

excellence on the field. In addition to capturing three National League pennants, several members of the National Baseball Hall of Fame have donned the trademark orange and black colors of the Giants: Willie Mays, Juan Marichal, Orlando Cepeda, Gaylord Perry and Willie McCovey. The San Francisco Giants have been a great source of entertainment and pride to their legion of loyal fans over the past half century.

In addition to their achievements on the field, the San Francisco Giants baseball club is also committed to serving their community through a variety of community service programs. From the Giants Community Fund, which supports summer baseball leagues for low-income children throughout northern California, to the "Read to Win" program which encourages children to keep reading throughout the summer months, the San Francisco Giants baseball club is actively assisting baseball fans and their families throughout northern California.

I congratulate the San Francisco Giants on their many accomplishments over the past 50 years in San Francisco. I send my best wishes for their next 50 years.●

#### IN HONOR OF DOVER AIR FORCE BASE

● Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, today I congratulate Dover Air Force Base and all the men and women who serve there for winning the Commander In Chief's Installation Excellence Award for 2008.

This prestigious award honors military installations for their outstanding service and dedication, and exemplary support of their missions. In the 23 years that this award has been given, Dover Air Force Base is the first Air Mobility Command to ever win this award.

This is a great honor not only for Dover Air Force Base, but for all of us in Delaware who are enormously proud of the base and all the dedicated men and women who serve there.

This highly coveted award recognizes the excellent working, living and recreational facilities for those men, women and families stationed at the base.

For Dover and for Delaware this means winning it all, like winning the Super Bowl or winning the NCAA championship. It is like a home run with the bases loaded. I could not be more pleased or proud of the men and women serving at Dover.

I am honored that our Delaware facility serves as a national example of how quality installations enable better mission performance and enhance the quality of life for military men and women and their families by providing quality working, housing and recreational conditions.

I would also like to recognize the other winners of this year's award:

Fort A.P. Hill, Bowling Green, VA; Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, San Diego, CA; Naval Base Coronado, San Diego, CA; and Defense Supply Center Richmond, Richmond, VA.

Once again, it is my honor to congratulate the men and women of Dover Air Force Base for their service and dedication.●

#### IN HONOR OF DETECTIVE RONALD GARLAND

● Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, today I commend detective Ronald Garland of the Delaware State Police High Technology Crimes Unit.

Just more than 1 year ago, Detective Garland was assigned to a case involving Internet predators taking advantage of children.

Inspired by his sense of urgency to protect young children, Detective Garland worked late nights and weekends, often without compensation, sifting through voluminous computer data.

Today, we honor him for his exhaustive work to help identify 10 suspects and to coordinate their arrests with local law enforcement agencies. His great efforts ultimately lead to the prosecutions of these culprits in Federal court.

Detective Garland's concern for the children in our community and his willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty has garnered our great respect and admiration.

I salute Detective Garland as a hero for keeping our children safe, and I urge others to follow his brilliant example. His determination and meticulous investigative work are truly commendable.

Detective Garland is truly a hero for the State of Delaware and for our entire Nation and its children.●

#### RECOGNIZING MICHAEL P. PRICE

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that today I honor Mr. Michael P. Price on his 40th anniversary as executive director of Goodspeed Musicals in East Haddam, CT.

Since assuming the role of executive director in 1968, Mr. Price has produced more than 200 musicals, including 63 world premiere productions. Sixteen of the musicals Mr. Price premiered at Goodspeed Musicals ultimately made their way to Broadway, including now world-famous productions such as "Shenandoah" and "Annie."

During his 40 years of service at Goodspeed Musicals, Mr. Price has shared his talent and vision with more than 5,000 actors, directors, musicians, and technicians and has touched the lives of 4 million theatergoers, captivating and inspiring audiences of all ages.

Goodspeed Musicals' commitment to the advancement of musical theater is world renowned, and the theatre is con-

sidered by many to be the "Home of the American Musical." Goodspeed is also the only theatre in America to have received two Tony Awards for Excellence in Theatre, once in 1980 and again in 1995. These tremendous distinctions are thanks, in no small part, to the leadership, talent, and dedication of its Executive Director.

Mr. Price's dedication to the arts and the community extends well beyond the walls of Goodspeed Opera House. Mr. Price currently serves as chairman of the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism and was the longest serving Connecticut arts commissioner. Mr. Price is also an active member in the national theatrical community, serving as treasurer of the American Theatre Wing and a member of the Tony Management Committee.

