In celebration of reaching this historic milestone, the town has painted 24 Dala Hasten, traditional Swedish wooden horses. There will also be a parade, races, and musical events to commemorate Stockholm’s notable occasion.

The welcoming spirit of Stockholm’s citizens helped sculpt this town’s unique history, and I am confident that this strength of character will help us continue through the coming years. I am proud to represent this community and wish them on reaching this historic anniversary.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF STOCKHOLM, SOUTH DAKOTA

- Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of the founding of Mound City, SD. This rural community is the seat of Campbell County in northern South Dakota. This town was built on hard work and a spirit of community 125 years ago, and those same values sustain it today.

Edward C. and his father E.H. McIntosh were the first settlers, arriving in the area on June 10, 1884. They called the town Mound City because of the small hills to the north. Soon after, an elegant hotel and post office were constructed. The first newspaper, the Mound City Declaration, was established in 1886. Mound City also had a flour mill, built in 1893 by contributions by the town’s citizens. After it burned down the first night of operations, the town rallied and raised enough money to again build the mill.

This perseverance and dedication illustrates what has gotten Mound City to this monumental anniversary, and I am proud to recognize them on their achievements. The citizens of this town are dedicated and hard working, demonstrating what a great State South Dakota is.

COMMENDING ELMET TECHNOLOGIES

- Ms. SNOWE, Mr. President, as we are all aware, the lengthy process of globalization has made it necessary for many American businesses to promote their goods in international markets. And despite the present economic recession, Maine businesses exported a record $3 billion in goods last year. I wish to highlight Elmet Technologies, a shining company that has been a part of the Great Depression. At that time, the company had 50 employees and 13,400 square feet of manufacturing space. The firm now employs over 230 people and occupies a 220,000-square-foot facility. Elmet makes top-quality, high-performance advanced materials and specialized refractory metal products, such as wire, filaments, and rods. Its products have numerous applications for a variety of industries. For instance, the company’s components and materials are used in electronic devices such as GPS units and digital music players and medical equipment like x-ray tubes.

Elmet supplies a wide range of customers, from IBM and Philips Lighting, to Veeco, which produces process equipment and metrology tools, and Varian, producers of medical equipment. These firms have turned to Elmet because of its high-quality products, attention to customer detail and satisfaction, and its excellent Maine work ethic. Additionally, what makes Elmet’s production method so effective is that the company uses raw materials instead of base materials, allowing employees to easily customize products based on consumer specifications. The company has also earned two critical certifications for quality and environmental standards from the International Organization for Standardization, ISO.

Though an 80-year-old company, Elmet Technologies is relatively new to global trade. It began only recently promoting its products abroad and now has clients in places as far away as Europe, Israel, China. Elmet’s strategy is paying off and earning the company much-deserved recognition. Last Thursday, the Maine International Trade Center presented Elmet Technologies with its 2009 Exporter of the Year Award. The award demonstrates the determination and commitment of Elmet’s leaders in forging new international marketplaces for its extensive variety of products that serve a wide range of high-tech and emerging industries—from electronics and lighting, to aircraft and automotive.

The Maine International Trade Center is Maine’s small business link to the rest of the world. It is a public-private partnership between the State of Maine and its businesses. The center’s goal is to increase international trade in Maine and in particular to assist Maine’s businesses in exporting goods and services. Clearly it sees in Elmet Technologies the entrepreneurial spirit and innovation that make Maine’s small businesses so unique and successful.

Elmet Technologies’ president and CEO, Jack Jensen, has summed up his company’s philosophy quite simply: “Listen. Create. Delight.” Based on the company’s record of success and customer satisfaction, this motto has served the company well in any language. I congratulate everyone at Elmet Technologies on their recent recognition and wish them the continued exciting opportunities in the years to come.

130TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORTHING, SOUTH DAKOTA

- Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Worthing, SD. Founded in