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Today, I would like to give an accounting of my work with leaders and residents of Clinton County to build a legacy of a stronger local economy, better schools and educational opportunities, and a healthier, safer community.

Between 2001 and 2013, the creative leadership in your community has worked with me to secure funding in Clinton County worth over \$25 million and has successfully acquired financial assistance from programs I have fought hard to support, which have provided more than \$26.5 million to the local economy.

Of course, my favorite memories of working together include working tirelessly with local law enforcement, particularly with regard to funding to combat the scourge of drugs in the community, as well as numerous major projects to improve infrastructure and transportation in the community.

Among the highlights:

Investing in Iowa's economic development through targeted community projects: In Eastern Iowa, we have worked together to grow the economy by making targeted investments in important economic development projects including improved roads and bridges, modernized sewer and water systems, and better housing options for residents of Clinton County. In many cases, I have secured Federal funding that has leveraged local investments and served as a catalyst for a whole ripple effect of positive, creative changes. For example, working with mayors, city council members, and local economic development officials in Clinton County, I have fought for more than \$13.3 million to redevelop Liberty Square, more than \$2.6 million for the 19th Avenue Connector, \$2.1 million for trails between Clinton and Comanche, and more than \$4 million for sewer infrastructure, helping to create jobs and expand economic opportunities.

School grants: Every child in Iowa deserves to be educated in a classroom that is safe, accessible, and modern. That is why, for the past decade and a half, I have secured funding for the innovative Iowa Demonstration Construction Grant Program—better known among educators in Iowa as Harkin grants for public schools construction and renovation. Across 15 years, Harkin grants worth more than \$132 million have helped school districts to fund a range of renovation and repair efforts—everything from updat-

ing fire safety systems to building new schools. In many cases, these Federal dollars have served as the needed incentive to leverage local public and private dollars, so it often has a tremendous multiplier effect within a school district. Over the years, Clinton County has received more than \$1.6 million in Harkin grants. Similarly, schools in Clinton County have received funds that I designated for Iowa Star Schools for technology totaling \$145,000.

Disaster mitigation and prevention: In 1993, when historic floods ripped through Iowa, it became clear to me that the national emergency-response infrastructure was woefully inadequate to meet the needs of Iowans in flood-ravaged communities. I went to work dramatically expanding the Federal Emergency Management Agency's hazard mitigation program, which helps communities reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and enables mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery period. Disaster relief means more than helping people and businesses get back on their feet after a disaster, it means doing our best to prevent the same predictable flood or other catastrophe from recurring in the future. The hazard mitigation program that I helped create in 1993 provided critical support to Iowa communities impacted by the devastating floods of 2008. Clinton County has received over \$2.5 million to prevent tragedy associated with natural disasters.

Agricultural and rural development: Because I grew up in a small town in rural Iowa, I have always been a loyal friend and fierce advocate for family farmers and rural communities. I have been a member of the House or Senate Agriculture Committee for 40 years—including more than 10 years as chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee. Across the decades, I have championed farm policies for Iowans that include effective farm income protection and commodity programs; strong, progressive conservation assistance for agricultural producers; renewable energy opportunities; and robust economic development in our rural communities. Since 1991, through various programs authorized through the farm bill, Clinton County has received more than \$1.5 million from a variety of farm bill programs.

Keeping Iowa communities safe: I also firmly believe that our first responders need to be appropriately trained and equipped, able to respond to both local emergencies and to statewide challenges such as, for instance, the methamphetamine epidemic. Since 2001, Clinton County's fire departments have received over \$3.1 million for firefighter safety and operations equipment, and the law enforcement community has received more than \$77,000 in Byrne Justice Assistance grants, \$75,000 for drug free communities, \$185,000 in funds dedicated to methamphetamine hot spots, and \$15,000 to assist drug endangered children.

Disability rights: Growing up, I loved and admired my brother Frank, who was deaf. I was deeply disturbed by the discrimination and obstacles he faced every day. That is why I have always been a passionate advocate for full equality for people with disabilities. As the primary author of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the ADA Amendments Act, I have had four guiding goals for our fellow citizens with disabilities: equal opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self-sufficiency. Nearly a quarter century since passage of the ADA, I see remarkable changes in communities everywhere I go in Iowa—not just in curb cuts or closed captioned television, but in the full participation of people with disabilities in our society and economy, folks who at long last have the opportunity to contribute their talents and to be fully included. These changes have increased economic opportunities for all citizens of Clinton County, both those with and without disabilities. They make us proud to be a part of a community and country that respects the worth and civil rights of all of our citizens.

