counties in Colorado and the West. Thousands of local men and women have banded together and are working to provide relief to their neighbors and to the tens of thousands of livestock facing starvation. Dozens of communities have experienced severe economic damage and loss as a result of these blizzards. These storms have created a dire situation.

In the tradition of the West local individuals have pulled together and have spent much of their holiday season trying to dig each other out and reach stranded livestock. Locals are doing all that they can, and I am grateful for the assistance that the National Guard has provided. Unfortunately more needs to be done. I am introducing legislation today that will help provide Federal resources to the backbone of America; our producers. The legislation that I introduce today will reauthorize the Livestock Compensation Program and direct the Secretary of Agriculture to allocate funds to it from the Commodity Credit Corporation to help eligible producers that have suffered a loss from these blizzards.

I am hopeful that the Senate will act swiftly on this important legislation that will get vital help to America's farmers and ranchers.

TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY J. ZAGAMI

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of Anthony J. ''Tony'' Zagami, who retired from the U.S. Government Printing Office, GPO, on January 3, 2007. Mr. Zagami has been a true public servant, having served over 40 years in Federal service and earned the distinction as the longest serving general counsel in the history of the GPO.

Mr. Zagami started his government service as a Senate page in the 1960s. He continued his service to Congress while working his way through college and law school. He received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Maryland School of Business and Public Administration, and his juris doctor from the George Mason University School of Law.

After working 25 years in the Congress, he left to become the general counsel of the Government Printing Office in 1990. The GPO, among other things, is responsible for producing the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. During his time at the GPO, he was instrumental in transforming it into the modern digital information processing organization that it is today.

Throughout his career, both in the Congress and at the GPO, Mr. Zagami was known for his dedication and commitment to public service and received numerous awards and recognitions for his achievements. As a tribute to his outstanding performance, the GPO named him General Counsel Emeritus—the first time such a title has been bestowed upon an individual in the GPO's 145-year history.

As he ends a distinguished career, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tony Zagami for his many years of public service to our Nation and wish him and his family the very best in all future endeavors.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IN MEMORY OF BRYAN TUVERA

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, it is with a heavy heart that I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the memory of a courageous man, Police Officer Bryan Tuvera. Officer Tuvera was a member of the San Francisco Police Department who died in the line of duty on December 23, 2006. He was 28 years old.

Officer Tuvera was a 4½-year veteran of the San Francisco Police Department. He served with distinction and received numerous commendations during his tenure. He was shot and killed during the pursuit of an escaped convict. He died on the tenth anniversary of his beloved father's death, who had worked as a police dispatcher with the San Francisco Police Department.

Before joining the San Francisco Police Department on July 1, 2002, Officer Tuvera received his degree in criminal justice from San Francisco State University. He is a 1996 graduate of South San Francisco High School.

Officer Tuvera was married to his wife Salina Tuvera 2 months ago. They had been preparing for their first Christmas together. He is remembered by friends and colleagues as a dedicated and professional police officer and a good friend who loved his job and was always a ''class act.''

Bryan Tuvera risked his life every day to make San Francisco safer. We will always be grateful for Officer Tuvera's heroic service protecting his community.

Bryan Tuvera is survived by his wife and fellow police officer, Salina Tuvera; his mother Sandy; his sister Tracee; and his grandparents Shirley and Stanley Scovill.•

IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH TERWILLIGER

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, it is with a heavy heart that I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the memory of an extraordinary Californian, Elizabeth Terwilliger.

To the Marin County community, Elizabeth Terwilliger was a renowned naturalist and educator, beloved by schoolchildren and adults, who leaves an amazing environmental legacy. She died on November 27, 2006 at the age of 97. She is survived by her daughter Lynn, her son John, and several grandchildren.

Elizabeth Cooper was born in Hawaii in 1909. She moved to the mainland to pursue a master's degree in nutrition from Columbia University in New York and then attended Stanford nursing school. While at Stanford, she met her husband, Dr. Calvin Terwilliger. After World War II, the couple settled in Mill Valley, California where they raised two children.

