

So happy and so blessed, as he stood so boldly debating near Webster's desk. . . . as ever so he was seen!

Like a modern day Webster, Clay, or Calhoun he too, made history's heart so swoon . . . where, and whenever he convened!

For within his life and within his times, there are but so many great truths about him of which we find,

As he's left us with such great lessons, with such bright lights . . . to touch all of our children's hearts and minds!

All about being warm and kind, all about passion within hearts & within strong minds, and that no mountain cannot be climbed!

As he was a shining voice!

As he was a Liberal's Liberal, as he was truly his people's choice!

A battler no doubt, while reaching out. . . . ever speaking out. . . . for all of those others, who so surely had no voice!

If only but as Paul. . . . we too. . . . in our lives. . . . and our times. . . . could all so live . . .

Oh what great gifts we could shine, to these our children and this our world in our time, Oh such warm blessings we would give!

For in this our lives and in these our times, will we such the courage find, To Walk With Giants, touching the lives of all who live!

In Memory of a great American Patriot—Paul Wellstone—his wife Sheila, and his precious daughter Marcia, and all those aboard the plane. May our Lord bless the families and help them to find peace. (This was read in Minnesota, on television for his memorial.)

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COMMENDING STAFF OF PENROSE-ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL

• Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to those individuals from Penrose-St. Francis Hospital in Colorado Springs, CO, who graciously agreed to provide medical attention to retired Air Force veteran Mr. Richard Mc Whorter following a critical injury in April, 2006, while working in Amman, Jordan.

The staff of Penrose-St. Francis worked quickly and tirelessly to arrange for the appropriate procedures in order to best help Mr. Mc Whorter given the urgency and unfortunate extenuating circumstances. Most notably, Penrose-St. Francis was willing to absorb all costs for any treatment performed. Tragically, Mr. Mc Whorter passed away prior to his return to the United States for treatment.

Nonetheless, the honorable intentions of those at Penrose-St. Francis are worthy of acknowledgment and their demonstration of compassion should serve as an example for others in the health care industry.

I would like to thank the following individuals for their kindness and generosity in attempting to save Mr. Mc Whorter following his accident. I would also like to issue my sincere condolences to the Mc Whorter family for their loss.

Dr. Dave Ross
Dr. Roger Nagy
Dr. Bill Chambers

Dr. Michael Brown
Dr. Glen House
President and CEO Rick O'Connell
Ms. Pat Burgess

RECOGNIZING JNO S SOLENBERGER & CO.

• Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to acknowledge Jno S Solenberger & Co., Inc. of Winchester, VA, for over 100 years of service. Throughout the years, the success of Jno S Solenberger & Co., Inc has been based on the belief of providing excellent customer service.

When the hardware store first opened over a century ago, its founders, John S. Solenberger and his cousin Daniel Stouffer, worked tirelessly to build a company known for its quality products and excellent customer service. Four generations later, John T. Solenberger, Jr., the current president of the company, still upholds the original vision of his great-grandfather, contributing in his own way toward the company growing success through numerous expansions and renovations.

Solenberger many contributions to Winchester rich historical heritage, including his commitment to serving his customers with the utmost care and expertise, are significant accomplishments. I am proud to stand before you today and recognize Jno S Solenberger & Co., Inc. as a fine exemplar to the business community of Virginia.●

RECOGNIZING BANK OF CLARKE COUNTY

• Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to acknowledge the 100th anniversary of Bank of Clarke County, the first independent, privately owned bank in Berryville, VA. More than a century ago, 10 local investors decided that a community bank would assist in the continued recovery from the Civil War's reconstruction efforts. After pooling together \$10,000 in capital, the Bank of Clarke County was formed. As the oldest continuously operating bank in the area, Bank of Clarke County has remained committed to serving the local communities and its citizens. Its success today can be attributed to its long-term vision and dedicated staff.

Over the years, Bank of Clarke has undergone numerous expansions and renovations, permanently moving to the greater Winchester area in 1992 and opening 10 full-service branch locations, one express branch, and a network of 23 local ATMs. Despite their continual expansion and growth as a business, Bank of Clarke County remains dedicated to serving the community through volunteer work with over 150 local organizations.

