shook the very financial foundation of our country. While the bill was far from perfect, the final version was vastly improved from the version we started with at the beginning of the process. I believe it includes important measures that will help prevent another financial meltdown like the one in 2008 that left millions of Americans out of work and saw our economy take its worst dip since the Great Depression. Equally important, the bill is not funded through higher taxes, which is something I could not support at a time when nearly one in ten Americans is unemployed and our economy is still struggling.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOATING LAW ADMINISTRATION

• Mr. BUNNING. Madam President, I would like to recognize the 50th anniversary of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, NASBLA, a Kentucky-based nonprofit organization.

Recreational boating is one of America's most popular pastimes with over 13,000,000 recreational vessels registered nationwide, of which 200,000 are in my home State of Kentucky. In 1958, Congress recognized the growing interest in recreational boating, and passed the Federal Boating Act, which led to the creation of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators in 1960. NASBLA is a national, nonprofit association of State officials responsible for the development and implementation of State boating programs.

NASBLA's mission is to strengthen the ability of State and territorial boating authorities to ensure a safe, secure, and enjoyable recreational environment. NASBLA addresses its mission by fostering partnerships among States, the Coast Guard, and others to streamline boating laws, maintain national education standards, strengthen homeland security on our waterways, and communicate to Federal agencies on behalf of the States' boating programs. The tireless work of NASBLA has helped to significantly reduce the number of recreational boating fatalities since 1970. However, even with such progress in safety, there is still room for improvement. In 2008, recreational boating accidents still claimed the lives of 709 Americans, of which more than half may have been saved with the proper use of a personal flotation device.

Due to the efforts of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and its members over the last five decades, our Nation's waterways are safer and more enjoyable for the boating public. I congratulate the NASBLA as it celebrates 50 years of service and wish it great success over the next 50 years.•

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT DAVID COLLINS

• Mrs. LINCOLN. Madam President, today I honor Sergeant David Collins of Maumelle, who was recently named Officer of the Year for 2009 by the Maumelle Police Department. Sergeant Collins has worked for the department since 1992. I commend his commitment and dedication to protecting Maumelle residents.

Along with all Arkansans, I recognize the courage, bravery, and dedication of our Arkansas law enforcement, who risk their lives each day to keep our citizens safe. I thank these public servants for their service and sacrifice.•

TRIBUTE TO CAROLYN W. MOSLEY

• Mrs. LINCOLN. Madam President, today I congratulate Carolyn W. Mosley of Fort Smith for her outstanding contributions to the field of nursing education in our state. In recognition of her efforts, she will be inducted as a fellow into the National League for Nursing's Academy of Nursing Education in October in Las Vegas. Ms. Mosley currently serves as dean of the College of Health Sciences at the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith.

Only 86 nurses worldwide have achieved the recognition. Ms. Mosley is among 19 new fellows from 17 nursing schools to be inducted this year. She is the only fellow chosen from Arkansas. The association itself has 31,000 individual and 1,200 institutional members.

Ms. Mosley has also served as a human rights expert for the International Council of Nursing, received the Rosalyn Carter Caregiving Recognition Award, and the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellow Award. She serves as Good Samaritan Health Clinic Board vice president, Sparks Regional Medical Center Investigational Review Board chairwoman, Sparks Board trustee, and St. James Missionary Baptist Church Board president.

Madam President, Ms. Mosley serves as a role model for anyone aspiring to make a difference in nursing education and the field of health care. She represents the best of Arkansas, and I am proud of her achievements. Along with all Arkansans, I commend her for this extraordinary accomplishment.•

ARKANSAS GOSPEL ANNOUNCERS GUILD HONOREES

• Mrs. LINCOLN. Madam President, today I recognize six Arkansans who were recently honored by the Arkansas Gospel Announcers Guild for their contributions to gospel music and the community. I commend them for their dedication to this beloved American art form, which has a strong tradition in Arkansas.

Honorees were: Elijah and Belinda Mondy, KJIW Radio, Radio Broadcast Excellence; Charles Moore, Arkansas Gospel Mass Choir, Gospel Music Excellence; Irene Perkins, Irene's Productions, Gospel Promotions; C. Michael Tidwell, Centre for the Dansarts, Inspired Excellence—Liturgical Dance; and Deacon Alvin White, KITA/KOKY, Lifetime Achievement.

As a farmer's daughter from Helena, AR, who grew up in the heart of the Mississippi Delta, I have been surrounded by the unique traditions of gospel music all my life and am appreciative of its importance to the faith community in my State. With its roots in African-American culture, gospel music has grown beyond the church walls and is now firmly rooted in the American music tradition.

Gospel music is an integral part of our Nation's history and heritage. Along with all Arkansans and all Americans, I honor these individuals who have dedicated so much of their time, energy, and talents to promoting gospel music in our State.•

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

• Mrs. LINCOLN. Madam President, today I recognize the men and women of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management for their tireless dedication to keeping the residents of our State safe and secure.

Because of their efforts, the department was recently granted full accreditation by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program, known as EMAP. Arkansas is one of only 22 other States and jurisdictions with accredited programs.

Mr. President, I commend all of our emergency responders for their commitment to protecting the citizens of our State.

Along with all Arkansans, I thank the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management for their work to identify and lessen the effects of emergencies, disasters and threats to Arkansas through effective prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery actions for all disasters and emergencies.

I congratulate the entire team at the Department of Emergency Management for achieving this prestigious accreditation.•

NATIONAL HORSESHOE PITCHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

• Mrs. LINCOLN. Madam President, today I am proud to recognize 10 Arkansans who are currently competing in the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association 2010 Pitching Championships in Cedar Rapids, IA. The 2-week event