Elizabeth took her children on nature walks throughout Marin County. Soon, she was leading nature walks for local Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops. Her unique hands-on style and storytelling ability became known throughout the community and soon she began leading field trips for area schools and environmental organizations. Leading such trips 5 days a week became her life's work.

For the 50 years that followed, every child growing up in Marin County knew Mrs. Terwilliger. She was a famous and beloved educator who traveled across the county in her familiar van filled with life-like animal models to teach school children about nature. Upon sight of her characteristic floppy straw hat, children would come running and follow her through the woods with excitement and adoration. They would soak up her stories and bring them home to teach their parents.

Those who knew Mrs. Terwilliger well recount her mesmerizing personality, her passion for nature and wildlife, and her openhearted way with children and adults alike.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan honored Mrs. Terwilliger as an outstanding volunteer. While accepting the award at the White House, she shared one of her famous stories about ''Mr. Vulture,'' and had President Reagan holding his arms over his head in the ''V'' position, representing a vulture in flight.

In addition to leading nature education programs, Mrs. Terwilliger was an advocate for environmental conservation and open space. She campaigned for a monarch butterfly preserve, bicycle paths, wetlands and open space preservation. She received numerous awards and has two preserves named after her: Terwilliger Marsh in Mill Valley and Terwilliger Butterfly Grove at Muir Beach.

She inspired Joan Linn Bekins to create the Elizabeth Terwilliger Nature Education Foundation, which later became known as WildCare. Using educational programs developed by Mrs. Terwilliger, the center provides nature programs for over 40,000 Bay Area schoolchildren each year. The center also treats thousands of wildlife each year, rehabilitating them and returning them to their natural environment.

Mrs. Terwilliger often said, ''while you're learning, you're living.'' Her life's passion was to teach people how to embrace and love nature. She was a local treasure and a wonderful, inspiring woman.

I knew Mrs. Terwilliger and respected and admired her greatly. She will be deeply missed.

For those of us who were fortunate to know her, we take comfort in knowing that schoolchildren will continue to learn from Mrs. Terwilliger's unique

educational style at WildCare. Her vision, her passion and her spirit will remain in the countless lives she touched.●

TRIBUTE TO BETH McWHIRT

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I pay tribute to Beth McWhirt teacher of social studies at Fulton County Schools on being named Teacher of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce in Hickman County, Ky.

Beth has exhibited a great commitment to her students at Fulton Middle and Senior High Schools. As a teacher of social studies, Beth is tasked to mold our Nation's young citizens to understand the history of our great Nation and the world. Being honored with this award, Beth sets an example of excellence for the rest of the faculty at Fulton County Schools.

Mr. President, I now ask my fellow colleagues join me in thanking Beth for her dedication and commitment to the education of America's future. In order for our society to continue to advance in the right direction, we must have teachers like Beth McWhirt in our public schools.●

RECOGNIZING THE BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY BRONCOS

● Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, Today on the first day of the 110th Congress, I wish to recognize the accomplishment of the Boise State University Broncos football team this past Monday, January 1, 2007.

College sports have a way of putting schools, and cities, on the map. For instance, George Mason University was virtually unknown until their basketball team catapulted into the national spotlight through March Madness last year. However, no sport is more adept at this than the all-American sport of football.

On New Year's Day, Boise State University battled Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl. One announcer commented that, until today, many of the Oklahoma football players didn't even know where Boise is. Well, Mr. President, they do now.

In what is being described as one of the most thrilling games in the history of college bowl games, the Broncos defeated Oklahoma 43 to 42. I can't begin to describe to you the enthusiasm of the Bronco fans before, during, and especially after the game. It was contagious. And that is coming from a proud Idaho Vandal.

Idaho is a small State. We haven't had nationally known sports teams. It wasn't too long ago that Boise State was only known in football circles for its blue football field. On the first day of 2007, that all changed.

I am proud of what our Broncos did proving to the Nation that Idaho knows how to play football.

With this new notoriety, of course, comes an opportunity for us to tell the country that Idaho's State-run universities have a lot to offer besides great football. Between Boise State, the University of Idaho, and Idaho State University, Idaho offers tremendous education with a quality of life that can't be beat.

