

restoration project now nearing completion in Mendocino, California. While the North Coast of California is renowned for its natural beauty and breathtaking views, in Mendocino there is another coastal landmark that has captured the imagination of this rugged region. Built in 1908, the Point Cabrillo Lighthouse is a living reminder of California's maritime history. And on August 6th, the Lighthouse celebrates the 90th anniversary of the first lighting of its light.

This one-of-a-kind structure was originally built by the United States Lighthouse Service to protect the legendary "doghole schooners" that plied the lumber trade between San Francisco and California's northern coast at the turn of the century. The Lighthouse was turned over to the U.S. Coast Guard in 1939, and still houses Coast Guard navigational aids and monitoring equipment. However, the Lighthouse structure and its rare Fresnel lens suffered significant damage after many years of neglect. Then, in 1998, the California Coastal Conservancy and North Coast Interpretive Association stepped forward to restore and reinstate the original Fresnel lens, and to renovate the Lighthouse for use as an educational and interpretive center.

Thanks to the efforts of the people of Mendocino, the Coastal Conservancy and the North Coast Interpretive Association, the Lighthouse restoration project will soon be complete. A weekend of festivities will celebrate the Lighthouse's revival and highlight the attractions of the Point Cabrillo Preserve and Light Station. This celebration will acknowledge the efforts of the many volunteers and community partners that also helped make this project a success.

It is important to take the time to applaud the restoration of this nationally significant, historic landmark. I also think it is important to recognize the significance of community projects such as the Point Cabrillo Lighthouse, which serve as invaluable, irreplaceable links to our common past and as unique educational tools for the future. I commend the efforts that have gone into this restoration project, and send the Point Cabrillo Lighthouse volunteers and other partners my best wishes for their continued success.●

TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN OF NEWTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the town of Newton, New Hampshire on its two hundred and fiftieth anniversary. The town's residents will celebrate this historic occasion on August 15, 1999 with a number of festivities including a parade and an "Olde Fashioned Fireman's Muster".

Newton's rich and fruitful history dates back to 1639 when families first

settled in the area granted by England known as New Salisbury (Amesbury). Newton's actual township was incorporated in 1749, allowing the people to elect their own officials and to hold town meetings.

Much of the frontier region was wild country inhabited by the Naumkeag Indians. The settlers and the Naumkeags had generally peaceful relations, relying on one another for trading purposes. The greatest danger facing the settlers came from the war parties of the Mic Macs, who originated from the area now known as Maine and New Brunswick, Canada. These hostile groups conducted violent raids as far south as Connecticut, killing large numbers of local populations. With a combination of the settlers' admirable fortitude and the recurring epidemics of disease, these native populations were nearly wiped out.

Newton residents have persevered in other ways throughout the years, courageously serving and defending America. They have participated in the French and Indian Wars, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict. Newton's citizens are always willing to serve our Nation when called upon.

I congratulate the town of Newton, and its dedicated and patriotic citizens. I am proud to serve the residents of Newton in the United States Senate.●

ICELANDIC HERITAGE

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the Icelandic heritage of our country and of the state of North Dakota.

For a century it has been North Dakota's custom to set aside time to honor the contributions of Icelanders to North Dakota. In order to honor the thousands of people of Icelandic descent that reside in my state, the Governor has proclaimed July 30 to August 2 as Icelandic Heritage Days.

Icelandic Heritage Days culminates with a celebration of the historical presentation of a new constitution to the Icelandic Parliament. This occurred on August the second, or "August the Deuce," as many Icelanders call it, 1874 by King Kristjan the Ninth. This action formally freed Iceland from hundreds of years of Danish rule.

In 1878, people of Icelandic descent first settled in northeastern North Dakota. Since this time, Icelandic-Americans have been instrumental in the development of their communities and my state. One settler, E.H. Bergman, was a member of the Territorial Legislature, which passed legislation enabling the establishment of the states of North and South Dakota. Since Bergman's time, many more people of Icelandic descent have represented their constituencies in the ND Legislature and state government.

Mr. President, this year's celebration is especially noteworthy because an honored dignitary, the Honorable Olafur Ragnar Grimsson, the President of Iceland, will be in attendance. This visit will mark the first time that an Icelandic head-of-state has visited North Dakota.

It is a pleasure to have President Grimsson visit North Dakota, and a privilege to honor Icelandic-Americans for all they have done for North Dakota and this great country.●

ANGELO QUARANTA

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today, I extend special birthday wishes to a very special Californian, Angelo Quaranta, whose birthday is August 8.

Angelo is perhaps best known as the owner and driving force behind Allegro, an Italian restaurant on San Francisco's Russian Hill. Regardless of whether you are the Governor, the Mayor, a community organizer or just someone looking for a wonderful plate of pasta, Angelo's grace and easy manner always make you feel welcome.

Angelo was born in Taranto, Italy in 1934. Before leaving his homeland for San Francisco in 1960, he attended the police academy and became national Judo champion while serving with the Italian Police Force. Upon arriving in San Francisco, he first worked as a window washer and then began a distinguished career in the insurance industry.

Cooking may be Angelo's passion, but he can be found in many more places than the kitchen. He has long been active in local government and is a leader in community affairs. He is currently president of the Commission of Parking and Traffic, and served on San Francisco's Recreation and Park Commission. In the 1970's, he operated an Italian television station that broadcast programming from Italy. He founded *Unione Sportiva Italia*, and has been active in numerous efforts to celebrate the invaluable contributions of Italians and Italian-Americans to the life of the city and nation. Angelo has served as a member of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and founded *Candlelight Again*, an organization comprised of restaurant owners and their patrons dedicated to raising funds for community needs. In recognition of his work, and in addition to many other honors, the Mayor's Office has twice proclaimed it "Angelo Quaranta Day in San Francisco."

Angelo has two adult daughters who live with their husbands and children in Italy. It is a pleasure to join them and the larger civic family Angelo continues to nurture in San Francisco in wishing him a joyous 65th birthday.●