

piece of California history should be commended. I congratulate the city of Burlingame for its hard work on this special occasion and I look forward to future generations having the opportunity to visit and enjoy this unique city for another 100 years.●

#### 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF JAMESTOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased to honor a community in North Dakota that is celebrating its 125th anniversary. From June 28 to July 6, the residents of Jamestown will come together to celebrate their community and its historic founding.

Founded in 1883 on the intersection of the Pipestem and James Rivers, Jamestown was named by GEN Thomas La Fayette Rosser whose hometown was Jamestown, VA, which was also located on a James River. In 1883 and again in 1932, the city of Jamestown made an attempt, though unsuccessful, to become the capital of the State. Jamestown is known as the "Pride of the Prairie"—and it has much to be proud of.

The city's dedication to promoting both conservation and tourism resulted in the construction of the World's Largest Buffalo. This massive 60-ton monument, which began as an art project of students from Jamestown College, draws visitors from all over the country. The buffalo is the center of the Frontier Village, a gathering of genuine Frontier-era buildings and the National Buffalo Museum—all of these together attracting over 100,000 visitors a year.

Adding to Jamestown's celebrity is the presence of two of only a few albino bison in North America. The first, known as White Cloud, gave birth to an albino calf this last year, bringing another albino bison to the herd tended by the National Buffalo Museum. The rarity of this occurring is immense and has added to interest in the city.

Jamestown has also helped shape the direction of North Dakota. And, for many, as the city that brought us Louis L'Amour and Peggy Lee, Jamestown has helped shape a generation. Coming into its 125th year, I am certain that Jamestown will continue in its role to provide leadership to many of our communities for years to come.

Jamestown will be commemorating this special occasion with over a week of fireworks, car shows, races, banquets, socials, air shows, golf tournaments, school reunions, presentations, and parades.

Mr. President, I ask the U.S. Senate to join me in congratulating Jamestown, ND, and its residents on their 125th anniversary and in wishing them well for the future. By honoring Jamestown we keep the pioneering, frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Jamestown that have

helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Jamestown has a proud past and a very bright future.●

#### 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF VALLEY CITY, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. On June 11–15, the residents of Valley City will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Founded by the Northern Pacific Rail Road in 1872, this community went through an assortment of names before settling on Valley City. After being known as Second Crossing, Fifth Siding, Wahpeton, and Worthington, Valley City was chosen to describe this beautiful town located in the Sheyenne River Valley.

Because the community was developed around the winding Sheyenne River, its eight historic bridges have become an integral part of Valley City's rich history. This "City of Bridges" offers many one of a kind and original bridge designs, including the Valley City State University suspension footbridge and the concrete arched Rainbow Bridge.

Valley City has a lot to offer its residents and visitors alike. With its antiques, crafts and collectables Valley City offers a distinctive shopping experience. Some of its hidden treasures include a visitor's center, the Barnes County Museum, and the Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway. The scenic byway stretches 63 picturesque miles along the Sheyenne River, following ancient Native American foot paths. The area has become a magnet for hunters, fisherman, and outdoor enthusiasts of all kinds. It is also the proud hometown of our Congressman, EARL POMEROY.

Valley City is the ideal location for its residents to grow and prosper together. To celebrate its 125th anniversary, the city will hold a rubber duck race, a street dance, a craft fair, a parade and fireworks.

Mr. President, I ask the U.S. Senate to join me in congratulating Valley City, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well in the future. It is places such as Valley City, North Dakota that have helped shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Valley City has a proud past and a bright future.●

#### TRIBUTE TO LINDA NELSON

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, there is an old saying that no exercise is better for the human heart than reaching down to lift up a child. Whenever I

think about Linda Nelson, that saying comes to mind because she had devoted her life to nurturing and educating and lifting up children.

