

On this historic occasion, I thank Chief Schirling and the entire Burlington Police Department for their continued service and dedication, upholding a long and valued tradition. The Queen City is most fortunate for their service.

LICKING COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CENTENNIAL

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the Licking County Chamber of Commerce as it celebrates its 100th anniversary of service to the residents of Licking County and to the State of Ohio. The chamber supports around 1,000 businesses of all sizes throughout the county and strives to enhance the quality of life in the region.

The chamber was initially created "to advance the economic well-being of the area and its citizens" and it continues to do so today. The organization focuses on growth opportunities and advocacy for its members so that businesses may have a positive impact on the community. The chamber has helped Licking County build a vibrant workforce, pro business attitude, robust infrastructure, and great industrial parks like the Central Ohio Aerospace and Technology Center campus. These efforts have helped the chamber achieve numerous successes, including an accreditation through the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

I have had the opportunity to work directly with the chamber during my time in the Senate, and have seen firsthand its commitment to economic development and serving the business community.

I congratulate the Licking County Chamber of Commerce and all who were involved in making its first 100 years a success.

BRYN DU MANSION 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the Bryn Du Mansion as it celebrates its 150th anniversary. This historic 52-acre property is located in the charming village of Granville, OH. Among its many features, the home has 53 rooms and 12 fireplaces. Henry Wright originally constructed the mansion in 1865 from sandstone quarried from the property.

The Bryn Du Mansion is on the National Registry for Historic Places because of its significant history and importance to the region. The home has had many owners over the years who were entrepreneurs in the community.

The Bryn Du Mansion is now owned by the Village of Granville and is managed by a local commission with a mission of "historic preservation and to provide program and event facilities for the benefit of the community." The mansion houses several community programs and annual events to promote the arts, civic engagement, and athletics for the village of Granville.

I am here today to honor the success and longevity of the Bryn Du Mansion, and I would like to congratulate everyone involved in making its first 150 years a success.

CONGRATULATING ANOMATIC CORPORATION ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Anomatic Corporation as it celebrates its 50th anniversary of supplying anodized aluminum to companies around the world. Anomatic was founded in 1965 by William Rusch when he developed an idea for a continuous motion machine for anodizing aluminum. Today, Scott Rusch and his brother William B. Rusch continue the legacy their father started 50 years ago.

The company is headquartered in New Albany, OH, with manufacturing facilities in Newark, OH and around the world. Anomatic creates products in the fields of automotive, beauty and personal care, consumer electronics, pharmaceuticals and medical devices, and spirits.

Anomatic's in-house capabilities include full package design, high volume anodizing, rapid 3D prototyping, metal stamping, screen printing, double anodizing, laser engraving, and assembly. Anomatic also features the world's largest anodizing capacity, producing more than 1 billion units last year alone.

I have had the opportunity to work on issues important to the growth of Anomatic and its employees and look forward to the company's future expansion in Ohio. I congratulate Anomatic Corporation and everyone involved in making its first 50 years a success.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING PROTECTORS OF ANIMALS

• Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, it is with great admiration that I wish to recognize the laudable achievements of Protectors of Animals, a wonderful and innovative no-kill rescue and shelter organization based in East Hartford, CT. I am proud to highlight the occasion of their 40th Anniversary, and I wish to convey my deepest congratulations to them on this auspicious occasion.

Protectors of Animals was founded in 1975 by a group of dedicated individuals brought together by their shared love for animals and commitment to animal welfare. Two of these individuals, Dru Harder and Phyllis Pavel, truly started off at the grassroots level, knocking on doors in their community in Portland, CT, in order to raise awareness and funds for their local pound.

Over the years, Protectors of Animals' passion and tireless fight against animal cruelty has led them to great successes and enabled them to save

countless abandoned and abused animals from being euthanized. They have also aided more than 14,000 cats and 7,000 dogs in finding caring homes across our State.

The dedicated staff and volunteers at Protectors of Animals not only give animals shelter but help them to heal from past trauma and allow them to recreate caring relationships with humans that are built on trust. It is no surprise that this work has garnered deep and abiding support from animal lovers around Connecticut. This joint effort, backed by genuine values of humanness and caring, has allowed them to meet the highest standards of accountability, as well as program and cost effectiveness. Protectors of Animals has been recognized by the Independent Charities of America with that organization's "Best in America" seal of approval, which is offered to a select few of the highest performing nonprofits in our Nation.

Having personally supported Protectors of Animals over the years, I can attest to the devotion, commitment, and enthusiasm of everyone involved with their organization. I know how hard their founders, board of directors, staff, and volunteers have worked to support these goals. For its legacy of safeguarding animals and combating cruelty, I am proud to congratulate and celebrate Protectors of Animals on its 40th anniversary.●

TRIBUTE TO WAYNE MASON

• Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, It is a great honor for me to pay tribute to a great Georgian and a great friend, Wayne Mason. It is Wayne's 75th birthday, and for a minute I want to share with the Senate the greatest example I know of how much difference one man can make. I would not be where I am today and Gwinnett County—one of America's most dynamic counties—would not be what it is today were it not for the support and leadership of Wayne Mason.

Wayne is generous in giving back to his community and passionate in his love of country. A successful real estate developer, Wayne has said he lives for the deal and will die seeking his final one. Wayne began a life of hard work and deal-making as a boy by plowing his family's gardens with a one-eyed mule, and he honed his marketing skills by selling eggs and Christmas wreaths. A clever young man, Wayne understood what was needed in a budding community and he opened many of the entities needed to develop one—including a bonding company, ceramic tile store, funeral home, liquor store and a bank. Between 1959 and 1972, he built 1,800 homes in the growing community of Snellville, GA, and by that time, he was a millionaire.

Wayne didn't stop building his community credentials there. He became chairman of the Gwinnett County Commission in 1977 and served in that capacity until 1981. Wayne's successful