

TOP COPS Award Ceremony. TOP COPS recognizes officers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty from the previous year.

Trooper Wild, this year's recipient of the Life Saving Award from the State police for going beyond the call of duty, will be recognized for his heroic actions and outstanding display of bravery last year when he saved the life of two victims from an overturned vehicle. Trooper Thomas Wild was assigned to the scene of an accident in which a van flipped multiple times and ultimately landed upside-down in a sugarcane field. Trooper Wild helped transport the unconscious driver to the hospital and checked for additional victims at the accident sight. This was all protocol that any officer would have done but in an extraordinary gesture Trooper Wild which beyond the call of duty by giving his personal cell phone number to the victim's father.

Seven hours later Trooper Wild received a call from the victim's family. There may have been someone else in the vehicle. Although Trooper Wild was off duty, he quickly returned to the crash site searching the nearby field and called out for the missing passenger. Finally, Trooper Wild heard a faint response of someone crying out for help. A few minutes later, he found 22-year-old Benjamin Kilvurn bleeding, dehydrated, and unconscious. Wild called an ambulance and the young man was rushed to the hospital.

Clearly going beyond the call of duty, Trooper Wild quickly responded to the concerns of a victim's family and saved the lives of not one but two men. His selfless actions represent the dedication and commitment that our law enforcement officers have for our community. I thank Trooper Wild for his dedication and congratulate him for being Louisiana's TOP COP.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, as our Nation begins its observance of National Police Week, I speak today in memory of three Alaska law enforcement officers who gave their lives in the line of duty in 2010.

This is National Police Week, the week that we honor law enforcement heroes who have given their lives to protect our communities and those who place their lives on the line every day. During this week we also remember the families of law enforcement whose sacrifices are no less important than their loved ones who wear the uniform.

One of the most significant and moving of the commemorations that occur during National Police Week is the candlelight vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on Judiciary Square. More than 19,000 names of fallen law enforcement officers are etched on the Wall of Remembrance at the memorial. This year, 316 names have joined them—152 officers who paid the ultimate sacrifice in 2010 and 164 officers who gave their lives before the memorial was created. Each of these names was read at the candlelight vigil on the evening of May 13, 2011.

Among the 316 names are three Alaskans: Sergeant Anthony Wallace and Officer Matthew Tokuoaka of the Hoonah Police Department and Charles Collins, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officer assigned to the Port of Anchorage. They are the first Alaska law enforcement officers since 2003 to die in the line of duty.

We are reminded time and again that fallen law enforcement officers are not heroes for the way they gave their lives but heroes for the way they lived their lives. I would like to say a few words about each.

Hoonah is a village of about 760 people on an island in southeast Alaska. Sixty percent of year-round residents are Tlingit Indians. The population of the town swells during the summer as fishermen and visitors descend. It is a peaceful and picturesque community.

That peace was broken on the evening of Sunday, August 29, 2010, when a gunman ambushed and shot Sergeant Wallace and then Officer Tokuoaka who was off duty at the time, while the two were chatting. To add to the tragedy, Sergeant Wallace's mother, who was visiting Hoonah and riding along with her son in his police vehicle, observed the shooting. A special tribute was paid to Sergeant Wallace and his mother Debbie Greene at last Friday evening's candlelight vigil.

Sergeant Tony Wallace was unique among the men and women of law enforcement. He was one of a handful of law enforcement officers anywhere who is deaf.

But Tony Wallace would not let his disability stop him from living a life of adventure. His mother told a reporter: "People would always tell him he couldn't do things but he tried even harder."

He was a champion high school wrestler in his hometown of Franklin, OH, and went on to be a varsity All-American wrestler at the Rochester Institute of Technology in upstate New York. Upon graduation he joined the public safety department at RIT as a campus police officer. Tony Wallace was destined to be a cop, following in the footsteps of his father who served with the Franklin Police Department for 34 years. He was living his dream and excelling at his job.

In 2006, Tony Wallace learned of a police job in Hoonah. He had never visited Alaska before but he was an avid boater, hunter, and fisherman. He was hired after a telephone interview and a background check. Just like that off he went.

