

Community leaders, business leaders, political leaders of every stripe listened to Harvey. I was especially hopeful they would listen to him when, to my surprise, he supported my run for governor! Though Harvey was a staunch Republican, his spirit of bipartisanship was strong, and one that I admired a great deal.

While I was Governor, we held an Executive Council Meeting in Harrisville. It was a proud day for Harrisville, and therefore, a proud day for Harvey. Unfortunately, while we were there, a rather challenging issue facing our state government required immediate consideration. Harvey, as creative and giving as always, offered up his beautiful home with its breathtaking view of Mount Monadnock for a private emergency meeting. Once again, Harvey was finding solutions for his state.

Harvey's enthusiasm for public service and his community were evident to all who knew him. Over the years, we worked closely on the issues that matter for New Hampshire, particularly how we provide economic opportunities for all of our citizens, especially our state's young people. In fact, right until his passing, Harvey served as director of the High Bridge Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to providing high school students in New Hampshire with the tools necessary to thrive in a changing economy. He was doing his part to prepare the next generation of Granite Staters.

Harvey was a great consensus builder. At a time when too many focus on what divides, Harvey worked to unite.

Harvey, you will be missed, but your legacy will be honored and remembered for generations to come because of your hard work and your dedication to New Hampshire.

And for that, we all thank you.●

RECOGNIZING JSI STORE FIXTURES

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, manufacturing has long provided well-paying jobs and economic growth for Americans, especially in my home State of Maine. As co-chair of the Senate Task Force on Manufacturing, I am acutely aware that a healthy manufacturing sector is essential to our Nation's economic prosperity.

Regrettably, our Nation's manufacturing sector was particularly hard hit by the recent recession, and continues to suffer through this underwhelming recovery. As this is a challenge faced by many of America's manufacturers, I would like to take the opportunity to recognize a company in my home State, that despite all obstacles, has overcome economic difficulties to become one of Maine's most successful businesses. Today, I rise to salute JSI Store Fixtures in Milo, ME, a premier manufacturer of high-end wood and metal fixtures for the supermarket industry and a distinguished member of the Milo community.

Over 20 years ago, JSI was started in the Awalt family's basement with just a table saw and an aspiration. Brothers Barry and Terry Awalt and their stepfather, Clayton Johndro, rallied family support to found JSI Store Fixtures; which has since grown to manufacture custom displays for many of the Nation's largest supermarket chains, including: Hannaford Supermarkets,

Whole Foods, Giant, Wegmans, Sweetbay, and several others.

When Mark Awalt, brother to Barry and Terry, joined the company in 1997, JSI had already outgrown the family basement. In fact, it had outgrown its original facility, a 30,000-square foot plant located in Howland. Mark sought the help of the Maine Small Business Development Center at the Eastern Maine Development Corporation and the Piscataquis County Economic Development Council to receive a community development block grant and a Small Business Administration guaranteed loan. This funding enabled JSI to expand and relocate to the vacant Dexter Shoe Plant in 2000, garnering many employees who had previously worked for Dexter Shoe. JSI now ships 95 percent of its products out of Maine and in 2011 generated approximately \$20 million in sales—proof that small businesses are economically successful, even in the most rural parts of Maine. Today, JSI is the region's largest employer with 130 employees and has become a cherished staple in the community.

Additionally, the hard work and perseverance of JSI's second-to-none employees cannot be overstated as they boast an incredible record in a key area—safety excellence. At a time when JSI sales increased 400 percent, the company reached the outstanding safety milestone of over 10 years without a lost-time accident. Owners, managers, and employees of JSI have implemented and nurtured a safety focus over the last decade and were recognized for this momentous feat by the Manufacturers of Maine Group Trust's, Richard J. Haines Award for Safety Excellence in 2007. The award honors a member of the trust who excels in six different areas of employee safety: commitment, persistence, participation, performance, consistency, and innovation. In 2009, JSI was celebrated again by the Trust for having the most effective safety program.

But it is not just safety excellence that JSI employees practice, its distinction in customer service, quality and industry leading on-time shipping that has powered JSI to become one of the largest employers in Piscataquis County. Their success has certainly not gone unnoticed, as their list of accolades is truly remarkable. In 1999, JSI Store Fixtures received the Hannaford Brothers Distinguished Vendor Award for exceptional service and high product quality. Then in 2004, co-owner Mark Awalt was named by the U.S. Small Business Administration as Maine's Small Business Person of the Year, followed by JSI receiving the Governor's Award for Business Excellence in 2011. This renowned award honors Maine companies that demonstrate a high level of commitment to their community, employees and to manufacturing or service excellence.

At the same time, JSI is perhaps most prominently known for their invaluable contributions to the local

community. Their steadfast loyalty to the region has been demonstrated through numerous projects and fundraisers to benefit area children and the local school community. For example, through the Clayton Johndro Golf Tournament which is held annually, JSI raised over \$10,000 for youth programs in 2011 alone. Once again, highlighting their extraordinary contributions, JSI received the 2010 Maine Education Association's Corporate Award in honor of their significant impact on area youth and the Distinguished Service Award in the same year from the Milo/Brownville Kiwanis.

A true asset to the state of Maine, JSI has exemplified outstanding leadership and a passion for helping others that is certainly worthy of commendation. I am proud to extend my congratulations to the Awalt family and everyone at JSI Store Fixtures for their tremendous accomplishments. They are a shining example of the dedication to excellence, quality workmanship, commitment to community and service that Maine is known for. I offer my best wishes for continued success to JSI, and look forward to hearing more about their achievements in the future.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 241. An act to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California.

H.R. 1740. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic River System.

H.R. 2060. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2336. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the York River and associated tributaries for study for potential inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

H.R. 2512. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3263. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the storage and conveyance of nonproject water at the Norman project in Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4222. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Tucson Unified School District and to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4282. An act to amend part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure that the United States can comply fully with the obligations of the Hague Convention of 23 November 2007 on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, and for other purposes.