themselves and their families. These efforts not only save lives, they will also save money for generations to come thanks to the prevention of costly chronic diseases, which account for a whopping 75 percent of annual health care costs. I am pleased that Henry County has taken the initiative to address this issue by securing more than $423,000 for community wellness activities.

Disability rights: Growing up, I loved and admired my brother Frank, who was deaf. But I was deeply disturbed by the discrimination and obstacles he faced every day. That is why I have always been a passionate advocate for full equality for people with disabilities in our society and economy, folks who at long last have the opportunity to contribute their talents and to be fully included. These changes have increased economic opportunities for all citizens of Henry County, both those with and without disabilities. And they make us proud to be a part of a community and country that respects the worth and civil rights of all of our citizens.

This is at least a partial accounting of my work on behalf of Iowa, and specifically Henry County, during my time in Congress. In every case, this work has been about partnerships, cooperation, and empowering folks at the State and local level, including in Henry County, to fulfill their own operation, and empowering folks at the country that respects the worth and without disabilities. And they make us included. These changes have increased opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency. Nearly a quarter century since passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, ADA, and the ADA Amendments Act, I have had four guiding goals for our fellow citizens with disabilities: equal opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency.

Of course, one of my favorite memories of working together is the county’s use of farm bill dollars to develop local economic opportunity, like the funds used for the startup and marketing of the Fireside Winery. Among the highlights:

School grants: Every child in Iowa deserves to learn in a classroom that is safe, accessible, and modern. That is why, for the past decade and a half, I have secured funding for the innovative Iowa Demonstration Construction Grant Program—better known among educators in Iowa as Harkin grants for public schools construction and renovation. Across 15 years, Harkin grants worth more than $132 million have helped school districts to fund a range of renovation and repair efforts—everything from updating fire safety systems to building new schools. In many cases, these Federal dollars have served as the needed incentive to leverage local public and private dollars, so it often has a tremendous multiplier effect within a school district. Over the years, Iowa County has received $122,934 in Harkin grants.

Disaster mitigation and prevention: In 1993, when historic floods ripped through Iowa, it became clear to me that the national emergency-response infrastructure was woefully inadequate to meet the needs of Iowans in flood-ravaged communities. I went to work dramatically expanding the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s hazard mitigation programs. These changes reduced the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and enables mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery period. Disaster relief means more than helping people and businesses get back on their feet after a disaster, it means doing our best to prevent the same predictable flood or other catastrophe from recurring in the future. The hazard mitigation program that I helped create in 1990 has provided critical assistance to communities impacted by the devastating floods of 2008. Iowa County has received over $1.6 million to remediate and prevent widespread destruction from natural disasters.

Agricultural and rural development: Because I grew up in a small town in rural Iowa, I have always been a loyal friend and fierce advocate for family and rural communities. I have been a member of the House or Senate Agriculture Committee for 40 years—including more than 10 years as chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee. Across the decades, I have championed farm policies for Iowans that include effective farm income protection and commodity programs; strong, progressive conservation assistance for agricultural producers; renewable energy opportunities; and robust economic development in our rural communities. Since 1991, through various programs authorized through the farm bill, Iowa County has received more than $6.3 million from a variety of farm bill programs.

Iowa communities safe: I also firmly believe that our first responders need to be appropriately trained and equipped, able to respond to both local emergencies and to state-wide challenges such as the methamphetamine epidemic that hit Iowa.

During the mid-1990s, emergency responders in Iowa County received $199,635 in Community Oriented Policing Services grants. Also, since 2001, Iowa County’s fire departments have received over $706,000 for firefighter safety and operations equipment.

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from the Senate, I have no intention of retiring from the fight for a better, fairer, richer Iowa. I will always be profoundly grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Iowa as their Senator.

GLOBAL CHILD HEALTH

- Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the successful efforts made over the past 25 years to improve the health of children across the globe. Through a strong, bipartisan commitment to foreign assistance, the United States, in partnership with other world leaders, multinational organizations, and local stakeholders, has played a critical role in reducing the number of child deaths before the age of 5.

Compared to 25 years ago, 6 million fewer children will die this year before their fifth birthday. This achievement could not have been possible without the dedication and service and the care that those children need to help others that is characteristic of the American spirit. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I have long supported programs such as PEPFAR, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, and efforts to advance child and maternal health. Over the years, I have worked with Republican and Democratic administrations on these initiatives and am proud of the bipartisan support we have received.

Today, thanks to significant investments made by the United States along with faith-based, philanthropic, non-governmental organizations, and support from other countries, fewer children are dying from preventable diseases and conditions such as pneumonia, diarrhea, measles, malaria, and AIDS. We have succeeded in cutting in half the number of deaths among children under 5 and reduced the incidence of preventable illness.

