

proud to see them included on the National Register.

The newly listed properties are:

WEST MEMPHIS CITY HALL

West Memphis City Hall at 100 Court Street in West Memphis in Crittenden County was constructed in 1938 through the Public Works Administration program and opened July 18, 1939.

ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
CEMETERY IN SHERRILL

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery in Sherrill in Jefferson County, a Black cemetery behind the church, predates the existing church and is the oldest structure on-site. The earliest documented burial in the cemetery, the grave of the Rev. Louis Mazique, was in 1885.

Along with all Arkansans, I congratulate these communities for receiving this national recognition. I also salute the local officials and residents of our State for their efforts to maintain the beauty and history of their communities.●

OPEN ARMS SHELTER

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I recognize the staff, board members, and volunteers of Open Arms Shelter in Lonoke County for their steadfast efforts to provide a home for abused or neglected children.

Over 25 years, more than 2,100 children have found a temporary home at Open Arms until they are able to be placed in a relative's home, a foster home, or a long-term facility.

Under the leadership of executive director Susan Bransford, the shelter served 177 children in 2009 and expects to serve at least that many this year.

Open Arms provides children with the resources and care they need to be successful in school and life. The children attend school in Lonoke and have access to afterschool tutors if needed. Open Arms provides food, clothing, medical care and housing, while also offering recreational and educational outings and lessons, all within a structured, disciplined environment.

The shelter employs 11 staff members, 2 of whom live at the shelter, along with 2 part-time cooks, a case coordinator, a part-time bookkeeper and 2 relief workers.

The Open Arms board of directors includes individuals from throughout Lonoke County. They are: Shelby Hillman, Kathy Millard and David Woods of Carlisle; Peggy Anderson, Merritt Holman, Kaye Anderson and Betty Wilson of Lonoke; Leann Hanshaw, Rhonda Harps, Rhonda House and Patrick J. Hagge of Cabot; Pam Foster, Gary Canada and Sherry Sandage of England; and LuAnn Ashley of Little Rock, member at large.

I commend the entire Open Arms community for their dedication to helping children in need with compassion and a loving heart.●

TRIBUTE TO DEVON ALEXANDER

● Mrs. McCASKILL. Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in recog-

nizing Devon Alexander "The Great" of Saint Louis, MO. It is an honor to celebrate and pay tribute to Devon's undefeated boxing career and commitment to giving back to his community.

Devon was born on February 10, 1987, in North Saint Louis. Seven years later, he began his boxing career after discovering a gym run by St. Louis police officer Kevin Cunningham. The gym was housed in the basement of a former St. Louis City Police Station in the neighborhood of Hyde Park, which had one of the highest crime rates in the city of St. Louis at the time.

Devon continued to improve in the sport of boxing, eventually joining the ranks of the most recognized amateur boxers in the United States. His long list of accomplishments stands as a testament to his love of the sport and personal dedication to success.

As an amateur, Devon participated in almost 300 fights and won every title possible in St. Louis and many at the national level. The titles included four-time Silver Gloves national champion from age 10 to 14; three-time Police Athletic League national champion; 2001 Junior Golden Gloves national champion and Junior Olympic national champion before moving on to win the World Junior Olympics, where he was also named Best Boxer; 2003 U.S. National Champion for those 19 and under; the U.S. National Championship in 2004 in the 141-pound junior welterweight division; and was invited to join the U.S. National Team.

On May 20, 2004, at the age of 17, Devon made the decision to become a professional boxer. He continued to win and amassed a professional record that stands at 20 wins and zero losses. As a professional boxer, Devon faced and received praise from some of boxing's most recognized names.

On August 7, 2010, Devon Alexander "The Great" marks his return to St. Louis to defend his undefeated title. He is a strong example of what hard work and perseverance can accomplish. Devon's journey from adversity to success is an inspiration to countless others and it is truly commendable.

Devon will use all proceeds from the "Devon Alexander Hometown Hero Celebration" that will be held on August 1, 2010, at St. Louis City Hall, to benefit nonprofit boxing organizations in the St. Louis amateur boxing community.

Devon Alexander "The Great" has made the city of St. Louis and the State of Missouri proud.

I ask that the Senate join me in honoring Devon Alexander "The Great" for his personal success and service to the Saint Louis community and to our country. I am proud to recognize this extraordinary Missourian and wish him many more healthy, happy, and successful years to come.●

REMEMBERING PAULINE MARTENS

● Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, today I honor the life and contribu-

tions of Pauline Ruth Martens, who recently passed away at the age of 87. Born in Maine and raised near Boston, Pauline came to Alaska soon after World War II with her husband Arnold. Her relationship with the Frontier State began, much as it did with her beloved Arnold, with love at first sight.

In many ways, Pauline's life was about taking the next step while never leaving those who were most important behind. The period after WWII was an exciting time in Alaska, and Pauline was an active participant in the development of Anchorage, the Great Land's largest city. While raising their family, Pauline and Arnold worked together to develop both business and residential properties, including the Palm Motel and the Forest Park South subdivision. To Pauline, however, it was her relationships with family and friends—her role in guiding her children and grandchildren and helping her friends and community—that mattered most.

In addition to the love she gave to her family, Pauline brought her ideals, her zest for life, and her strong character to bear on helping those in the community around her. Beginning as a Girl Scout troop leader during her daughter's Scouting years, to becoming a board member and chairman of the Susitna Council of the Alaska Girl Scouts, Pauline's contributions to the development of Alaska's young women were significant and positive. As her own children grew, Pauline took on the role of helping other children take positive steps forward as a member of the board of Junior Achievement and Hope Cottages, which serves developmentally disabled children and their families.

In whatever endeavor Pauline Martens took on, she was never just a name on a roster. She believed that any undertaking deserved her full participation. So it was no surprise that her commitment to the Republican Party led to her service in roles both ordinary and distinguished. Whether as the "bouncer" at the Annual International Food Festival, poll watcher, FREE member promoting the opening of ANWR, State chairman of the Alaska Republican Party, or president of the Alaska Federation of Republican Women, Pauline worked hard for those who shared her beliefs and ideals. Her enthusiasm, hard work, and commitment earned her the title of Woman of the Year in three separate decades from the Anchorage Republican Women's Club, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Republican Party of Alaska.

Pauline was a mentor to many young Republican women—including me. She gave encouragement, good counsel, and always a warm smile. I recall many Republican State conventions working side by side with Pauline while she directed so much of the political operations with a graciousness that was appreciated by all.

Still, it was Pauline's love for her family and the beauty of Alaska's