Boise, Idaho is now on the map of millions of college football fans thanks to our Broncos. To them I say congratulations and thank you.●

HONORING 2007 BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY BRONCOS

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, if a football victory on New Year's Day is a harbinger of things to come, 2007 looks to be a thrilling year marked by success and celebration. Most of my colleagues here know that Boise State University won the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl on New Year's Day. This bowl victory completes an undefeated football season, 13 to 0, thanks to the hard work, dedication, and love of the game by the Boise State football players, fans, coach Chris Petersen, his staff, the athletic department, and the university administration. They all worked very hard to reach this remarkable achievement, and they have not only my congratulations, but the congratulations, of Idahoans and Americans everywhere.

Idaho is home to just over a million people and has some surprising secrets, not the least of which has been the five-time defending Western Athletic Conference Champion Boise State Broncos football team. It is a source of tremendous pride to see the team make national headlines, once again, for Idaho in this incredibly positive manner. The victory that barely eluded them in last year's MPC Computers Bowl came riding home and riding home hard. The Fiesta Bowl game against traditional football powerhouse the University of Oklahoma was college football at its best, and the BSU players and coaches came through with some stunning plays. While Boise dominated the first three-quarters of the game, the Sooners came roaring back. The last 2 minutes of the game were as good as college football gets. When the game went into overtime, the Sooners didn't waste a play they immediately scored a touchdown to temporarily take the lead. With the game on the line, the Boise State players came through and scored a touchdown along with a thrilling two-point conversion to bring the final score to 43 to 42, Boise State. Earlier in 2006, Boise was named the eighth most inventive city in the Nation. That creativity and innovation was certainly the Spirit of Idaho at its best on the field of play at crunch time and made this dreamed Bronco victory a reality.

The BSU Broncos are committed to excellence both on and off the field. The players take the energy they generate on the field and spread it throughout the community and State. The extraordinary progress and development of the BSU football program and the entire university stand as a testament to what can be accomplished with leadership, commitment, determination, and, most importantly, teamwork.

As the Nation marvels at the ''hook and lateral'' and ''Statue of Liberty'' plays that sealed the victory, I congratulate Coach Petersen, President Bob Kustra, Athletic Director Gene Bleymaier, the entire team, loyal students, alumni, and fans on their collective victory which all Idahoans enthusiastically share. I offer a friendly condolence to my colleagues from Oklahoma, and I am confident that their fine program will continue its tradition of excellence. And I offer this statement as a friendly notice to my colleagues from States that are home to traditional college football powerhouses: that thunder you hear is from our charging Broncos. I look forward to another great season this fall when the Broncos will run again.●

TRIBUTE TO MARVIN VAN HAAFTEN

● Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations and gratitude to an extraordinary Iowan. Marvin Van Haaften is stepping down from his distinguished position as director of the State of Iowa's Office of Drug Control Policy. He assumed this position after being named by Governor Tom Vilsack in 2002 and has served the State with honor and distinction since accepting the appointment.

I would like to take this opportunity to show Marvin Van Haaften the appreciation that the country, the State of Iowa, and myself personally have for his extensive commitment as a public servant. With more than 32 years of law enforcement experience, Marvin has taught extensively in the field of rural law enforcement, particularly death investigation and domestic violence crimes. He has provided local and national leadership on the role of law enforcement in strategic victim safety and offender apprehension, and is presently on the board of directors of the National Center for Rural Law Enforcement. Marvin also served on many local and State committees such as the Iowa Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Advisory Council, the board of the Mid-Iowa Narcotics Enforcement Task Force, the board of the 18-county South Central Iowa Clandestine Laboratory Task Force, and was the third vice president on the board of directors of the Iowa Association of Counties. Marvin was named Sheriff of the year in 1991 by the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association and served as its president in 1996. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy and has attended the National Sheriffs' Association's National Sheriffs' Institute and the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Institute. In 1997 he became a licensed Iowa medical examiner investigator.