This is at least a partial accounting of my work on behalf of Iowa, and specifically Clinton County, during my time in Congress. In every case, this work has been about partnerships, cooperation, and empowering folks at the State and local level, including in Clinton County, to fulfill their own dreams and initiatives. And, of course, this work is never complete. Even after I retire from the Senate, I have no intention of retiring from the fight for a better, fairer, richer Iowa. I will always be profoundly grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Iowa as their Senator.●

#### WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, the strength of my State of Iowa lies in its vibrant local communities, where citizens come together to foster economic development, make smart investments to expand opportunity, and take the initiative to improve the health and well-being of residents. Over the decades, I have witnessed the growth and revitalization of so many communities across my State. And it has been deeply gratifying to see how my work in Congress has supported these local efforts.

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Today, I would like to give an accounting of my work with leaders and

residents of Worth County to build a legacy of a stronger local economy, better schools and educational opportunities, and a healthier, safer community.

Between 2001 and 2013, the creative leadership in your community has worked with me to successfully acquire financial assistance from programs I have fought hard to support, which have provided more than \$95 million to the local economy.

Of course my favorite memory of working together has to be the community's success in obtaining more than \$93 million from funds made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to build the Barton Wind Power Project.

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**Keeping Iowa communities safe:** I also firmly believe that our first responders need to be appropriately trained and equipped, able to respond to both local emergencies and to statewide challenges such as the methamphetamine epidemic. During the mid-to-late 1990's, cities in Worth County received \$186,512 in Community Oriented Policing Services grants.

Also, since 2001, Worth County's fire departments have received over \$764,000 for firefighter safety and operations equipment.

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#### CONGRATULATING KARTHIK ROHATGI

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, Today I recognize one of Nevada's brightest students—Karthik Rohatgi—for earning the prestigious title of Presidential Scholar from the U.S. Department of Education. Presidential Scholars are chosen for outstanding test scores, essays, grades, and community service commitments.

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars named only 141 scholars throughout the United States this year, and Karthik Rohatgi, who attends the Davidson Institute for Talent Development at the University of Nevada, Reno is among them. Each Presidential Scholar will receive a medallion at a ceremony on June 22 in Washington, DC.

This young man's academic accomplishments serve to reinforce the important role of education in our State. As the father of four and husband to a lifelong teacher, ensuring that all of

Nevada's students have access to a high-quality education is important to me. I strongly believe higher education opens the door to more job opportunities and professional fulfillment, as well as increased earning power. For this reason, I will continue working to support educators and students to ensure that Nevadans are well prepared to enter the workforce and begin successful careers.

On behalf of the residents of the Silver State, I am proud to recognize Karthik for his accomplishments and contributions to our State. He undoubtedly represents Nevada's best and brightest. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this exceptional young Nevadan.

#### EDEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Eden, SD, on reaching its centennial anniversary. Since its beginning, this small town in Marshall County has embodied the values that South Dakota was founded upon. The residents of Eden will be celebrating this joyous occasion over the weekend of June 27–29, 2014.

Originally known as Eden Park, homesteaders settling the area chose its name because of the area's beautiful scenery and numerous surrounding lakes. Eden itself was founded after residents of Eden Park decided to relocate near the new railroad in 1914. Known for its fertile soil, Eden is surrounded by vibrant farmland and is home to several successful businesses.

Eden exemplifies the hometown community spirit of South Dakota. After 100 years Eden is still thriving, and it is my honor to publicly congratulate its residents on reaching this commendable milestone.●

#### REMEMBERING EPIFANIA "EPIE" ARCHULETA

● Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, I wish to honor the lifetime contributions of Dr. Epifania "Epie" Archuleta to the cultural heritage of the San Luis Valley of Colorado and Northern New Mexico. An internationally recognized weaver of the Rio Grande, Navajo, and Chimayo weaving traditions, Dr. Archuleta passed away on April 11 at age 92.

Born in Santa Cruz, NM, in 1922 to Agueda and Eusebio Martinez, Dr. Archuleta came from a long line of Northern New Mexico weavers. In 1940, she married Francisco Archuleta and moved north to the small town of Capulin in Colorado's San Luis Valley, where she and Francisco farmed, ranched and raised eight children.

After the age of 60, Dr. Archuleta was able to focus on her weaving full time. Her passion for her craft extended to teaching the art of wool spinning, dying, and weaving to family, friends, community members, and eager students from distant States. She held classes in the small San Luis Valley