felt about completing that bridge project. He understood the economic importance this bridge would have for the Shoals area, and he worked side by side with us here in Washington to find funding for this worthy project. Thanks to his leadership, the bridge is nearly complete.

I also remember Eddie Frost proudly taking me on a tour of his city’s recycling center. I admired greatly his use of city prisons to separate garbage. It provided work for the prisoners, relieved landfill costs, and produced revenue. I have long advocated such projects and have never seen one better run.

Eddie Frost was also instrumental in helping the City of Florence land the NCAA Division II National Football Championship game in 1986. This is a world-class event, and the annual Alabama-Florence high school all-star basketball game. He was involved in many civic and volunteer organizations, and his life was full of many achievements. He served as President of the Alabama League of Municipalities, Chairman of the American Public Gas Association, Chairman of the Board of Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital, the hospital in which my eldest daughter was born, and he was Past President of the North Alabama Development Council. He was a Deacon at Highland Baptist Church in Florence, active in the Northwest Alabama Boys and Girls Club, the United Way, the Lauderdale County Heart Association, the Lauderdale County Cancer Society, the Lauderdale County Civitan, the University of North Alabama Athletic Hall of Fame, and the University of North Alabama Alumnae Association. He was a Deacon at Highland Baptist Church in Florence, active in the Northwest Alabama Boys and Girls Club, the United Way, the Lauderdale County Heart Association, the Lauderdale County Cancer Society, the Lauderdale County Civitan, and the University of North Alabama Athletic Hall of Fame. Last month he was inducted into the Lauderdale County Civitan Hall of Fame.

Eddie Frost not only left a mark on the city of Florence, the Shoals area, and the State of Alabama, he left an impression on our hearts. He was honest, out-going, and he was genuine. But most importantly, he loved people, and he cared deeply for them. He loved his wife Bonnie, and their three children. I want to offer my sincerest condolences to them. I know the last few months since he was diagnosed with leukemia have been especially difficult for them.

They will always miss Eddie, but they can take great pride in he life he led, and the hearts he touched along the way.

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NDSU WRESTLING TEAM FLOOR STATEMENT

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, last month the North Dakota State University wrestling team once again showed the strength, grit and determination of North Dakotans by winning the NCAA Division II wrestling championship. Not only was this the second consecutive championship for the Bison, it was the fourth national title in school history.

As a native North Dakotean, I am exceptionally proud of this accomplishment. Defending their NCAA Division II Championship, the Bison finished 7½ points ahead of second place South Dakota State University in the NCAA Division II finals on March 10. This year’s dramatic victory came down to the wire needing a victory by Bison heavyweight Nick Severson to defeat teammate and rival over second place rival South Dakota State. Severson rose to the occasion by pinning an opponent he has never previously beaten. The stage for the upset heavyweight finale was set when each of the other Bison finalists, Todd Fuller and Steve Saxlund, did their part by becoming national champs at 174 and 184 pounds. For Saxlund, this was an impressive third straight national championship.

I congratulate the Bison wrestling program. Exceptional coaching, determined wrestlers, and remarkable teamwork led the Bison to their fourth national championship. They qualified all 10 members of their wrestling squad for the NCAA tournament. With all but one returning for next season, I expect to have the opportunity to make a similar announcement next year regarding the Bison’s success in the world’s oldest sport. Again, on behalf of all North Dakotans, I extend congratulations to the Bison on yet another successful season and wish the best of luck to the entire team.

TRIBUTE TO DR. THOMAS E. STARZL

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I wish to recognize and honor Dr. Thomas E. Starzl on the 20th anniversary of the first liver transplant performed in Pittsburgh.

On February 26, 1981, Dr. Starzl made history upon his performance of the first liver transplant at Presbyterian University Hospital (now UPMC Presbyterian). In the two decades since that remarkable accomplishment, Dr. Starzl led the University of Pittsburgh transplant program to national and international prominence. UPMC, now the largest and most successful transplant center in the world, has performed more than 5,700 liver transplants; 3,500 kidney transplants; 1,000 heart transplants; and 500 lung transplants. And I want to offer my sincere congratulations to Dr. Starzl’s trailblazing vision.

Dr. Starzl’s influence reaches well beyond western Pennsylvania. He has been a pioneer in the field of organ transplantation for more than 40 years, and has compiled a distinguished career that spans the country and medical technology. Dr. Starzl performed the world’s first liver transplant in 1963 at the University of Colorado, and helped to develop the truly revolutionary surgical techniques and anti-rejection drugs which have brought organ transplantation to the mainstream of American medicine. Dr. Starzl has authored or co-authored more than 2,500 scientific articles and for 21 honorary doctorates, and has been honored with more than 175 awards. Most recently, he was a co-winner of the King Faisal International Prize in Medicine for the year 2000, sharing the award with two other transplant pioneers. Although retired from clinical practice since 1991, Dr. Starzl continues to actively contribute to biomedical research as the director emeritus of the transplant institute in Pittsburgh, renamed in his honor in 1996. The Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute and the University of Pittsburgh will pay tribute to Dr. Starzl this month with a “Fest-schrift,” a collection of articles by colleagues, former students and others published in his honor. This special event will inaugurate the Starzl Prize in Surgery and Immunology and unveil a portrait of Dr. Starzl that will be displayed in the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

With more than 20 years of landmark advancements in organ surgery to his credit, I salute Dr. Thomas E. Starzl for his remarkable dedication and honor his contribution to the life-saving field of organ transplantation.

MARY WALTERS

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I learned this morning that Mary Walters, one of New Mexico’s most outstanding citizens has died at age 79. She was a received a doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh, and served as Director of the New Mexico Women’s Political Caucus and served in a leadership position in the Constitutional Convention. She was the first woman named to the...