

designed to bring awareness to preventing crime while building partnerships between communities and local law enforcement agencies. Crime is not limited to urban areas anymore; it affects every person in every town, big and small. Communities need to be proactive in fighting it. National Night Out is a great step locals can take to curb violence and crime in their areas.

Activities for the night out include barbecues, block parties, downtown rallies and townhall meetings and vary by community; each event in an attempt to gain support for local law enforcement and create camaraderie amongst citizens. When communities come together, they can do great things, even fight crime. Some New Mexico communities participating in National Night Out are Albuquerque, Belen, Bernalillo, Bosque Farms, Carlsbad, Gallup, Isleta, Jal, Las Cruces, Los Lunas, all of Sandoval County, Santa Fe, and Truth or Consequences. Each town will celebrate with its own flair, and each night out will succeed in bringing awareness to crime in their area.

I applaud these neighborhoods for being proactive in their local fight on crime.●

15TH ANNUAL NAVAJO FAIR AND RODEO

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, almost 40 years ago, the Ramah Navajo School Board was incorporated in New Mexico as a means to provide education, health, job training, and social services to the Ramah Navajo people. This private, not-for-profit group was created in 1970 and has since strengthened the community through its involvement. As they have done for the past 15 years, the School Board organizes a fair and rodeo as a celebration of Ramah Navajo culture and the culture of New Mexico.

To name a few of the events this year, there is a Pow Wow, kid's carnival, traditional dance performances, and roping competitions. I want to recognize the Ramah Navajo School Board, Inc., and their efforts to promote these public events, specifically the landmark of the 15th annual Ramah Navajo Fair and Rodeo. These events strengthen bonds in the community with the people and their traditions.

Because of their location and separation from the contiguous Navajo Nation, the Ramah Navajo community stands on a mission of self-determination and self-reliance, setting up programs like the School Board to deal with all their people's needs. The Ramah Navajo School Board helped create the first Indian-controlled contract school in the United States, currently educating 600 students.

I would like to bring to the attention of the country how the Ramah Navajo people have kept their cultural identity strong while building on their community through events like this fair and rodeo.●

TRIBUTE TO DELORES TOLLEFSON

● Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, most of us look back on our high school years as a wonderful time of learning, growing and maturing.

And also, most of us remember fondly one special teacher that gave us a nudge or an encouraging pat on the back or maybe even some discipline at the right moment.

For me, that teacher was Delores Tollefson. She was a big presence in a small school. She was the English teacher who virtually did it all in my small school of 40 students in all four high school grades. She put on all the class plays; she helped run the school newspaper and spearheaded the school annual; and she taught speech and English, and much more.

But most important to me was that she had the patience to see potential in her students. At just the right time she would offer either encouragement or disapproval and say, "You can do that, you've got a lot of talent," or "You're better than that. Come on—get busy and work up to your potential," or "Great job!"

Most of us who were fortunate enough to have a teacher that saw potential and pushed us to reach it seldom took the time to say thank you.

This year marks the 90th birthday of Delores Tollefson and I want to pay tribute to a wonderful teacher who affected my life in a very positive way. It is time to say a very special "Thank you."

Happy Birthday, Delores Tollefson! And thank you for dedicating your life to teaching young people. It made a big difference in the life of this former student.●

HONORING SUPERLATIVE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I recognize an outstanding small business from my home State of Maine that has established itself as one of New England's leading information technology engineering firms. Headquartered in East Machias, Superlative Technologies Inc., SuprTEK, provides effective information technology solutions and engineering services to the diverse clientele it has established during its 11 years in operation.

As an 8(a) and HUBZone certified small business, SuprTEK supplies private industries, as well as local, State, and Federal Government, with support solutions in a wide variety of areas, including information assurance, network management, systems development, operation management, wireless solutions, and enterprise architecture. The 8(a) and HUBZone programs often allow small businesses, such as SuprTEK, greater access to Federal Government opportunities. The HUBZone program, in particular, benefits rural communities by ensuring the business itself, and a portion of its employees, reside in the HUBZone. By en-

abling each client to utilize its support solutions effectively and efficiently, SuprTEK demonstrates its strong commitment to improving its clients' businesses. Employing highly qualified business and technical specialists averaging almost 10 years of experience, SuprTEK demands high standards for themselves and their clients.

SuprTEK has consistently fought to bring jobs and economic vitality to the Machias region and all of downeast Maine. With the closing of the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station in Cutler, and fears of the loss's effect on the local economy, SuprTEK was awarded a contract to build a first-of-its-kind Navy Human Resources Benefits Call Center in July of 2001. The employees at SuprTEK provided health, insurance, and retirement assistance to nearly 40,000 U.S. Navy civilian employees throughout the Northeast in 2001. Currently, 30 employees aid the full 186,000 member Navy civilian workforce worldwide. In May 2005, SuprTEK completed the construction of a new and improved facility in East Machias to house its call center. And in October of 2006, the U.S. Navy announced a new contract for SuprTEK's call center to continue providing these vital resources to the Navy through 2011.

In 2005, the Army Surface Deployment and Distribution Command presented SuprTEK with its Small Disadvantaged Business Outstanding Achievement Award. This award is emblematic of the U.S. military's appreciation for the work that SuprTEK has done and continues to do. Having visited SuprTEK myself, I have seen firsthand the dedication and commitment of the employees at SuprTEK and the tremendous impact that they are having on the lives of the Navy's civilian employees. Furthermore, SuprTEK plans to expand its operation by creating a business park that would also include low-cost office space for light industry, such as manufacturers of clothing and household items. This is a welcome and reassuring sign for a region whose prosperity has suffered. I thank everyone at SuprTEK for the magnificent job they have done so far, and wish them luck in their future endeavors.●

DECLARATION OF A NATIONAL EMERGENCY RELATIVE TO THE THREAT IN LEBANON POSED BY THE ACTIONS OF CERTAIN PERSONS TO UNDERMINE LEBANON'S LEGITIMATE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS—PM 23

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States: