in 2002; and they were blessed with six children: P.J., Brian, Tom, James, Cathy and Gerry. She has been a "mom" to many more by providing a safe and loving home to many Nebraska foster children and by assisting many special needs children with international adoptions.

In addition to being a mother, Dr. Coyne has maintained a strong commitment to children throughout her professional career. She is a consultant for the Nebraska Foster Care Review Board and was a board member for Adoption Links Worldwide. She developed the dual degree between social work and public administration at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, UNO; was instrumental in renaming UNO's School of Social work in honor of another prestigious social worker from Nebraska, Grace Abbott; and continues to teach both undergraduate and graduate coursework to countless students in our State.

Perhaps the greatest of Dr. Coyne's achievements is her work in Nicaragua. She fosters an ongoing relationship between UNO's Grace Abbott School of Social Work and the University of Nicaragua at Leon, UNAN, which has assisted 75 Nicaraguans in earning degrees in social work. She worked with the Omaha Suburban Rotary Club to found Las Chavalitos Maternal and Child Health Clinic in Managua. Additionally, Dr. Coyne partnered with a former student to develop the Association de Maestras y Padres de Niños Sordos, which now operates La Escuela de Niños Sordos, a primary day school for deaf children.

I, and all Nebraskans, have benefitted from Dr. Ann Coyne's accom-

plishments as a teacher, educator, and advocate for children. We are proud that the National Association of Social Workers has bestowed upon her its Lifetime Achievement Award. And we are also proud that the enormous impacts of Dr. Coyne's life and work have benefitted, and are continuing to benefit, the children of Nebraska, the United States of America, and the world.●

TRIBUTE TO CÉSAR ESTRADA CHÁVEZ

● Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize César Estrada Chávez, a man whose leadership and nonviolent crusade for justice changed millions of lives throughout America. César Chávez helped give all of us a chance at a better future.

On March 31, 2012, we will celebrate César Chávez Day to commemorate his life and his legacy. We will also pause to remember that the actions of one person can empower an entire community to fight for equal treatment and civil rights.

César Estrada Chávez was born on March 31, 1927, near Yuma, AZ, to a family of farm workers. When his father was unable to work, Chávez joined the millions of people who worked in the fields to provide for their families and was inspired to do something to help his community. Daily, he saw and felt the farm workers' suffering. Working conditions on the farms were extremely dangerous and compensation was poor. Chávez taught migrant farm workers across the West that the life they deserved was very different from the one they had been living. He knew the farm workers' struggles intimately and used that knowledge as motivation to help the entire community find the tools it needed to overcome those struggles. Change initially took root in California, swiftly spreading to the rest of the Western United States. Colorado's heritage is richer because of his influence and his legacy.

Chávez's message reached Colorado's Hispanic community during the days of the civil rights movement. Chávez led advocacy efforts to empower people across Colorado, bringing about improved living and working conditions for Colorado's farm workers. Additionally, his teachings inspired many Coloradans to join him in teaching farm workers, students, and veterans the importance of equality, justice, and empowerment. A Coloradan who became one of these leaders was Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzales, who would become a voice for the voiceless and a masterful poet and teacher in Colorado's Hispanic community.

César Chávez's and Rodolfo Gonzalez's selflessness, patience, and commitment mobilized Latinos and non-Latinos in Colorado and across America to fight for equality, justice, and civil rights. Chávez is especially remarkable because he truly embodied his own teachings. Throughout his life,

he turned down many prestigious job offers and opportunities, choosing to work long hours in the fields side by side with migrant workers. Chávez gave a human face to agriculture. He taught many across the country that the grapes, onions, tomatoes, or other foods they purchased at the grocery store were part of a much larger story. Moreover, he believed that the world's real wealth lies in the act of helping others. It is this belief that sustained him in the face of long odds.

In a speech inspired by the nonviolent messages of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Mahatma Gandhi, César Chávez said, "You cannot uneducate the person who has learned to read. You cannot humiliate the person who feels pride. And you cannot oppress the people who are not afraid anymore." Chávez's life and legacy has taught millions of people far more than just pride and bravery. He inspires all of us to fight for a better future for the world, for ourselves and for our neighbors. César Chávez is a role model for Coloradans and for all Americans.

On March 31, Coloradans across the State will come together to give back to their communities. I am proud to speak on behalf of them and on behalf of all Americans fighting to give their children and the people in their communities a better life, regardless of their background or color of skin. Together, we honor those who are continuing César Chávez's fight for justice and celebrate the remarkable influence of his vision.●

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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:14 p.m., a message from the House, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2682. An act to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2779. An act to exempt inter-affiliate swaps from certain regulatory requirements put in place by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

H.R. 4014. An act to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to information provided to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.