

fellow citizens of Illinois, and proudly producing more than any other Kraft plant in the country. From the time it opened in 1963, this facility has grown in both size and production. For generations, millions of Americans have enjoyed the products made in Champaign, from Miracle Whip and Velveeta, to Kraft Singles and Cheese Whiz. The plant continues to expand its output, with new varieties of pasta, dressing and cheese being added to their production line in 2012, and earlier this year, Kraft chose to dedicate their entire Velveeta production to this single facility.

The Kraft Foods Group has called Illinois home since its founding in 1903, and Champaign has been a critical part of this company for more than half of that time. Kraft has so greatly contributed to Champaign's economic climate, helping to make the city this plant calls home a great place to live and work. Likewise, the people of Champaign helped make Kraft great. Our State is proud of all that Kraft produces, but we are especially proud of the ingenuity, industry, and drive that this plant's workers have embodied for 50 years. It is clear that because Kraft's Champaign employees have been dedicated to achieving success, this plant has continued to thrive after half a century.

In closing, I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Kraft Foods Group on reaching this incredible milestone and honoring the employees at their acclaimed flagship plant.●

REMEMBERING "AUNTY" MARY BOURDUKOFSKY

● Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to pay my respects to an Aleut elder and spiritual leader, "Auntie" Mary. It is with a heavy heart I say that Mary-Nicolai Bourdukofsky, age 90, passed away on June 2, 2013 in Anchorage, AK.

"Auntie" Mary was a dedicated leader and fought to preserve the Aleut culture, language and traditions by the formation of the Aleut Dancers, sharing her knowledge of Aleut songs and stories, and native food preparation. She participated in educating youth and leaders in various venues including the Pribilof, Unalaska and Sand Point Aleut Culture Camp and the Anchorage Aleut culture camp. She worked with the Alaska Federation of Natives, AFN, Youth and Elders and served as an AFN delegate for many years. "Auntie" Mary also assisted with developing the Aleut culture exhibits at the Alaska Native Heritage Center and the Smithsonian Institution's Alaska Native Collections. Additionally she was honored as 2004 Aleut Corporation Elder of the Year. As a lifelong educator of traditional knowledge, she understood the importance of western education; she was one of the first women on the school board in St. Paul Island and later taught at the Univer-

sity of Alaska (both Fairbanks and Anchorage) and at Alaska Pacific University. "Auntie" Mary was a positive role model for all. She was the heart and soul of the family and the Aleut Community of St. Paul Island. She was also a proud shareholder of TDX, the St. Paul Village Corporation.

Mary Bourdukofsky was born January 9, 1923 on St. Paul Island to Nicolai and Olga Kozloff. Her role as natural leader began at an early age when she lost her own mother during childbirth and stepped up to help raise her three siblings. In 1939 she married George Bourdukofsky, and they had seven beautiful children. Despite being stricken by TB at birth and losing one of her sons to polio, she pressed on and grew into a well-respected community leader, advocating for equal rights and fair treatment of her fellow Aleut people.

During World War II, her family and the rest of the Aleut Community of St. Paul Island were forced from their homes and placed in internment at Funter Bay, AK. While all the Aleut men left as they volunteered to join the war effort, she led female advocates in filing a petition with the U.S. Government about the inhumane and unlivable conditions they were being forced to live in, knowing all the while that the Island managers had threatened them all with expulsion from their homes back on St. Paul forever if they complained. Some 50 years later she testified before the U.S. Congress, seeking an apology and retribution for how she and her fellow Aleut U.S. citizens were mistreated during WWII.

On behalf of the Senate I extend condolences to Mary's family, the Aleut community and every life she touched through her tireless advocacy. "Auntie" Mary was a truly remarkable individual, and I am proud to honor her as the outstanding leader that she was.●

HOME HELPERS OF EASTERN IDAHO

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, independence and self-sufficiency are two characteristics of adulthood that many of us simply take for granted. However, as we age, oftentimes we need a helping hand to accomplish daily tasks or deal with medical ailments. Teresa Nelson, owner of Home Helpers of Eastern Idaho and a certified senior adviser, recognizes the value of independent living and, through her hard work, has greatly contributed to the rich and full life of many Idahoans. I rise today to honor Home Helpers of Eastern Idaho located in Pocatello, ID.

Home Helpers of Eastern Idaho specializes in the at-home nonmedical care of our senior citizens and facilitates independent living. However, Home Helpers doesn't stop there. The over 50 employees and caregivers at Home Helpers also are available to assist new and expectant mothers, working parents, and individuals who are in

need of recuperative home care with flexible schedules and cheerful attendants. The personal touch that accompanies each care plan makes each experience unique and maximizes the level of comfort and care available to those in need.

Conscious of the individual needs and distinct situation of each and every client, Teresa Nelson and her team at Home Helpers strive to deliver a custom-tailored plan for each circumstance. From treatment needs to payment plans, the caregivers at Home Helpers use their flexibility and expertise to increase the quality of life of all that they work with.

For over 3½ years, Home Helpers has assisted many families and individuals through challenging times. Therefore, it is only fitting that we celebrate this firm's growth and successes, as they have simultaneously helped support our loved ones and create health care jobs in Idaho. I am proud to extend my congratulations to Teresa Nelson and everyone at Home Helpers of Eastern Idaho for their tremendous efforts and offer my best wishes for their continued success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2424. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department's activities during Calendar Year 2012 relative to the Equal Credit Opportunity Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2425. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to two determinations made by the Financial Stability Oversight Council on July 8, 2013; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2426. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2012 Report of Statistics Required by the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2427. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,