In no time, Tony was sending friends pictures of him holding large salmon and encountering bears. He said he found the place where he would spend the rest of his life, enjoying nature and helping others. He graduated first in his class of 21 at the police academy. In his spare time he coached wrestling at the Hoonah School and played scrabble with the Elders at the Senior Center.

Tony is also survived by his daughter Lexis and his grandmother.

Matt Tokuoaka was killed while trying to save the life of his friend and comrade Tony Wallace. Born in Seattle, he spent his childhood in Hawaii and Idaho. He too was an accomplished hunter and fisherman and shared his passion with his children. Matt was a Golden Gloves boxer in High School and joined the U.S. Marine Corps after high school. Matt joined the Hoonah Police Department following his service in the Marines.

John Millan, the Hoonah Police chief at the time of the incident, described Matt as a larger than life figure, every bit the Marine.

In John's words: "Matt ran directly into a hail of bullets, when any other person would walk away and did so without hesitation. He called in a situation report, precisely like a Marine would in combat. He began to move Tony to safety when he laid down his own life."

Matt Tokuoaka is survived by his wife Haley and four children—Mitchell, Hotchan, George and Layla, as well as his father, second mother, sisters and grandmother.

Matt and Tony were dedicated family people, "Dear Ones," in the Hoonah vernacular, who were beloved by their own families as their extended families in the Hoonah community. Their tragic loss last August rocked Hoonah to the core and the process of recovery has been difficult. Tony and Matt were not only exemplary officers with significant records of public service. They were pillars of the community.

Chuck Collins joined Customs and Border Protection in 2002 following a successful career in the Air Force. Upon completion of training, he was assigned to "the port of his dreams" in Anchorage. During the summer he was assigned to temporary duty in Eagle, a remote border checkpoint about 379 miles northeast of Fairbanks. He relished the assignment and I am told was active in the life of the Eagle community during his annual summer duty there.

Officer Collins was killed when his government-issued Ford Bronco went down a 200-foot embankment on the Taylor Highway and landed in a rain swollen creek. Officer Collins is survived by his wife Jody and two sons, both of whom are serving abroad in the military.

There is little that I can say in consolation except to note that Matt, Tony and Chuck touched a great many people's lives, they were role models, and they sacrificed all to make Alaska a safe and peaceful place. In valor there is hope.

AMERICORPS WEEK

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I would like to join the Vermont Commission on National and Community Service in paying tribute to the outstanding Americorps men and women who have volunteered countless hours this past year supporting Vermont's communities, and communities around the

country. The Vermont Commission on National and Community Service, first established by Governor Howard Dean in 1993, works with AmeriCorps volunteers, community volunteers and other organizations throughout Vermont to grow Vermont's dynamic communities. The service to others and civic engagement that the volunteer programs organized by the Commission promote are the cornerstone of Vermont's most treasured values.

Being a dedicated volunteer is often not an easy task. The Vermont Commission on National and Community Services allows servicemembers to shine through their vast opportunities and resources for our Vermont-based volunteers. Within the scope of their work, the Commission provides various opportunities to work in our communities through the AmeriCorps, Senior Corps and Learn and Serve America programs. The experiences of these volunteers will allow them to share their community values with the rest of Vermont and our great country.

I continue to be impressed with the achievements our dedicated professionals and young volunteers reach during their inspiring careers. I am pleased that the staff of the Vermont Commission on National and Community Service, along with their AmeriCorps members, are being recognized for all that they have done day in and day out throughout Vermont. The skills and experiences of these volunteers are instrumental in helping our communities tackle tough and complex problems.

I am fortunate to call Vermont my home, and we are more than lucky to have so many local role models that continue to inspire our young citizens to get involved. Whether volunteering as an Americorps member, or helping a next door neighbor in need, Vermonters carry forward our longstanding tradition of community service and involvement. This is why Vermont continues to be the great State that it is today. To the staff and volunteers of the Vermont Commission on National and Community Service, again I say thank you for all that you do for Vermont.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COLORADO NATIONAL MONUMENT

• Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, today I wish to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Colorado National Monument on May 24, 2011. The monument's 32 square miles of red rock canyons, pinnacles and vistas on Colorado's Western Slope are a wonder to behold. They provide essential habitat for keystone species like the golden eagle and desert bighorn and a unique campus for junior rangers to learn and connect with the high desert ecosystem. Anyone who has hiked one of the Monument's many trails or driven historic Rim Rock

Drive understands that this is a place worthy of celebration.

