

Arthur currently resides in Sandy Springs, a place he has come to love and call home. He is a devoted and loving husband of 46 years, father of three daughters and grandfather of seven.

As a well-respected member of the community, Arthur has been involved in numerous roles, such as the past president of the Temple Emanu-El synagogue in Sandy Springs and as a board member of the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta.

His commitment to community service and volunteerism has been tremendously valuable, and I am sure he has touched many lives over the years.

Arthur Katz is a true champion of patriotism and it is only fitting that he be honored and featured at the Wall of Gallantry at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.●

RECOGNIZING PITNEY BOWES COMPANY

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the Pitney Bowes Company on the occasion of its 90th birthday. Headquartered in Stamford, Pitney Bowes has proven time and again that it is a true Connecticut institution, leading the way in innovation and facilitating progress in the mailing industry.

But at least as important as its financial success, is the kind of company that it is. The company is a notably progressive employer, capturing repeated honors for its commitment to diversity. It is regularly cited as among the best places to work for women, African Americans, and Hispanics. It does this because it is right but also because they know it makes smart business sense.

Pitney Bowes is also a corporate leader in health care. It is truly in the forefront of efforts to improve their employee and retiree health while at the same time reducing costs. The examples are numerous. The company learned that forcing people to make large copayments for the medications they need to manage chronic conditions often led employees to skip taking their medicine. This resulted in more trips to the doctor and hospital, higher costs, and more absenteeism. So the company reduced or eliminated employee copayments for these medications. It cost more in the short run, but a lot less in the long run, and the affected employees enjoy greater health and productivity.

The company put healthy food in its cafeterias and charges less for it. There are still lots of choices, some not so healthy, but you have to look harder for the less healthy foods, and you have to pay more. And either way, there are on-site gyms in many facilities.

The company also established on-site clinics to make it easier for employees and retirees to obtain medical care. Indeed, Pitney Bowes went so far as to arrange for specialist doctors, used by many of their employees, to hold office hours on-site. These efforts have been

recognized by the Obama administration, and Murray Martin, the chairman and CEO, met with the President last year to discuss the company's programs.

Finally, the company also has a profound commitment to community service, providing funding for education and literacy organizations, and encouraging employees to volunteer their time to a wide variety of causes. This is just another way in which Pitney Bowes has benefited our State.

At a time when many American companies have failed, and others have become deeply troubled, it is with pleasure that I am able to recognize a cutting-edge company with good old fashioned values. Congratulations, Pitney Bowes, on your 90th birthday.●

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I wish to recognize one of my State's great companies on the occasion of its 90th birthday. On April 23, 1920, Arthur Pitney and Walter Bowes officially formed the Pitney Bowes Company with its headquarters in Stamford, CT. Today the company is still headquartered in Stamford, and employs 33,000 individuals worldwide.

In 1912, Arthur Pitney introduced the postage meter in the United States. This device, which is used to create and apply physical evidence of postage to pieces of mail, has allowed postal officials and offices throughout the United States to process mail more efficiently. In 1920, he partnered with Walter Bowes, a successful entrepreneur, to form the Pitney Bowes Postage Meter Company. In order for the postage meter to be sold in the U.S., Congress had to act to permit the meter indicia to be recognized as postage.

Since its founding, Pitney Bowes has been at the forefront of technological innovation. It has added vastly to the intellectual capital of this country and currently manages an active patent portfolio of more than 3,000 inventions. Quite simply, it is a company that has been the source of many, many good ideas. Many of its scientists are based in its R&D facility in Shelton, CT. In addition, the company actually had one of the first "e-commerce" applications, with its meters able to download postage electronically since 1979.

Pitney Bowes continues to innovate and grow. Last year its R&D investment was \$182 million. It recently launched its newest mailing system. It also has become one of the world's largest software companies, helping its customers more accurately address their mail, deliver smarter marketing, provide more efficient government services, or locate their stores in the most promising location. The company also is a leader in the field of document management, helping government agencies, large companies and law firms manage their critical documents.

For more than 20 years, Pitney Bowes Financial Services International, a wholly-owned subsidiary, has been providing high-quality financial services for Pitney Bowes cus-

tomers throughout the international marketplace. For example, Pitney Bowes finances the purchase of postage in its meters for over 1 million customers.

Pitney Bowes has operated globally for decades, and currently generates almost 30 percent of its revenue outside of the United States. At its manufacturing facility in Danbury, the company assembles large-scale mailing machines for export to many countries. I have had the privilege of touring the facility and have enjoyed seeing the flags of the destination countries hung over the machines they will be receiving.

Pitney Bowes has a large and diverse customer base with 2 million customers worldwide, many of which are small businesses. It has been listed on the New York Stock Exchange since 1950, has been a component of the S&P 500 Stock Index continually since 1957, and first joined the Fortune 500 in 1962.

Over the years, I know that Pitney Bowes has also been a good partner to the Postal Service and cares passionately about maintaining a mail service that not only survives but thrives. Pitney Bowes took the lead in creating the Mailing Industry CEO Council, which for the last several years has been at the forefront of educating policymakers about the mailing industry. There was a time when many of us in Congress failed to appreciate the extent of the importance and impact of the mailing industry. But thanks to their efforts, we know that it is a big trillion dollar industry employing more than 8 million workers. The company and the CEO Council played important roles in helping us enact postal reform legislation after a decade of effort. The company's chairman and CEO, Murray Martin, continues to regularly visit us in Washington to share his insights on how Congress can help the Postal Service adjust in a rapidly changing world.

On behalf of the people of Connecticut and the rest of the Nation, I would like to honor Pitney Bowes on the occasion of its 90th birthday. I am certain that the company and its employees will continue to pioneer new technologies and services that will contribute to economic growth in the U.S. and abroad.●

TRIBUTE TO JORDAN SOMER

● Mr. JOHANNIS. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize an outstanding young Nebraskan for her spirit of community service and for her dedication to making a difference in the lives of others.

Jordan Somer is currently a junior at Central High School in Omaha, NE. At Central High School, she is a member of the school's dance team and is involved in student clubs.

Jordan's vision was to create a pageant for girls and women with disabilities. In 2007, she founded the Miss Amazing Pageant. Now in its fourth