

instance, tended to an expectant mother throughout her pregnancy.

The Winner School District is a shining example of patriotism, and it sets a golden example for all employers to follow. I hope we all may take to heart the excellence and dedication of the Winner School District.●

IN RECOGNITION OF BRIAN BEAMAN

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I wish today to recognize and congratulate Brian Beaman of Selby, SD. As part of the 2008 U.S. Olympic team, Brian will be travelling to Beijing to compete in the Men's 10M Air Pistol competition.

Brian represents Selby and the citizens of South Dakota in an extraordinary fashion. Spending 2 years at South Dakota State University and finishing at Jacksonville State University, Brian has continued to exemplify the work ethic and integrity that originate in his South Dakotan roots. Brian is currently ranked second in the United States in the Men's 10M Air Pistol competition, and placed second at Nationals in 2007.

This prestigious honor is a reflection of Brian's extraordinary talent and commitment to shooting. It is wonderful that he is so motivated to enjoy athletic competition at such a high level. Again, congratulations to Brian Beaman on fighting his way to the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, and I eagerly look forward to following his story of success throughout the games.●

IN RECOGNITION OF DEREK MILES

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I wish to recognize and congratulate Derek Miles, assistant coach of track and field at the University of South Dakota. As part of the 2008 U.S. Olympic team, Derek will be traveling to Beijing to compete in the Men's Pole Vaulting Competition.

Derek leads the students at the University of South Dakota in an extraordinary fashion. After graduating from USD, Derek has continued to exemplify and instill his work ethic and integrity in those he coaches. Derek has an amazing record in the pole vaulting community, finishing seventh at the 2004 Olympic games in Greece.

It is wonderful that Derek is so motivated to enjoy athletic competition at such a high level. His positive attitude and strong motivation serve as a model for talented young athletes throughout South Dakota and the Nation to emulate. As a fellow University of South Dakota alum, I want to wish Derek congratulations and the best of luck in the upcoming 2008 Olympics.●

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● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I recognize a very important and historical event in South Dakota: the Missouri River reaching the Pine Ridge

Reservation. On August 20, 2008, a celebration will be held in Wamblee, SD, to commemorate such a monumental milestone in the history of Pine Ridge.

It has been nearly 20 years since Congress adopted the Mni Wiconi Act to bring clean water sources to the Pine Ridge Reservation. Bringing the Missouri River to the people of Pine Ridge will have an enormous impact in the overall quality of life of tribes and residents in the area. I have been pleased to work on this project with tribal leaders and residents during my tenure in Congress.

I commend the Oglala Sioux Tribe Rural Water Supply System, the concerned tribal officials, and residents who have worked tirelessly, some since the 1960s, to bring a clean drinking water source to the people of the Pine Ridge Reservation. The event on August 20 is an opportunity for everyone to celebrate the hard work and commitment involved in making this dream a reality, while looking forward to the great results that Missouri River water will bring to future generations. The impacts will be positive, they will be far-reaching, and they will be impressive.

Again, congratulations to the Oglala Sioux Tribe and the Oglala Sioux Tribe Rural Water Supply System on this historic event. People have waited a long time for this day to come, and I am glad it is finally a reality.●

90TH BIRTHDAY OF DR. MAURICE ALBERTSON

● Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I wish today to make a statement celebrating the 90th birthday of Dr. Maurice Albertson, a Colorado citizen whose compassion for his fellow human beings is evident in his every accomplishment.

Dr. Albertson has dedicated his career to enhancing the quality of life of people all over the world. The success he has had in reaching this goal is not just a matter of personal pride, but of global triumph. It is with great pleasure that I wish him a happy birthday.

Dr. Albertson began his career as a professor of civil engineering at Colorado State University in 1947. He is responsible for the development of CSU's large and prestigious water resources management program and was named as director of the Colorado State University Research Foundation.

Dr. Albertson's accomplishments outside of the university are even more impressive. At the request of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, he established a graduate school of engineering in Bangkok, Thailand. Known today as the Asian Institute of Technology, Dr. Albertson's creation still thrives.

Dr. Albertson and two colleagues, Ed and Miriam Shinn, convened an international conference at CSU on the subject of sustainable village-based development in the developing world. The conference was attended by over 350 persons from 34 nations. Following the

conference, Dr. Albertson and the Shinns founded Village Earth, an international nongovernmental organization that provides training to communities and organizations in the methods of sustainable participatory development. To date, Village Earth has helped hundreds of people in 15 countries to lift themselves out of poverty.

And perhaps most impressively, Dr. Albertson played a pivotal role in the formation of the Peace Corps. In 1960, Dr. Albertson and his team won a contract from the U.S. State Department to undertake a congressional study of the feasibility of creating a Point Four International Youth Corps. The following year, Dr. Albertson coauthored *New Frontiers for American Youth: Perspective on the Peace Corps* with Pauline Birky and Andrew Rice. This work was embraced by Sergeant Shriver and the Kennedy administration as the concept paper for creation of the Peace Corps. Dr. Albertson continued to work closely with the Kennedy administration in launching the Peace Corps, which has benefited countless volunteers and residents of developing countries worldwide.

Dr. Albertson has served as a consultant to the World Bank, the United Nations Development Program, the U.S. Agency for International Development, and many other agencies dealing with development issues. He has been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Colorado Governor's Award of Merit for Science and Technology, and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Colorado State University in 2006 in recognition of his exceptional contributions to industry and developing nations.

From such an extensive list of achievements, it is abundantly clear that Dr. Albertson has had an industrious and meaningful 90 years.

Dr. Albertson, I am inspired by the life that you have led. Our State and our Nation are blessed to have you as a citizen. I wish you a very happy birthday.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by