For a century now, visitors to this monument have been not only awed by its beauty but also inspired by its past. This rare piece of earth gained Federal recognition due to the dedicated efforts of John Otto, who made his home in these canyons. He worked for years to build trails and organize support, succeeding in 1911 as President William Howard Taft signed a proclamation declaring the monument. Just weeks later, Otto made his first daring climb to plant an American flag at the top of the 450-foot tall spire known as Independence Monument, on the Fourth of July. That day confirmed what Coloradans already knew—that we had something special.

But John Otto didn't end his commitment there. He became the monument's first park ranger, living in a tent and helping visitors discover the canyons for 16 more years. Through the lens of history, his dedication stands as a shining example of what it means to work for something you believe in so strongly. The history of the Colorado National Monument remains a testament to the spirit, conviction, and love of our land that makes the State of Colorado what it is today.

By offering educational field trips to public schools, rangers at the Colorado National Monument are working to ensure that the science and history of the monument will remain in the minds of young people across western Colorado. All Coloradans are proud of the fact that this treasured landscape will continue to inspire visitors for generations to come. Mr. President and all other Members here today, please join me and all Coloradans in celebrating the monument on its centennial.●

WOODWORTH, NORTH DAKOTA

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. On June 25–26, the residents of Woodworth will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Woodworth is a small but vibrant community in North Dakota. The town was founded in 1911, and takes its name from the Northern Pacific Railroad's traffic manager and vice president at the time, J. G. Woodworth. It is located in Stutsman County and is the last stop on the railroad track that runs along highway 36. The historical site, Camp Grant, is located near Woodworth, and was used in the Sibley Expedition of 1863. Woodworth earned the nickname "the Cream City" in its early years, because the sale of cream and eggs was the main source of income for many local farmers. The town is currently home to approximately 70 proud residents.

The citizens of Woodworth have organized numerous activities to celebrate their town's centennial. Beginning on Saturday morning, they will partici-

pate in a walk/run, with a breakfast, a parade, and art in the park to follow. A truck/tractor pull, street dance, and fireworks will round out the day's events. Woodworth's residents will conclude the centennial festivities with a community worship service on Sunday morning, and enjoy a home-run derby and music in the park on Sunday afternoon.

I ask the U.S. Senate to join me in congratulating Woodworth, ND, and its residents on the first 100 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Woodworth and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Woodworth that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Woodworth has a proud past and a bright future.●

TUTTLE, NORTH DAKOTA

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, today I am pleased to recognize a community in North Dakota that is celebrating its 100th anniversary. From June 17–19, the residents of Tuttle, ND, will gather to celebrate their community's founding.

In 1911, the town of Tuttle was founded by an official with the Dakota Land & Town Site Company, Colonel William P. Tuttle. Proud to have a town named in his honor, Colonel Tuttle donated money for the Tuttle Baseball Club's first baseball uniforms.

Located near the geographic center of North Dakota, Tuttle and its surrounding area were settled by homestead families of Scandinavian and German Russian heritage. Many of the descendants of these settlers still live and farm in the area today. In addition to farming, there are many community businesses and services in Tuttle such as the Senior Center, Post Office, BJ Auction Service, Buchholz Trucking, Days Gone By Cafe, Tuttle Community Store, Tuttle Farmers Elevator, and Tuttle Tavern.

Today, the people of Tuttle enjoy fishing, boating, and hunting near places like Lake Josephine and Cherry Lake. Also popular are traditional culinary specialties like knoephla soup, fleisch kuechle, and kuchen. Tuttle is a hard working community, whose vitality can be attributed to its strong family values and community spirit.

In honor of the city's 100th anniversary, community leaders have organized, among other things, a meet and greet fish fry, a centennial 5K/10K Run/Walk, turtle races, a threshing bee and antique tractor show, a parade, and a baseball game in Tuttle Ball Park.

I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. Senate join me in congratulating Tuttle, ND, and its residents on their first 100 years and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Tuttle and all other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering