

commemorate the countless accomplishments of Glenna Goodacre. Again, I congratulate her on being named the Notable New Mexican of 2008.●

#### RETIREMENT OF JOHN DRUMMOND

● Mr. GRAHAM. Madam President, today I ask the Senate to join me in recognizing State Senator John W. Drummond on the occasion of his retirement from the South Carolina State Senate. As a decorated military hero, a successful businessman, and a respected public figure, Senator Drummond has left an indelible mark on the Palmetto State. He is a true public servant, guided not by desire for recognition but by the desire to achieve great good for the state he serves.

Born in Greenwood, SC, John Drummond was the fourth of Jim and Fannie Drummond's seven children. His father worked for the Greenwood Cotton Mill for many years before moving his family to a new mill village in Ninety Six, where he excelled in academics and athletics. Eager to expand his horizons, he seized the opportunity to serve in the military by joining the 263rd South Carolina Coast Artillery Regiment based in Charleston.

Senator Drummond distinguished himself in his training and landed a post as a bomber-fighter pilot in the 405th Fighter Group. The group reported for duty in the European theater of the war in March 1944. In his initial months of service, Drummond provided air interdiction and close air support, including involvement in a successful attack on a SS mess hall identified by information from the French Resistance.

After attaining the rank of captain, Drummond led his squadron while providing air coverage for the Allied armada from German artillery positions on D-day and for ground troops in the months that followed.

On July 29, 1944, Drummond's plane was downed by anti-aircraft fire. He was badly injured after parachuting out at a low level and was captured by Germans and imprisoned for 10 months in a POW camp in Barth, Germany.

Finally freed by the Russian army after V-E Day, Drummond's valor earned him the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Purple Hearts, nine Air Medals, three Battle Stars, and a Presidential Citation.

Following a jubilant homecoming, Drummond gradually transitioned to civilian life, marrying a hometown girl, Holly Self, and starting his young family which eventually included three sons.

After inheriting the Greenwood Petroleum Company, his aptitude for business led him to the establishment of the Drummond Oil Company. Senator Drummond still serves as president of both of these successful enterprises.

Senator Drummond and his wife, fondly known as "Ms. Holly," have long played a leading role in the civic

affairs of Greenwood County and the town of Ninety Six. Both were devoted church members, and Ms. Holly is remembered for her dedication to the missions of the Ninety-Six Baptist Church as well as for her role as an enthusiastic advocate of town preservation.

Interested in the economic prosperity of Greenwood, Senator Drummond devoted his considerable talents as a respected business leader to the issues of business development and rural electrification affecting its citizens.

After serving 2 years in the South Carolina House of Representatives, Senator Drummond campaigned and won a seat in the State Senate, a position he has held for over forty years.

The longest serving State Senator in South Carolina history, his time in the legislature will be remembered for his ability to forge relationships across racial, gender, and political lines, and his sincere desire to provide excellent representation and service for the people of Greenwood County.

He has been widely described as a statesman, a position that is reflected by his current position as the senate's President Pro Tempore Emeritus.

As further proof of his remarkable leadership, he has been honored by the establishment of the Drummond Center, an institute at Erskine College dedicated to promoting civil discourse across party lines for the benefit of all South Carolinians.

Throughout his career, he has been the recipient of countless legislative achievement and appreciation awards from a wide range of groups and individuals, including the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor awarded by the Governor.

John Drummond has served his State and Nation. His legacy is one of unparalleled commitment to his fellow citizens, and his influence will be felt for many years to come.

I thank him sincerely for his service and leadership and wish him the very best in his retirement. I ask that the Senate join me in honoring my friend, Senator John W. Drummond.●

#### RECOGNIZING SHANNON RENAE VAUX

● Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I recognize Shannon Renae Vaux, an intern in my Aberdeen, SD office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Shannon is a graduate of Central High School in Aberdeen, SD. Currently she is attending Northern State University, where she is majoring in biology. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Shannon for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### RECOGNIZING CATHERINE ALM

● Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I recognize Catherine Alm, an intern in my Sioux Falls, SD office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Catherine is a graduate of Eastview High School in Apple Valley, MN. Currently she is attending Augustana College, where she is majoring in government and Spanish. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Catherine for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### THANKING LOUISIANA VOLUNTEERS

● Mr. VITTER. Madam President, today I wish to acknowledge the volunteers of St. Francis Medical Center and St. Francis North Hospital in Monroe, LA. On Monday, April 28, they will hold their annual Volunteer Spring Banquet to honor its 120 active volunteers and recognize their hard work and dedication to helping others. I would like to spend a few moments highlighting their achievements.

The St. Francis Medical Center and St. Francis North Hospital volunteers combined for a total of 19,207.5 volunteer service hours for 2007. Several of these volunteers will be receiving individual awards highlighting their accomplishments and all that they do to improve their communities. I would like to recognize 11 women in particular who will receive the President's Call to Service Award for 4,000 hours or more of volunteer service in one's lifetime. These women are: Joy Beaver, Ruth Beavers, Bettye Bennett, Angie Bruscato, Lucille Calk, Ann Clayton, Ruby Coats, Eva Fowler, Talma Turrentine, Anita Tempalski, and Patsy Welch. These ladies have volunteered a total of 80,695 hours of service.

In addition, three St. Francis volunteers will receive the Daily Point of Light Award which is administered through the Points of Light Foundation on behalf of the White House. This award is designed to honor those who have made a commitment to connect Americans through service to help meet critical needs in their communities. This prestigious award is given each weekday in honor of recipients who exemplify the best in volunteerism. St. Francis is the only organization within the State of Louisiana to have three individuals honored with this award. They are: Angie Bruscato, Talma Turrentine, and Lucille Calk. These Daily Point of Light winners have been placed in the Presidential Greeter program for a possible visit from President George W. Bush in the near future.

I applaud all of the volunteers of St. Francis Medical Center and St. Francis