

volunteer, spending countless hours of her time helping others throughout the Clarendon community. A long-time volunteer with the Boy Scouts, Alice also serves as President of the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce and is a member of Visions for Clarendon, the Clarendon American Legion Auxiliary, and a board member for the Monroe County Human Development Center. Alice also fought to save the annual Clarendon Christmas parade when it was on the verge of cancellation due to lack of funds and participation.

I have felt a long kinship to Clarendon, and I am grateful for the friendships I have made there. Clarendon is a community with a great spirit of volunteerism and caring. We should all embrace Alice's spirit of service and volunteerism. I send my heartfelt congratulations to her and her family.●

#### 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize the residents of Hot Springs Village in my home State of Arkansas.

Hot Springs Village is a gated resort and retirement community in scenic west central Arkansas in the Ouachita Mountains. It is home to 15,000 residents and offers 11 recreational lakes for fishing, swimming and boating, 16 tennis courts, a fitness center, a 650-seat performing arts center, and over 20 miles of wooded nature trails.

During the week of April 17–25, Hot Springs Village will celebrate its 40th anniversary with events throughout the community, including concerts, golf tournaments, luncheons, open houses, and more. These events symbolize the culture, recreation, and community spirit that define Hot Springs Village and its citizens.

Mr. President, I salute the residents of Hot Springs Village for their efforts to maintain the heritage, beauty, and history of their community. I join all Arkansans to express my pride in this jewel of Arkansas.●

#### RECOGNIZING DENNYMIKE'S 'CUE STUFF INC.

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, though we often say in Maine that April can still be considered a winter month, we are hopeful that warmer weather is just around the corner. And one of our Nation's favorite summer pastimes is grilling outdoors—eating good food while enjoying the company of friends and family. While barbecue is traditionally considered Southern cuisine, one Maine company is out to redefine that notion—and having great success in this endeavor. As such, I rise today to recognize DennyMike's 'Cue Stuff Inc. for its numerous award-winning barbecue products.

DennyMike's got its start in 2002 when Dennis Michael—or DennyMike—

Sherman, a born and bred Mainer, opened DennyMike's Smokehouse BBQ and Deli in the popular seaside town of Old Orchard Beach. Mr. Sherman's purpose in opening this unique restaurant in Maine was to expose New Englanders to a cuisine he has loved since the 1970s, when he first experienced authentic Texas-style barbecue. In 2008, Mr. Sherman also launched a line of genuine, hand-crafted barbecue rubs and sauces for use by customers at home, whether it be to spice up meatloaf made in the oven or add flavor to seafood or steak cooked on the grill. The company is a member of the Kansas City BBQ Society and the National BBQ Association, among other organizations, ensuring that it is at the forefront of this burgeoning industry.

To create its unique sauces and rubs, DennyMike's utilizes high-quality ingredients such as clover honey, natural sea salt, and Barbados molasses. The company creates these products, which are all-natural and gluten-free, in small batches to ensure a richer flavor. The company markets a broad range of sauces like the Sweet 'N Spicy, DennyMike's original standard-bearer, as well as rubs that include the Fintastic, seasoned with a hint of citrus for a tangy twist on traditional Maine cuisine such as fresh fish and shrimp. From sweet and savory to strong and spicy, DennyMike's products are designed to please any discerning set of taste buds. DennyMike and his wife, Patty, accompanied by one full-time employee, produce the sauces and rubs, with five part-time workers supplementing as needed.

While some may scoff at the notion of an award-winning barbecue master hailing from Maine, Mr. Sherman has put such critics to shame with an impressive display of awards from organizations nationwide. In November, one of DennyMike's sauces was named the best barbecue sauce in the "All-Natural Hot" category at the 2010 Scovie Awards, while another of its distinctive rubs won top place in the "Dry Rub/All-Purpose" class. Decided through scrupulous blind tastings, the Scovie Awards are prestigious in the barbecue industry, and now comprise one of the world's most competitive gourmet food competitions. Additionally, DennyMike's received five medals—two gold, one silver, and two bronze—from the National Barbecue Association, or NBBQA, last year, while also winning several awards for its distinct packaging from various organizations. At this year's NBBQA Conference and Expo, DennyMike's racked up seven awards, building on its record of accomplishment and success within the industry.

DennyMike's 'Cue Stuff has quickly made a name for itself by introducing quality, all-natural barbecue products to our home State. As he continues to promote his sauces and rubs at regional trade shows across New England, I am confident that word will

only spread faster of Mr. Sherman's creative and celebrated line of products. I thank Mr. Sherman for so vividly embodying the entrepreneurial spirit, and wish him continued success in his tasty quest.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, 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 and a withdrawal 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 10:58 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1585. An act to increase awareness of physical activity opportunities at school, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3553. An act to exclude from consideration as income under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 amounts received by a family from the Department of Veterans Affairs for service-related disabilities of a member of the family.

H.R. 4178. An act to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to provide for deposit restricted qualified tuition programs, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1963. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide assistance to caregivers of veterans, to improve the provision of health care to veterans, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 255. Concurrent resolution commemorating the 40th anniversary of Earth Day and honoring the founder of Earth Day, the late Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) announced that on today, April 22, 2010, he had signed the following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 4360. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs blind rehabilitation center in Long Beach, California, as the "Major Charles Robert Soltes, Jr., O.D. Department of Veterans Blind Rehabilitation Center".

At 3:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by