

towns were consolidated and Big Stone City was incorporated.

Religion was an integral part of the founding of Big Stone City. The first sermon was preached in 1879, before the town had even been incorporated. The German Evangelical Church was built in 1880, with at least three additional churches following in the next 3 years. The first mass in the territory was celebrated in Big Stone City. The first school was opened in 1880, with a charge of \$1 per student for each month. In 1900, the school was upgraded from a small prairie school to a much larger brick building. In 1913, plans were made to run the Milwaukee Railroad through Big Stone City. With industries of brick manufacturing, limestone, food canning, and a creamery, Big Stone City has a unique and varied past.

Residents of Big Stone City joined together July 9 to 11, 2010, to honor their historic milestone with a week-end full of festivities. The town celebrated with dances, a chili cookoff, an all-school reunion, a parade, and more. I am proud to recognize Big Stone City on this achievement, and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for this great South Dakota community.●

DUPREE, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the 100th anniversary of the founding of Dupree, SD, one of many communities on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation. This hearty town is the county seat of Ziebach County and has withstood recent tornadoes to come out stronger.

Named after a young Canadian fur trader named Fred Dupris, the spelling changed to conform to the people's preference. With two train stations, Dupree became a popular area to homestead. Dupree's vision statement nicely sums up the town. "Dupree is the front door to the West. It has a rich heritage; is full of wide open spaces, and home for family and friends—the kind of place people want to hang their hat." Small towns like Dupree are the backbone of South Dakota, embodying the values our State hold dear.

Dupree will celebrate with a 3 day wagon and trail ride, a parade, a powwow, a demolition derby, and more. They are also selling tickets to a raffle for a Limited Edition Dupree Centennial Rifle. A rodeo will conclude the weekend celebration. I would like to recognize Dupree on this historic milestone, and I wish its citizens the best on their future.●

TRIBUTE TO JEFFREY HIRSCHBERG AND JOAQUIN BLAYA

● Mr. KAUFMAN. Mr. President, today, I wish to express my appreciation to two members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, whose terms have come to an end. During their 8 years of exceptional service on

the BBG, Jeff Hirschberg and Joaquin Blaya have contributed to ensuring the relevance and timeliness of international broadcasting. Both Jeff and Joaquin have served the nation's international broadcasting mission with great honor and commitment. Their unique contributions have resulted in a robust enhancement of U.S. international broadcasting in critical regions at crucial times.

Jeffrey Hirschberg, who served on the board since 2002, brought his deep experience in government and the private sector to bear during his tenure on the board. Previously, he served in the U.S. Attorney General's Office as special counsel and assistant U.S. attorney, and later, as an attorney in private practice. While on the BBG, he applied his vast knowledge and understanding of the Soviet Union and Russia he acquired during his tenure as Director of the U.S.-Russian Investment Fund, a member of the U.S.-Russia Center for Entrepreneurship, and Director of the U.S.-Russia Business Council, to greatly improve programming in Russia and former Soviet states.

Joaquin Blaya, who also joined the board in 2002, brought to the BBG his vast experience in broadcasting as former chairman of Radio Unica, as CEO of Telemundo, and as president of Univision. In fact, Joaquin founded Radio Unica and oversaw its operations as it became the first 24-hour Spanish language radio network, reaching approximately 80 percent of the Spanish-speaking population in the United States. His vision and conviction as a member of the BBG resulted in improved programming on Radio Marti, and a ground-breaking television programming in the Middle East via Al Hurrah, which is the most widely viewed channel in Iraq today.

As U.S. international broadcasting begins this new chapter in its history, I want to convey my utmost respect and appreciation to Jeff Hirschberg and Joaquin Blaya for their honorable service and vision as members of the BBG.●

CONGRATULATING EDWARD COLEMAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE GRADUATES

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I congratulate the staff, volunteers, and participants of the Striving Toward A New Direction Foundation, or STAND, as they celebrate the recent graduation of 34 members of their Leadership Institute. These graduates represent the best of Arkansas, and I am proud to see them achieve this great honor. They are the future of our State, and all Arkansans should be proud of their accomplishments.

Under the guidance of CEO Tracy Steele, STAND is a nonprofit organization that offers leadership training to promote economic opportunities, social progress, and community development in Arkansas. STAND offers formal leadership training in four cities across the state: Arkadelphia, El Dorado, Lit-

tle Rock, and Pine Bluff. Named after program coordinator Edward Coleman, the Leadership Institute seeks to provide education and mentoring that will lead to community service and career placement and advancement opportunities.

Graduates leave this program with a stronger sense of self and community, learning constructive ways to make a difference for their fellow citizens. I have seen their efforts in our State, and I know that this program makes a difference in the lives of its participants and the entire Arkansas community.

I again congratulate STAND graduates, faculty, and staff for their work to prepare the future leaders of our State for the opportunities and challenges that await them. They are to be commended for their efforts.●

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF AEROJET'S REDMOND, WASHINGTON, EMPLOYEES

● Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, today I am joined with my colleague, Senator CANTWELL, to recognize the employees of Aerojet-General Corporation's Redmond, WA, research, development and production facility. Aerojet-Redmond has recently been selected by the United Space Alliance to receive the Space Flight Awareness Supplier Award for Aerojet's sustained superior performance as a key supplier on NASA's space shuttle program over the course of nearly 30 years. This most significant achievement will be commemorated with a presentation from United Space Alliance and celebration ceremony held at Aerojet's facility in Redmond, WA, on Thursday, July 8, 2010.

Aerojet is a world-recognized aerospace and defense leader principally serving the space and missile propulsion, defense and armaments markets. Aerojet Redmond propulsion has been on every NASA manned space flight mission and has enabled the United States to visit every planet in the solar system. The Space Flight Awareness Supplier Award is a very prestigious award bestowed upon United Space Alliance supplier companies—from among over 2,000 active suppliers located throughout the United States—that have performed extraordinary work that added to safety, mission success, schedule compliance, and enhanced flight capability. Aerojet's Redmond Operations will be only the 21st company to receive this highly selective award.

Aerojet-Redmond is the world leader in the in-space propulsion market and as such is the manufacturer of the 38 primary and 6 vernier reaction control thrusters used on every space shuttle mission. The shuttle's reaction control system is used to position the space shuttle during flight operations such as payload insertions and International Space Station docking.

On the occasion of this most significant milestone, Senator CANTWELL and