Likewise, for the past 4 years, as president of the Iowa State Education Association, Linda Nelson has devoted herself to lifting up the teaching profession in the State of Iowa. She has fought for better pay and professional development, for more generous funding for public education, and for commonsense reforms to the No Child Left Behind Act. She has done an exceptional job for Iowa's teachers and education support professionals. However, I know that she is looking forward to returning next fall to her real love, which is the classroom at Carter Lake Elementary School and the students she has missed so much.

Linda Nelson has led and served ISEA with true distinction. Under her leadership, membership has increased and local associations have been strengthened. She tirelessly crisscrossed the State of Iowa to visit schools and to consult with teachers and support professionals. I am told that she has been away from home so much that her cats no longer recognize her.

Mr. President, I have always loved what Lee Iacocca said about teachers. "In a completely rational society," he said, "the best of us would be teachers, and the rest would have to settle for something less." Fortunately, in Iowa, so many of our best do go into teaching. And Linda is one of those truly outstanding classroom professionals.

She graduated from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and has taught for more than 30 years. She has been an active member of ISEA throughout her career. She has held leadership positions at the local, State, regional, and national levels. In 1992, the National Education Association recognized her outstanding contributions to public education with the Charles F. Martin Award.

As I said, Linda's first love is the classroom. But she is committed to securing a quality education for every child, not just those in her classroom, and this has led her to activism in the broader public and political arenas. She was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in 1992 and served for 4 years as an outspoken champion of quality public schools for all of Iowa's children.

As a teacher, Linda Nelson is a consummate professional, and she speaks with that special authority that can only come from decades of classroom experience. She has been an association president, a mentor, a leader, a legislator. But of the many titles she has worn during her long and distinguished career, she prizes none more highly than the simple title of "teacher."

Linda Nelson is one of the many reasons why Iowa public schools are

among the most respected and highest achieving in the Nation. We are blessed with an extraordinary cadre of talented teachers, and this is a real point of pride among Iowans. We honor our teachers. We are grateful for their keen minds and generous hearts. We appreciate the long hours they devote to their work—their service above and beyond the call of duty.

Linda Nelson has made a very real difference for the good as president of the Iowa State Education Association. As she returns to Carter Lake, I join with educators across Iowa in thanking Linda for her service, and wishing her the very best in the years ahead.●

#### IN HONOR OF DR. JERRY BEASLEY

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, we all know that college can be a wonderful, eventful, and sometimes overwhelming time in the life of a young person. With new doors opening and a plethora of choices ahead, the years that young people devote to their college education shape the person they grow to be. We should all hope that when our loved ones set out on this journey that they encounter role models and mentors like Dr. Jerry Beasley. He has steered Concord University since 1985, in which time he has had an immeasurable impact on the institution and its students. In the time I have been allotted, I cannot do justice to the great service Dr. Beasley has dedicated to Concord University, but through the examples I can provide I hope to at least honor these selected accomplishments.

From the beginning of his career at Concord, Dr. Beasley has embodied the university's mission of learning and service. Traditionally, university presidents hold elegant ceremonies and inauguration parties in order to celebrate themselves and their achievements before beginning work. Dr. Beasley is not one of these presidents. He preferred to donate the funds usually allocated for such ceremonies to the support of student scholarships, setting a precedent of selflessness he continued throughout his tenure. He taught his students that giving and service were the foundation of citizenship, and renewing Concord's commitment to social responsibility.

As many of you know, access to technology is an issue of particular importance to me. I have committed myself to the enhancement of technology resources for students in West Virginia, a commitment which Dr. Beasley and I share. During his tenure as president and thanks, in part, to his oversight, the \$13.9 million Rahall Technology Center is now complete and open for student use. Its 24-hour facilities provide students with access to technology ranging from high-speed internet to computer science courses.

