was the formal dedication. The keys were given to mayor Boyle and Superintendent of Schools Baker. At the same time there was a graduation of Miss Gilpan’s class. The girls wore white dresses and the stage was decorated with flowers. Lots of important people were there. Children sang and read their essays that they had written, the newspaper said the school was the best constructed building of its kind they had ever seen. They said it had “tinted walls, high ceilings and pleasant prospects.” Mr. Denniston and Mr. Belle doffed the flag and flag pole.

From 1971 there was a half-day kindergarten class as well as grades one to six. In the fall of 1976 grade six was moved to the Sullivan School. Now the sixth grade is located at the Thompson Middle School. Coggleshall has always had a kindergarten class until 1981. There was no kindergarten that year. In 1982 the kindergarten came back. It left again in 1990 for one year. In 1996 an all day kindergarten was begun at the school.

Throughout the years changes have been made in the school. There are new chimneys, we added a fire escape, new school sign, parking lot, new windows and shrubs. There are also telephone poles, electric wires and cars that were not there in 1990.

Since 1936 there have been 12 principals, the principal that was here the longest is Mary Ryan. She stayed for 14 years! The principal that had the shortest time was Dr. Mary Koring. She worked here for only one year. In the early years the principals were Charles Carter, Irvin Henshaw, and Leo Connerton was the principal of Sheffield School and Coggleshall School. After the 1900’s the principal was only in charge of Coggleshall School. Mr. Borgheta is the Superintendent of Schools now and Mr. Frizelle is the principal.

“NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

• Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to America’s small businesses—the backbone of our nation’s vibrant economy. As my colleagues this week are recognized as “National Small Business Week.”

As a former small businessman, I believe small businesses have always been one of the leading providers of jobs throughout our communities. Today, there are over 24 million small businesses that serve as the principal source of new jobs, employing more than 52 percent of the private workforce.

In particular, I am very proud of the tremendous growth in women-owned businesses over the last several years. According to the National Foundation for Women Business Owners, there are more than 166,000 women-owned businesses in the state of Minnesota employing 349,800 people and generating $42.3 billion in sales. Between 1987 and 1996 the number of women-owned businesses increased dramatically, by over 73 percent.

Mr. President, one of the unique aspects of Minnesota’s small business community is the large number of high-tech companies throughout our state. I certainly envision an important role for small, high-technology businesses in meeting the nation’s science and technology in the years ahead. In fact, a recent report from the Small Business Administration indicates that 28 percent of jobs in high-technology sectors and represent 96 percent of all exporters, underscoring the important role the small business community will have toward developing a 21st century economy that is globally and technologically driven.

During “National Small Business Week,” I am proud to share with my colleagues the special recognition recently granted by the Small Business Administration to two dedicated Minnesotaans: Comfrey Mayor Linda Wallin and Ms. Supenn Harrison, a restaurateur in Minneapolis.

Mr. President, in 1997 several communities in Minnesota were threatened by terrible tornadoes and floods. Almost immediately, Mayor Wallin provided courageous leadership to protect the community of Comfrey from this dangerous natural disaster. In addition to establishing a command center to coordinate efforts to rebuild and provide relief to residents, Mayor Wallin secured assistance from the SBA to rebuild a civic center, a new library, and an elementary school. This year, the SBA has honored her with the “Phoenix Award” for those who have displayed confidence, optimism, and love of community while surmounting near disaster.

Ms. Supenn Harrison, a successful CEO of Sawatdee, a Thai restaurant in Minneapolis, represents the finest of Minnesota’s small business owners. Ms. Harrison is Minnesota’s 1999 honoree as one of the fifty finalists to be considered for the National Small Business Person of the Year. Ms. Harrison’s investment in her company and employees through constant efforts to update equipment, implement new marketing strategies, and encourage high employee morale underscores her commitment to a strong economy.

Mr. President, I am honored to recognize the contributions of Minnesota’s small business community during “National Small Business Week.” I look forward to working with my colleagues to promote an economic climate where small businesses can succeed through federal regulatory relief, tax reduction, a skilled workforce, and free trade policies.

POLICE OFFICER PERRIN LOVE

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the heroism of Officer Perrin Love, a private in the Charleston Police Department. Officer Love died a tragic death last Saturday morning, when he was accidentally shot by a partner while pursuing an armed suspect.

Hard-working, dedicated, and courageous, Police Officer Perrin Love was a credit to the Force and the City of Charleston. All who knew him liked and respected him, and though he was only 23 years old, Officer Love graduated first in his class from the Police Academy in Portland, Oregon, and had earned high marks for his performance on the Charleston Force. He earned his first stripe earlier than most new officers on the Charleston Force.

Public service and devotion to duty were the hallmarks of Perrin Love’s life. Before becoming a police officer, he served with distinction in the United States Navy. As the Charleston Post and Courier wrote in its memorial to Officer Love: “Officer Perrin ‘Ricky’ Love was doing exactly what he wanted when he died Friday. He was living a uniform, serving the public, and enforcing laws he believed in.”

Mr. President, men and women like Officer Love are a credit to their families, to their uniforms, and to this nation. The brave officers like Perrin Love always give me hope for our future. These brave souls continue to patrol our cities, enforce our laws, and protect our lives and property at great risk, asking nothing in return except the privilege to wear their uniforms and the knowledge that they have the hard-won respect of their neighbors and their peers.

According to his fellow officers, Officer Love embodied all the qualities one wants in an officer of the law: he was brave and dedicated to serving his fellow citizens and the law, but he also loved his community and worked hard to establish good relations with everyone on his beat. The death of a police officer is a blow to his family, to his fellow officers, and to the City of Charleston.

I join all the people of Charleston in mourning his passing and expressing my sincere condolences to his sister, Jennifer Love and his parents, Joshua and Nancy Love. I hope the knowledge that the entire community laments the loss of such an honorable and admirable man as Officer Love will be of some small comfort to them in their time of grief.

TRIBUTE TO TEN YEARS OF SERVING THE SOUTH’S FINEST BARBECUE

• Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I rise today to commend Mr. Oscar Poole, affectionately known as “Colonel” in the north Georgia town of Ellijay, who on June 5th will be celebrating his tenth year of business as one of our great state’s foremost authorities on barbecue. Throughout his ten years of service in this little town resting in the scenic foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, Colonel Poole has served customers both far and wide, from nearly every state in the Union, and more than several countries.