As we celebrate the progress that has been made, we also look ahead to the work that remains. Millions of children still live with the reality that they may not reach their fifth birthday. As we continue to face tight fiscal environments, we must be careful not to try to balance the budget on the back of the world’s poor and hungry. After all, total U.S. foreign aid to all countries constitutes only 0.1% of the U.S. Federal budget. As a leader in our global community, we must find ways to maintain our commitment to global health programs and continue efforts to improve child mortality rates.

NATIONAL ROOFING WEEK

- Mr. KIRK. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the National Roofing Contractors Association, NRCA, headquartered in Rosemont, IL, and its efforts to designate the week of July 6-12, 2014 as National Roofing Week.

The roof is one of the most important components of any home or business. It is the first line of defense against natural elements, such as rain, snow or wind, and yet it is often taken for granted until it falls into disrepair. National Roofing Week recognizes the thousands of roofing contractors and roofing-related businesses across the country, the industry’s commitment to public service and is a valuable reminder of the essential role quality roofing has on every home and business in the United States.

Established in 1886, NRCA is one of the Nation’s oldest trade associations and the voice of professional roofing contractors worldwide. Today, the NRCA has more than 3,800 members located across all 50 States and represents a variety of industry stakeholders, including roofing, roof deck, and water proofing contractors. Utilizing its vast network of roofing contractors and industry-related members, NRCA is responsible for the installation of the majority of new construction and replacement roof systems on commercial and residential structures worldwide. NRCA’s members, employed by small, privately held businesses, the NRCA represents thousands of hard-working families and individuals that are the backbone of our economy.

Professional roofing contractors provide vital services to their communities, both on and off the clock. This year NRCA members will gather in Chicago, IL throughout the week of July 6-12 and donate their time and materials to charitable community service projects throughout the Chicagoland area.

I commend the NRCA and the vital role the organization and its members play in every community and ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging their contributions during National Roofing Week.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID F. HEYMAN

- Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I wish to offer my congratulations and thanks to David F. Heyman as he steps down as the Department of Homeland Security’s, DHS Assistant Secretary for Policy. Mr. Heyman is not only a capable and strong leader but a key partner who has worked with Congress as we aim to tackle some of our Nation’s most complex homeland security challenges, such as global supply chain security, advance screening to protect our citizens from threats abroad, and instituting systems that help us better identify who enters and leaves the United States.

Mr. Heyman was confirmed by the Senate in June 2009 as the second Assistant Secretary for Policy in the history of the Department. As head of the Office of Policy, he was charged with leading a team of experts to provide thought leadership, policy development, and decision analysis for the Department’s senior leadership.

Mr. Heyman has worked tirelessly over the past 5 years for the Department and the U.S. government. He led a capable and diverse team that handled a variety of important and challenging issues. Through his work across the Department, within the agency, and with many of our partners around the globe, Mr. Heyman brought a cross-cutting view of DHS to the Office of Policy. He has worked steadfastly with Congress and other stakeholders to ensure that while the Department have a greater appreciation for the breadth and depth of homeland security, encouraging us all to understand the responsibilities we share to protect our nation.

During his tenure, the first and second Quadrennial Homeland Security Reviews were created, both of which outline the Department’s mission and roles as well as establish DHS’s direction for the next 4 years. Mr. Heyman played key roles in a variety of efforts including: raising global standards for aviation and cargo security, contributing to strategies on countering violent extremism, and strengthening global supply chain security. He has also led efforts to expand efforts, which build upon our international partnerships with Canada, Mexico, India, China, Germany, and the United Kingdom as well as with many global organizations such as the World Customs Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the International Maritime Organization, and others. Under Mr. Heyman’s charge, the Office of Policy has also helped to foster a culture of leadership and innovation through the creation of the Rick Rescorla National Award for Resilience and by initiating efforts to encourage stronger home building standards to safeguard lives and communities.

During the time of his appointment Mr. Heyman’s two sons were born. We not only owe Mr. Heyman our deepest gratitude but also a special thanks to his wife and children for their sacrifice of their precious family time—all for the betterment and protection of our Nation.

Mr. David Heyman has served this Nation well, and I urge my colleagues to recognize his great contributions to the security, safety, and resilience of this country.

EIGHTH STREET MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

- Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I honor the Eighth Street Missionary Baptist Church in North Little Rock, AR. In December of 2014, Eighth Street Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding.

In 1914, several members and deacons from an existing congregation set forward to plant a new church in North Little Rock. The new congregation secured a building and immediately the doors of the Eighth Street Missionary Baptist Church were opened and they began to receive members.

In 1954, under the leadership of Rev. S.J. Moss, Eighth Street Missionary Baptist Church began construction on