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RECOGNIZING KINGFIELD, MAINE

● Mr. KING. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the town of Kingfield, ME, which has recently been designated by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy as an Appalachian Trail Community. This will provide better economic development opportunity for Kingfield and contribute to its cherished position in Maine and along the Appalachian Trail. I am pleased to congratulate Kingfield on this well-deserved designation, which also coincides with the community's bicentennial celebration on September 10.

Kingfield's roots go back to 1807, when William King, later to be Maine's first Governor purchased land in the relatively uncharted Carrabassett River Valley. Over the next 10 years, the humble settlement grew into a vibrant industrial town, including several mills and factories. Through the early 20th century, Kingfield became an anchor town in the western foothills and has maintained its sterling reputation as a small, but strong, tight-knit community to this day.

Today Kingfield is known for its picturesque scenery and the plethora of outdoor recreation opportunities it provides. The recreation industry has brought revitalization to the western foothills of Maine, and Kingfield stands at the forefront of that effort. Nearby Sugarloaf Mountain is one of the most

popular skiing destinations on the East Coast, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors to the area every year. During the rest of the year, Kingfield is a haven for fishing, hunting, and wildlife watching, as well as a popular stop along the Appalachian Trail.

The Appalachian Trail has brought tens of thousands of people through western Maine, and many have stopped in Kingfield for respite from the challenging terrain. Through the official designation of Kingfield as an Appalachian Trail Community, visitors will now have access to the best resources to help them complete their journey, and residents can benefit from the engagement with trail visitors and trail stewards that this designation allows. The town will be able to gain a fuller partnership with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, while implementing environmentally and culturally sustainable practices. This is the dawn of a new era in the partnership between the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and the town of Kingfield and is sure to have a lasting and meaningful impact for years to come.

I commend all that the people of Kingfield have done to make their town such a special place to live and experience nature. Their shared love for their hometown has made them one of Maine's great communities, and I am confident that this designation as an Appalachian Trail Community will further the town's reputation. I thank the ATC for their recognition of Kingfield's important role in supporting hikers along the trail. I am proud to recognize this historic milestone, and I wish the town many more years of success.●

RECOGNIZING FRANKLIN PRIMARY HEALTH CENTER

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Franklin Primary Health Center, Inc. Franklin Primary Health Center is a nonprofit, federally qualified health center founded in 1975 by Dr. Marilyn Aiello and a group of Alabamians who recognized the need for quality health care in the underserved counties of southwest Alabama.

Franklin Primary Health Center is named after Dr. James Alexander Franklin, a physician, scholar, and humanitarian who faithfully served his community for over 60 years. The small nonprofit community health center was founded in 1975 to care for the underserved Davis Avenue community, and in the early days, a small staff struggled to see as many patients as possible.

Since 1982, the health center has been led by CEO Charles White. Mr. White is a well-known and respected member of the southwest Alabama community, and the health center has thrived and grown under his years of leadership. The health center now consists of 21 locations in six counties in Alabama, including Mobile, Baldwin, Choctaw, Escambia, Monroe, and Conecuh. It is

the first community health center in Alabama to become accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, JCAHO.

I recently had the opportunity to attend the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for Franklin's newest branch, the Hadley Family Medical Center in Mobile. I remain impressed with and proud of Franklin's impact and outreach in southwest Alabama. Because of Franklin Primary Health Center, underserved residents of this area of the State can access quality care in their own communities.

Franklin Health Center provides a wide array of services such as pediatrics, OB/GYN, family medicine, internal medicine, geriatrics, rheumatology, dentistry, optometry, physical therapy, nutrition services, wellness and fitness, social services, substance abuse prevention and treatment, HIV/AIDS services, health education, pharmacy, laboratory, x-ray, and transportation services for the homeless.

The health center's total staff of over 200 employees serves nearly 40,000 patients annually. These employees focus on the center's values of dedication, integrity, respect, excellence, creativity, and teamwork in fulfilling its mission.

I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation to Franklin Primary Health Center for its 41 years of excellence in care and service to the community and to celebrated their continued expansion.●

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH BAKA

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Joseph Baka, an intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Joseph is a graduate of Northwestern University in Evanston, IL, having earned a degree in Middle East and North African studies and statistics. Joseph is a dedicated worker who has been committed to getting the most out of his experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Joseph Baka for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL DUFFY

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Daniel Duffy, an intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Daniel is a graduate of St. Thomas More High School in Rapid City, SD. Currently, Daniel is attending Stanford University, where he is majoring in economics. Daniel is a dedicated worker who has been committed to getting the most out of his experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Daniel Duffy for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●