

Trade Commission determined that a factory was operating under sweatshop conditions, it would issue an order prohibiting the sale of products from that factory. Violations of those orders would then carry a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 for each individual violation.

The import ban deals only with goods that can be proven to have been made with sweatshop labor and is not a ban of products based on the country of origin. In order to comply with non-discrimination provisions of the WTO, the sales ban would apply to both domestic and imported goods. The President could waive the application of this section to particular goods, but the Congress would also be able to pass a joint resolution rejecting a Presidential waiver.

The legislation also creates a private right of action for U.S. retailers and their investors to bring a civil action against competitors who import or sell sweatshop goods. For each offense, plaintiffs can sue for damages of the higher of \$10,000 or the actual value of the goods. They can also sue for injunctive relief, to prevent the further entry of these goods into the U.S. marketplace.

This legislation is similar to S. 3485, a bill that I introduced late in the last Congress. I am happy that, in introducing the legislation in the 110th Congress, I am being joined by Senator GRAHAM of South Carolina, who has agreed to lead the effort to advance it from the other side of the aisle. The legislation is also cosponsored by Senator SHERROD BROWN, who last year introduced a companion piece of legislation in the House of Representatives. And I would also like to thank the other original cosponsors of the bill, Senators BYRD, FEINGOLD, AND SANDERS.

I believe that one of the messages the American people sent to Congress in the November elections is that they demand fair trade. The legislation I am introducing is a way for Congress to show that the message has been heard.●

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### HONORING SHARON RICHIE

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I honor Sharon Richie of Watertown, SD. This month Sharon retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture after 17 years of dedicated Federal service.

Sharon has worked in the multi-family housing program in Watertown for the past 15 years and is well-known and appreciated by the managers of the housing projects. She has been a dedicated employee and is well-respected for her knowledge of the program and her willingness to go the extra mile to assist her clients. Sharon has played an integral role in providing housing for low-income tenants in South Dakota throughout her career.

Sharon has also been an active member of the Watertown community.

Prior to working for the Department of Agriculture, Sharon was a hairdresser for 25 years, as well as being a teacher's aid and substitute teacher for the Deuel School System. She also managed a supper club in Clear Lake and Altamont.

In addition, Sharon has been a valuable asset to South Dakota's agricultural community. Over the past years, she has worked facilitating several rodeos throughout the region. She has organized and judged several rodeo queen contests for groups including the PRCA, local high school and 4-H rodeos. Sharon also enjoys helping out her husband Cork with their livestock handling equipment business. She is also a mother of 9 children, a grandmother to 23 grandchildren, and a great-grandmother to 2 great-grandchildren.

It is with great honor that I rise today to remember and recognize the service provided by Sharon Richie. On behalf of the citizens of South Dakota, I wish Sharon Richie all the best in her retirement.●

##### RECOGNIZING FLOWERS FOODS

● Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the recent accomplishments of a successful business that is headquartered and was founded in my home State of Georgia, Flowers Foods. Flowers Foods is a leader in the baking industry with fresh products distributed throughout the Southeast, Southwest, and Mid-Atlantic States. Flowers Foods frozen products can be found nationwide.

Forbes magazine recently named Flowers Foods to its prestigious list of the 400 Best Big Companies in America. In addition Flowers Foods was also named the best-managed food company among the list of 400 Best Big Companies. It should also be noted that this is the third time that Flowers Foods has been named to Forbes' prestigious list.

In creating the most recent list, Forbes reviewed the financial metrics, Wall Street forecast, corporate governance ratings and other public information of over 1,000 of the largest publicly traded companies in America. Once Forbes narrows this list down to 400 then they select a best-managed company from each of the 26 industry areas that are represented in the Best Big Companies list. The selection of the best-managed company for each represented industry is based on financial performance, leadership, innovation and execution.

Flowers Foods has continued to be on the cutting edge of bakery products and technology since William Howard and Joseph Hampton Flowers opened Flowers Baking Company in Fitzgerald, Georgia in 1933. When the company first opened in 1933 they had the capacity to produce 30,000 loaves of bread each day. In 1999, Flowers Foods became the first wholesale baker to offer a sugar-free bread and they later

became the first commercial baker to introduce a low-carb bread selection.

Through the years Flowers Foods has produced and marketed a variety of fresh and frozen bakery foods under name brands such as Nature's Own, Cobblestone Mill, Sunbeam Bread, ButterKrust, Whitewheat, Bunny Bread, BlueBird, Mrs. Freshley's, European Bakers, Mi Casa and Tesoritos. It is no wonder that they are a market leader with this varied mix of brands and products that ensures that there is something tasty for everyone.

Not only has Flowers Foods product line grown since its founding in 1933 but their expansive operation has also grown. Their operations now include thirty-six bakeries that stretch from the Southwest to the Mid-Atlantic regions. These efficient and technologically advanced bakeries allow Flowers Foods to supply retailers throughout a large portion of the United States with a constant supply of fresh products.

I am extremely proud of the recognition that Flowers Foods has received from Forbes magazine. I thank my colleagues for giving me the opportunity to recognize Flowers Foods.●

##### RECOGNIZING LESTER KARAS

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Lester Karas who was honored by the community of Deadwood for his dedicated service to the community's young people. The Deadwood mayor declared December 5, 2006, Les Karas Day in honor of his outstanding commitment and dedication to the safety of the community's elementary school students.

Mr. Karas serves as a volunteer crossing-guard for the students of Lead-Deadwood Elementary school. He plays an important role in keeping these students safe as they travel back and forth from school. In addition, Mr. Karas teaches the children good safety habits that they will use throughout their lives.

South Dakota's communities are held together by volunteers like Mr. Karas who dedicate their time and energy to helping those around them. It gives me great pleasure to commemorate Lester Karas on this special occasion and to wish him continued success in the years to come.●

##### MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following measure was discharged from the Committee on the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

S. 172. A bill to prohibit Federal funding for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

##### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first