

hosted the Cup for over 50 years; its departure in 1983 left our State without one of its most cherished icons.

For Rhode Island, the Cup represented more than the pride of years of successful defenses: the Cup was a huge boost to our economy. San Francisco, the site of the next race, estimates that the competition will bring \$1.4 billion in additional revenue, and a 2007 study estimated that Newport could see a \$886 million boost if we were the host site. Imagine what that investment would do for Rhode Island with our nearly 12 percent unemployment rate. The Cup brings millions of dollars in construction, hospitality, boat maintenance, and media jobs—jobs our State sorely needs.

While the Cup may no longer be held in our Ocean State, Rhode Island continues its love for sailing and remains a great host site for national and international races. Efforts are underway to bring some of the America's Cup qualifying races to Newport—efforts I enthusiastically support. It would be heartening to see the Cup come full circle, to what we still consider its true home.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### REISTERSTOWN AMERICAN LEGION POST 116

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I would like my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Reisterstown American Legion Post 116, which will celebrate its 75th anniversary on November 6, 2010. The American Legion Department of Maryland has 147 active posts. Reisterstown Post 116 is the largest post and the largest wartime veterans service organization in the State of Maryland. The Reisterstown American Legion Post 116 was formed on November 6, 1935, by a group of 13 charter members. By 1986, the post had expanded to more than 400 members, including a Sons of the American Legion Squadron of 75 members, an American Legion Auxiliary of about 100 members, and an active Legion Riders organization.

Part of the Reisterstown American Legion Post 116's success has been its involvement in the northwest Baltimore County community. The post awards scholarships to students, participates in the American Legion Boys and Girls State programs, and assists the Reisterstown Recreation Council. Post 116 also provides volunteers and donations to many charitable organizations, including the Maryland Special Olympics, the Epilepsy Foundation, United Cerebral Palsy, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Post 116 on its 75th anniversary, and to join me in commending the post's leadership, past and present, and in extending our thanks to its members for their service to

Reisterstown Post 116, the Baltimore community, and to our country.●

#### REMEMBERING RALPH SMEED

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, today I honor the life of Ralph Smeed, who will be remembered affectionately for his great love for this country.

Ralph had many accomplishments throughout his life. Born into a pioneer family in southwestern Idaho in 1921, Ralph embodied strength, perseverance and devotion. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, attended the University of Idaho, and was a successful and able businessman who ran his family's ranching operation after Ralph's father passed away. Ralph was also a dynamic thinker, debater and writer, who contributed significantly to State and national political discussions, cofounded the Center for the Study of Market Alternatives, served on the board of the Foundation for Economic Education, and was a long-time newspaper columnist. Ralph had a unique and powerful way of communicating his ideas, and his presence in Idaho political discourse will be greatly missed. One could not ignore Ralph's electronic reader board that gave passersby food for thought. Understandably, Ralph has been honored for his strong commitment to free market ideals, liberty and his defense of the principles of freedom.

Ralph will continue to be recognized for his numerous accomplishments, but it is his example of conviction that will be most remembered. Ralph had strong principles and held true to his values. He thought deeply, understood the value of listening albeit many times with great restraint, and delivered his points with passion and humor. Ralph could not be rightly accused of caring too little. He did not sit on the sidelines. Ralph embraced the dialogue and tackled the tough issues. He was always engaged and challenged others. Ralph's interjection of free-thinking, strong, libertarian views shaped discussions and opinions. He added flavor and insight from his many years of experience, discussion and contemplation. He sought to protect individual liberties and contributed substantially to conservative knowledge.

Ralph was a spirited, dedicated, witty, generous, sincere individual and true patriot. Ralph touched and enriched the lives of all those he met, and I am grateful to have known him. There is no doubt there will be a significant void left by Ralph's passing. As we honor Ralph Smeed's life, and extend thoughts and prayers to Ralph's family, friends and loved ones for this great loss, Ralph's individuality and dedication will not be forgotten. Ralph was a true thought provoker who was devoted to the promotion of liberty and encouraging others to work for liberty. Ralph Smeed will be greatly missed.●

#### REMEMBERING BOBBY EUGENE HANNON

• Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I recognize Bobby Eugene Hannon Sr., 76, of Hot Springs, who passed away Saturday, August 28, 2010. A beloved member of the Hot Springs community and the entire State, "Coach Hannon" was one of Arkansas's finest citizens. His legacy will long be remembered at Hot Springs High School, where he coached football from 1970 to 1979. His many championships and accomplishments in coaching were highlighted by his undefeated 1970 State Championship Team, voted No. 1 in the State by the Associated Press.

In 2008, Coach Hannon was inducted into the Arkansas High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He received the Lowell Manning Award in 1970 as the Arkansas High School Coach of the Year and was selected head coach for the West Squad in the AHSCA All Star Game. His teams competed in five more championship games, including the longest high school football game in Arkansas history against Jonesboro in 1972 that ended in a tie for co-championship.

Before his coaching career, Coach Hannon was an outstanding athlete with many accomplishments, including serving as quarterback of Little Rock High School and being selected All-State and All-Southern quarterback. Coach Hannon received a football scholarship at Arkansas Tech University and played there for 4 years, where he received all AIC conference honors.

Drafted into the U.S. Army, he played on the Fort Lewis Washington Championship football team for 2 years. Coach Hannon also played shortstop for the famed Little Rock Doughboys baseball team next to Major League Baseball Hall of Fame third baseman Brooks Robinson.

After retiring from coaching, he continued his working career selling team sporting goods for Spaulding and Sportstop Athletics. Most recently Coach Hannon was employed by Hurst, Morrisey and Hurst Law Firm.

Coach Hannon was involved in numerous community services. He was a member of Brookwood Baptist Church, a lifetime member of Elks Lodge No. 380, American Legion Baseball commissioner for 4 years, served as cochairman for the State Multiple Sclerosis Fund Raisers and was a member of the Hot Springs Quarterback Club prayer group.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Janice (Avra) Hannon; his three children, Lisa Hannon Madden, Bobby Eugene Hannon Jr., and Bridget Hannon Summers; four grandchildren, Beau Harvey, Trish Madden Jordan, Lauren Hannon Madden Pope, and Don Allen Madden III; four step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and three step great-grandchildren.

Along with all Arkansans, I thank Coach Hannon for his years of service to our State. He will be greatly missed.●