Today, I have the distinct pleasure and honor of joining Mr. Price's wife, Jo-Ann Nevas, his children, Daniel and Rebecca, and the many members of the Goodspeed community in extending my most sincere congratulations to Mr. Price for all of his achievements. I know I speak for many across Connecticut and around the world who have been touched by Mr. Price's work when I say that I look forward to many more years of his continued presence and vision at Goodspeed Musicals.●

#### COLUMBIA PACIFIC BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate the Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council on their 100th anniversary. The Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council represents 25 different crafts across the entire construction spectrum, including: asbestos workers, boilermakers, brick and stone masons, cement masons, carpenters, electricians, elevator constructors, glaziers, ironworkers, laborers, linoleum and carpet layers, millwrights, operating engineers, painters and tapers, pile bucks, plasterers, plumbers, pipe fitters and steamfitters, roofers, sheet metal workers, sprinkler fitters and teamsters. The men and women who fill these jobs are some of the most impressive workers I have seen, devoted not only to their job, but to the safety of their coworkers.

The Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council is committed to the highest level of professionalism. These building experts have honed their skills through years of practice, starting with an extensive apprenticeship and journey level program. The Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council is known for its apprenticeship program, recognized as one of the best in the country. It is this professionalism that the men and women of the building and construction trades learn early on and continue to demonstrate throughout their careers.

This Nation will continue to grow and prosper because of our unrivaled workforce. However, workers of this caliber can only be produced in the proper work environment. The Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council ensures that workers have a voice. They stress the importance of providing a fair wage to those in the building and construction trades. Further, the council advocates for safe working conditions and ensuring Americans are trained workers to meet our country's 21st century needs.

I am very proud to stand on the Senate floor today and commemorate the men and women of the Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council. Those of us from frontier states are born with the knowledge that we stand on the edge of wilderness. Since the time of the Oregon Trail, we have known civilization to rest on the shoulders of skilled craftsmen like the Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades. And now, like then, we owe them our debt of gratitude.●

#### RECOGNIZING UNIT 70 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

● Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today I recognize American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70 out of Judith Gap, MT. Judith Gap is a small town in central Montana with less than 200 residents, but they have a vibrant community where the American Legion plays a key role. The legion supports a whole host of activities, from supporting veterans throughout Montana to throwing local poppy-themed dinners. They provide a great deal for the area, and I ask unanimous consent that the full activities record of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70 of Judith Gap, MT, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

#### ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE JUDITH GAP AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

I would like you to become acquainted with the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit No. 70 of Judith Gap. It is located between what is called the Gap between the little Belt Mountains, and the Big Snowy Mountains. It is referred to as the "Gap" and is close to the center of Montana. The "Gap" is well known for the terrific winds and snows that close the road from all directions. The "wind farm" on the prairie a few miles south of town attests to the presence of wind.

It is also known for the many activities of the American Legion Auxiliary. I encourage you to visit our town. We have a school, two churches, grocery store, gas station, cafe, post office, American Legion Hall, fire station, and two bars. We are not BIG like New York City, but we too, are on the map.

Our members are proud to be a part of the largest patriotic organization in the world. We are a "goal" unit, and have kept this rating for many years. We really believe in encouraging our eligible girls to join as junior members. Without our youth becoming in-

involved, any organization will die. Like so many worthwhile things, it takes time and effort. We are proud that a member's son only four years old can recite the Pledge of Allegiance and can sing America The Beautiful. Our youth present Old Glory at basketball games and sing the Star Spangled Banner.

I will relate to you a "bird's eye" view of what we do:

Surely everyone has seen the red crepe-paper poppies that are made by our veterans. The little red poppies are distributed in May. The money contributed goes to help our veterans. School students enter the poppy poster contest to remember and honor our veterans. Awards are given to the winners. School students write Americanism essays. Awards are given to the winners. We contribute to our Mt. V.A. hospitals and V.A. facilities at Ft. Harrison, Glendive, Miles City, Columbia Falls, and to the V.A. Clinics in Montana.

We have parties for the Legion's birthday, the Americanism Program, the Mental Health Center, We gave gifts to our WWII lady veteran, and to our "adopted veteran".

We donated to Freedoms Foundation, Spirit of Youth, Children's Miracle Network, Oloha Scholarship, Girls State, Child Welfare, Community Service, emergency fund, Chapel of four Chaplains, and the U.S.O.

We send Christmas cards, easter cards, phone cards, care packages, and neck coolers to our troops. We collect and send coupons to the receiving centers for the use of Veterans families.

We write letters to our Congressmen to ask them to support bills for veterans benefits, and to prevent flag desecration.