Our society today is becoming increasingly dependent on technology. As

we become integrated into a global marketplace, the values of knowledge and service have become even more important. The expansion of our resources and influence demands that we all develop a greater understanding of the world we live in and the people we share it with. Under Dr. Beasley's leadership, Concord University has met these challenges headon. The student body has grown significantly reaching an all-time peak enrollment of 3,055 students in the fall of 2001. The student body has also become incredibly diverse, with representatives from 27 States, 22 countries, and the District of Columbia. The diversity of faces and backgrounds at Concord is also complemented by a diverse range of study abroad opportunities, with scholarships available for study in Europe, South America, and around the world.

Dr. Beasley not only enhanced the diversity of the Concord student body, but also broadened the resources available on campus. Since the early 1930s, a goal of an interfaith chapel has been kept alive on the Concord campus, but, for many years, the project was left unfinished. Dr. Beasley has shepherded the project, which is now nearing completion. The building will mark not only the campus's concern for multicultural understanding, but also of Dr. Beasley's ambition to this end.

Concord University students can now enjoy a wealth of opportunities without fearing the exorbitant financial burdens of education. Financial aid and scholarships are now more available than ever with more than 90 percent of Concord's students receiving some form of educational assistance. Dr. Beasley was instrumental in the effort to bring programs such as the Bonner Scholars program to campus.

What I admire the most about Dr. Beasley, though, is his personal commitment to public service, and the inspirational example he has set for his children, his students, and all of us. He has dedicated his career to improving education, and for that we owe him our sincerest thanks. Dr. Beasley, I am very grateful for your contributions to Concord University, and I wish you well in a peaceful retirement.●

#### STOWE WEEKEND OF HOPE

● Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, the State of Vermont is proud of the people in our state who organize the annual Stowe Weekend of Hope, one of the most inspiring and educational events for cancer survivors in the United States.

"We believe that the Stowe Weekend of Hope is unique, as it covers all cancers, reveals the generosity of an entire community, and has enhanced the lives of thousands of past attendees and their loved ones," said Jo Sabel Courtney, the chair and cofounder of the uplifting event. "Our mission," she

explained, "is to inspire, educate, and celebrate the lives of people living with cancer."

Altogether, some 900 participants from 21 States, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Canada participated in this year's events presented by the Stowe Area Association and the Vermont Cancer Center. The Stowe Area Association's lodging properties donated 312 complimentary rooms to cancer survivors and their loved ones.

Jo Sabel Courtney would be the first to tell you that making the weekend a tremendous success is a team effort. The Stowe Weekend of Hope Organizing Committee she chairs includes Leslie Anderson of Stowe; Trine Brink, Stowe; David Cranmer, Shelburne; Sandy Devine, Stowe; Jenn Ingersoll, Burlington; Kimberly Luebbers, Burlington; Kathleen McBeth, Stowe; Valerie Rochon, Stowe; Susan Rousselle, Elmore; Terry Smith, Stowe, and emeritus member and cofounder, Patti O'Brien, M.D.

We in Vermont are very proud of the efforts that all of these people put into organizing this annual event for the education and enlightenment of cancer patients, cancer survivors and their families, and I have very much enjoyed visiting with them over the last several years.

This year's participants in the Stowe Weekend of Hope included people with 46 different cancers, people who are confronting complex physical, emotional, spiritual, and financial challenges.

Nationally renowned oncology specialists from around New England, as well as leading oncologists and researchers from the Vermont Cancer Center, and the University of Vermont and Fletcher Allen Health Care Division of Hematology and Oncology were present at this year's eighth annual Stowe Weekend of Hope to provide up-to-date information to both the patients and their loved ones.

The weekend also included hands-on workshops, informational and support group gatherings, recreation opportunities, inspirational music, ecumenical services, motivational talks designed to heighten the emotional experience of healing and growth, and a time for relaxation and reflection.

On Sunday morning, participants gathered to dedicate the Flags of Hope and Healing that they had created. The closing ceremony also included prayer, dance, song and remembrances.

The Stowe Weekend of Hope was founded in 2001. Since its inception, the event has grown locally and nationally to continue its focus its mission of support, education and inspiration.

It makes me proud of Vermont.●

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● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I wish to celebrate the remarkable