

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

## THE 350th ANNIVERSARY OF NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE

• Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, we in Delaware, the first State to ratify the Constitution, take great pride in our history, and a special part of that history is represented by the City of New Castle, which is celebrating its 350th anniversary this year.

New Castle was founded by the Dutch in 1651 as Fort Casimir. Because of its strategic location on what is now the Delaware River, the settlement was sought and held by a series of colonial powers, the Dutch, the Swedes and, finally, the British.

When William Penn was given authority over the so-called "lower three counties," which became the State of Delaware, he traveled to New Castle to take possession. When the counties were granted an independent legislature, New Castle became the colonial capital, and briefly, the first State capital, of Delaware.

Despite a devastating fire in 1824, which destroyed many of the structures on the historic, river-front street called The Strand, and all the changes and pressures of the intervening years, New Castle's colonial history is still a defining and very visible part of the town's life and character.

Several of its remaining colonial era buildings have been converted into museums, including the Dutch House, which dates to the 17th Century, and the Old Court House, which was built in 1732 and was the meeting place for the colonial and State assemblies from that year until 1777. George Read was one of three signers of the Declaration of Independence who lived in New Castle; although his house was destroyed by the Great Fire, the current Read House, which was built by his son in 1801, is one of the most striking attractions of the town.

But New Castle itself is not a museum. It is a residential town, it is a vibrant community. New Castle is home to two churches that date back to the earliest part of the 18th Century, and they have active congregations today. Families live in the homes that were built so long ago, families who add their own mark to those of previous owners, with a sensitivity and obligation to preserve the unique character of the town, New Castle is, not surprisingly, a National Landmark Historic Area.

With its history as a colonial seat for the legislature and the courts, New Castle has a tradition of political activity and public leadership, and many of its citizens have played prominent roles throughout the history of Delaware and our nation.

In addition, as a personal point, although I know it is a perspective shared by many Delawareans, New Castle is one of my favorite places in our State. It is more than historic and scenic; it is, simply, beautiful, a place

where the past and present meet with remarkable harmony and spirit. It is inspiring.

I share the pride of Delaware with the Senate, and with the Nation, today, in marking the 350th anniversary of the founding of New Castle, and I am proud to extend congratulations and best wishes to the mayor, city council, trustees and all the citizens and friends of the town, which is a valued and unique treasure to us all.●

## TRIBUTE TO LARRY WADE MORRIS

• Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Larry Wade Morris from Alexander City, AL who assumed the presidency of the Alabama State Bar this past July. Larry has worked hard throughout his extensive career to gain a reputation as one of the premier trial lawyers in the Nation. He has also endeavored to become a civic leader and an outstanding public servant. I want to congratulate Larry on his tremendous accomplishments and to recognize his progression from promising young lawyer out of the University of Alabama in 1968 to the distinguished President of the Alabama State Bar in 2001.

If you looked up the definition of a true Alabamian in the dictionary, you would not find a better description than Larry Morris. His character and work ethic are beyond reproach, and the Southern values instilled in him from his youth continue to guide him today. Born in Alexander City, AL, Larry grew up attending public school in Montgomery. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School and finished his undergraduate education at Auburn University. At that point, Larry made the decision to attend law school at the University of Alabama and join the long list of prominent Alabamians who have attended this respected legal institution. He received his law degree from the University in 1968, and had the distinction of serving as the president of the Student Bar Association. After graduation, Larry returned to his hometown of Alexander City to begin his impressive career in the legal profession. Larry is now the Senior Partner in the firm of Morris, Haynes & Hornsby.

Larry has demonstrated exceptional leadership abilities throughout his scholastic and professional careers. His service as president of the Student Bar Association was very highly regarded and helped to hone the skills that he has demonstrated during his professional and political life. In 1973, he served as the president of the Young Lawyer's Section of the Alabama State Bar. He is a past president of the Chamber of Commerce for Alexander City, has served on the Task Force for Judicial Elections for the Alabama State Bar and is also a past president of the Alabama Trial Lawyers Association. From 1974 through 1978, he was elected to serve in the Alabama State Legislature. During this time, he had

the distinction of being named Outstanding Freshman Legislator by the Alabama Press Association.

Larry Morris is a loyal, dedicated man who has always been very generous with his time and support for community affairs. In addition to his duties as president of the Alabama State Bar Association, Larry is also a member of the University of Alabama Law School Foundation and the Leadership Committee for the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Alabama. He is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, and serves on the Task Force for Multidisciplinary Practice for the Alabama State Bar.

The many accomplishments and accolades of Larry Morris attest to his dedication to civic leadership and his deep belief in the law. I could not think of a better individual to represent the state of Alabama as the president of the State Bar Association. I join Larry's wife, Beverly, and their four children, Mark, Clark, Brian and Kevin Russell, in honoring his achievements. I know that they are proud of Larry, as are the many of us who have known him over the years.●

## THE BEACH BOYS

• Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, The Beach Boys' sunny vocal harmonies are one of the signature sounds of the modern era. Over four decades, the California quintet has become one of the most successful American bands in the history of rock and roll and their songs remain an important part of America's cultural landscape.

The Beach Boys were largely a family affair that came together in the Los Angeles suburb of Hawthorne, CA, in 1961. The three brothers, Brian, Carl and Dennis Wilson, formed the group with their cousin, Mike Love, and a friend, Alan Jardine. They were joined by another of their friends, Bruce Johnston, in 1965.

Brian Wilson and Mike Love cowrote the majority of the band's many hit singles which were known for their harmonic invention and complex vocal and instrumental arrangements. The lyrics are celebrated today for their deft use of technical lingo balanced with youthful naivete.

The Beach Boys have ridden a wave of success for almost 40 years. They have recorded number one singles, garnered a huge fan base, and, by creating a sound that was uniquely their own, secured their position in Americana. They have been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and have been honored with the National Association of Recording Arts and Sciences Lifetime Achievement award which they received at this year's Grammy awards.

As we approach the 40th Anniversary of both the release of their first single and their first tour, I would like to recognize the contribution that these men have made, not only to the landscape