The many activities and programs that we accomplish means we have to make money (oh no. we do not counterfeit) we have a "fund raiser". Our main fund raiser is the Memorial Day Dinner. While the legionnaires are performing their ceremony at the cemetery (yes, the wind is blowing and they are holding on to the big American Flag with all of their might) we ladies are getting the dinner ready. The poppy posters made by our students, decorate the hall, poppy centerpieces are on the table, and a basketfull of poppies is in place to receive contributions and to wear a poppy. All has gone well.

We are thankful for all the help we get to finance our programs. The local radio station announces the Memorial Day Dinner—free! The local newspapers publish our meetings and the pictures of Girls State delegates and alternates—free! We have much to be thankful for and are thankful for much.

There is no better feeling, than the feeling we have when we have accomplished the task we set out to do. Through our activities, we have shown we honor and respect our veterans. We shall always remember their sacrifices that have enabled us to live in a free nation, where we are able to express our belief in God, and love of our Country, The United States of America. God bless America.

Dated: April 14, 2008. Respectfully submitted to the office of the Honorable Jon Tester, Senator, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510-2602, for publication in the Congressional Record, From: Avis M. Perry, Unit #70, Judith Gap Legislative Chr., American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Montana, 12 Perry Ranch Ln, Judith Gap, Mt. 59453-81130.●

#### HONORING THE LOUISIANA HONORAIR

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I wish to acknowledge and honor a very special

group, the Louisiana HonorAir. Louisiana HonorAir is a not-for-profit group that flies as many as 200 World War II veterans a year up to Washington, DC, free of charge. On May 10, 2008, a group of 103 veterans will reach Washington as part of this very special program.

I want to take a moment to thank all the brave veterans visiting our Capital City this trip:

Robert M. Aitken, Jr.; Carl J. Andrews; Louis Armes; Douglas C. Augustin; Earl J. Baiser; Palmer R. Barras; Roland N. Barrios; Maurice H. Behrnes; Charles C. Bishop; Jack Bond; Thomas A. Booker, Jr.; John L. Boudreaux; Robert S. Boudreaux; Wilbert P. Braud; Thomas A. Breaux; Theodore A. Castillo; Clarence B. Champagne; Cassuis H. Clay; John H. Coco; Joseph A. Courville; Edwin F. Curry.

Daniel M. Danahay; Leory Derouen; Charles E. Dodd; Lloyd Dubois; Clarence Duff; Aldon Duhon; Joseph Duplechain; Clavin L. Elliott; Alva E. English; Henry L. Fewell, Sr.; John J. Filisky; Rayford Fantenot Leroy J. Gedward; Albert K. Germany; Ed A. Godwin; Ernest E. Goff; Willie B. Goforth; Bobby A. Gunn; Gerald D. Ham; William F. Harvey, Jr.; Albert J. Hebert; Allen L. Hebert; Patrick R. Hebert.

Aloysius G. Hellmers; Willie Herron; Burnell C. Hobgood; John W. Holeman; Daniel F. Hrachovy; Robert J. Hufft; Glen W. Hunt; George H. Jones; Earl A. Karl; Thomas W. Kent; Gus O. Lamperez; John W. Landry, Jr.; Joseph B. Landry; Carroll F. LeBlanc; Cleveland J. LeBlanc; Clement O. Lejeune, Sr.; Lawrence J. Lejeune; Robert H. Littell; Henry J. Louviere, Jr.; Carrol E. Lyons.

Oliver W. Markland, Jr.; Leo J. Matte; Orvin A. Maxwell; Earl E. Mayfield; Van R. Mayhall; Joseph D. McBride; Robert J. McDonald; Francis R. Meaux; Carl L. Meriwether; Joseph N. Mire; Raymond W. Moore, Jr.; George Mouton; James R. Neef; Marion W. Newman; Jules U. Olivier; Reed J. Perilloux; Eugene J. Peyton; Joseph H. Philippe; Walter Pilcher; Wallace Primeaux, Jr.

Alex Prudhomm; Wilfred Racca; Richard C. Robert; George O. Schmidt; George M. Shamblin, Sr.; Albert J. Simon; Howard L. Snider; Eldridge Sonnier; Eli Sorkow; Frank Spell, Jr.; George H. Taix; Earl E. Turner; Lawrence J. Tylock; Curliss P. Vincent; James P. Welsh; Gloria T. White; Edwin P. Whitson; Clarence B. Wiley; Edward Young.

While visiting Washington, DC, these veterans will tour Arlington National Cemetery, the Iwo Jima Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial, the Korean Memorial, and the World War II Memorial. This program provides many veterans with their only opportunity to see the great memorials dedicated to their service.

Thus, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these great Americans and thanking them for their devotion and service to our Nation.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.