

State of Maryland for people with intellectual disabilities. His vision and leadership over the intervening years have led to the extraordinary success of the organization as he has helped to expand its educational, habilitation, employment, vocational, residential, and support services.

Under Mr. Perl's leadership, Chimes has moved from being a provider of services to one of the largest contractors employing people with disabilities. Chimes provides janitorial and facility services for the U.S. Government and for the State of Maryland.

Under Mr. Perl's guidance, Chimes has expanded from serving 200 people in the Baltimore area to more than 17,000 people from North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, the District of Columbia, and the State of Israel.

Mr. Pearl has received numerous awards and honors in recognition of his innovative and pioneering programs. He has been a leader and member of numerous professional organizations including: ANCOR, American Network of Community Options and Resources, CARF, Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, AAMR, American Association on Mental Retardation, Maryland Works, Baltimore City Mayor's Commission on Disabilities, Developmental Disabilities Council, Baltimore County Workforce Investment Council, and the Baltimore County Commission on Disabilities. He is a frequent lecturer, consultant, and advisor to numerous provider agencies, advocacy groups, associations, and government entities. During his tenure as president and chief executive officer, Chimes has become nationally and internationally recognized as a provider of services and jobs for those with disabilities.

I hope my colleagues will join me in thanking Terry Allen Perl for his 40 years of dedicated service to the Chimes Family of Services organization and for his outstanding contributions to improving the lives of people with disabilities and their families and communities in Maryland, throughout our Nation, and in Israel.●

#### BALTIMORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES TASK FORCE

● Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I encourage my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the Job Opportunities Task Force, JOTF, an independent advocacy and monitoring organization in Baltimore, MD, that is celebrating 10 years of service.

JOTF was begun in 1996 by a handful of people who were concerned about job opportunities for low-skilled job seekers in the Baltimore area. They called themselves the Job Opportunities Task Force, and they hoped they could help unemployed and underemployed men and women. They had a short-term

goal, which was to come up with ideas and recommendations that would break down barriers to better employment and to bring private and public partners together to implement these changes.

In 1997, the Abell Foundation gave JOTF a grant to prepare a report on the job gap that would present detailed information about what types of jobs were available in the Baltimore region, where they were located, what they paid, what levels of education and skills were required, and where the potential workers were. The report, entitled "Baltimore Area Jobs and Low Skill Job Seekers," was published in 1999 and revealed many gaps between the workforce and the jobs that were available—far too many impediments to be solved with a few meetings.

Since its incorporation in 2000, JOTF has become a leading voice on workforce issues in Maryland, supporting a range of State policy initiatives and budget decisions, including increased investment in adult education and job training in communities and in prisons. JOTF has lobbied to expand the earned income tax credit, reduce barriers to (re)employment for ex-offenders, and reform unemployment insurance.

JOTF designs programs that create viable career paths for low-wage workers, helping them reach higher wage jobs in industries that need more skilled workers. A good example of JOTF's success is JumpStart, a pre-apprenticeship program created and managed by JOTF that trains 100 low-wage Baltimore residents each year to become licensed electricians, plumbers, or carpenters. JOTF also convenes public meetings on local and national topics related to employment and the workforce. These meetings attract employers, policymakers, interested citizens, and direct service providers. JOTF's research informs policymakers and the public and encourages the development of programs based on best practices. It explores the impact of specific policies and provides recommendations on how policies can better serve workers, families, employers, and the State's economy.

JOTF is making a significant difference in Maryland. I urge my colleagues to join me today in congratulating JOTF's founding chair, Joanne Nathans, whose gentle nature and steely convictions have improved the lives of countless Baltimoreans and their families. Please join me in sending best wishes to JOTF on the occasion of its 10th anniversary and in thanking JOTF for improving the lives of Maryland job seekers, workers, and their families.●

#### DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish to celebrate the 125th anniversary

of the founding of Dakota Wesleyan University, DWU, in Mitchell, SD. DWU has provided a well-rounded education that emphasizes learning, leadership, faith, and service to its students since its founding 125 years ago. Graduates of the university have gone on to become great community and professional leaders. Today, under the leadership of President Robert Duffett, DWU strives to connect its proud heritage with its promising future.

In 1883, a group of Methodist settlers received a charter to found the Dakota Wesleyan University. DWU serves as the university for the Dakotas Conference of the United Methodist Church. Soon after the university opened, Dakota Wesleyan students demonstrated their success through their excellent oratorical skills. They participated in the Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest and won 5 of its first 11 competitions. This is just one of many examples of DWU students' ability to excel.

With a student body just larger than 750 people, the university offers a very personalized experience. The university is composed of three colleges: the College of Arts and Humanities, the College of Healthcare, Fitness and Sciences, and the College of Leadership and Public Service. These colleges allow for students to pursue an education in both liberal arts and professional programs.

In addition to academic programs, students also participate in service work to aid people in South Dakota and around the world. Recent mission trip locations have included Tanzania and Mexico, where students served those living in extreme poverty. Through the Leadership and Public Service Program, students have the opportunity to study contemporary issues and perform public service through internship placements. Such broad educational opportunities provided by DWU help students explore citizenry locally and internationally.

On Saturday, October 2, 2010, DWU will celebrate its Blue and White Bash at the Corn Palace in Mitchell, SD. Dakota Wesleyan University has provided our State quality education and a positive social environment. DWU students are well equipped to succeed in a competitive world, delivering countless benefits to organizations and communities close to home and around the globe. With alumni as accomplished as former U.S. Senator George McGovern and his wife Eleanor McGovern, DWU continues to live up to its mission of being "a leading university that educates students to identify and develop their individual talents for successful lives in service to God and the common good."●

#### REMEMBERING TED WILLIAMS

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, baseball celebrates "walk off" home runs, the