The Bank of Clarke County continues to perform outstanding work in serving its local citizens and the entire Commonwealth of Virginia. I congratulate its members on their continued run of success, and thank them for the work they are doing to make Virginia a better place to live, work, and raise a family.●

RECOGNIZING THE SHOCKEY COMPANIES

• Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to acknowledge the Shockey Companies for over 100 years of service. When the company began in 1896, its founder, Mr. Howard Shockey, developed a reputation in Winchester, VA, for his superior craftsmanship and hard working attitude. Today, more than three generations later, the Shockey Companies have remained true to their commitment to serve the Winchester and mid-Atlantic region with the craftsmanship, quality, and old-fashioned values that the company was first built upon.

Over the past three generations, the Shockey Companies expanded even further, working on transportation projects for interstate bridges and interchanges on the highways of Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Their early adoption of improved concrete methods and materials was instrumental in the company efforts to save time and reduce costs.

Their continual commitment to provide Virginians with the highest level of expertise and technology speaks to the company integrity and consistent standard of excellence. On behalf of the many Virginian families and communities who have benefited from the Shockey Companies services over the last century, I would like to express my sincere appreciation.●

RECOGNIZING WINCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER

• Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to acknowledge Winchester Medical Center for over 100 years of service. Over the past century, Winchester Medical Center has worked tirelessly to build a hospital committed to providing extensive and sophisticated medical services using the most advanced technology and science. Its success today can be attributed to its long-term vision and dedicated staff, which both the local community of Winchester and I are immensely proud of.

In 1903 the Winchester Medical Center had just 35 beds, four employees, and one patient. Since then, it has evolved into one of the premier regional medical centers in the United States, now boasting 405 beds, 2,483 full-time employees, a team of devoted volunteers who worked 76,000 hours last year alone, and numerous renovations. The center specializes in heart care and open heart surgery, cancer care, orthopedic surgery, 24-hour emergency services, including a helipad and neonatal intensive care transport, neurosciences, rehabilitation services, behavioral health, and women and children services. With such a highly qualified staff, it is no surprise that patients

are referred from a 17-county area in Virginia, Maryland, and West Virginia to the center for medical treatment.

Any institution committed to giving back to the local community from which it was founded and grew is commendable. One dedicated to saving and improving the lives of Virginians for the last 100 years, and with as much care and expertise as Winchester Medical Center, is an accomplishment I respect and admire.●

RECOGNIZING HEDGEBROOK FARM

● Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to acknowledge Hedgebrook Farm, in Bartonville, VA. Hedgebrook Farm has been owned and operated by the same family since its establishment over 100 years ago.

For the past half century, the 110-acre farm has offered amusing attractions such as a pumpkin patch, as well as a beautiful log home. Hedgebrook Farm also provides educational school tours and a young farmers' camp.

I would like to acknowledge the current managers of Hedgebrook Farm, Kitty Hockman Nicolas and her daughter, Shannon N. Triplett, for their exceptional work upholding their family's original commitment to preserve the environment, educate local youth, and maintain a pesticide-free, hormone- and antibiotic-free farm.

The Hedgebrook Farm continues to perform outstanding work in serving its local community. I congratulate its owners on over a century of success and thank them for the work they are doing to make Virginia a better place to live, work, and raise a family.●

RECOGNIZING THE WINCHESTER STAR

● Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to acknowledge the Winchester Star which has proudly served the newspaper needs of our Commonwealth with dedication and distinction since the Fourth of July, 1896. Started by 23-year-old John I. Sloat, the first edition of the Winchester Star consisted of only four pages and sold for a penny. By the end of its first year, circulation had already reached 400. Today, circulation exceeds 22,000 daily.

For the past century, the journalists and employees of the Winchester Star have worked tirelessly to provide accurate, quick, and reliable news service. As a reader of the Winchester Star, I sincerely respect their curious approach and objective presentation of the news, and I admire their consistent pledge to keep Virginians intelligently informed of international, national, and local news every day.

Their success can be attributed not only to a hard working staff but also to their swift implementation of modern technology to expedite the printing process and meet new customer demand. Whether it was the adoption of Goss Urbanite off-set press printing in 1964, which permitted a 64-page edition

of the paper, or the addition of a Saturday edition and morning newspaper in 1980, the Winchester Star has consistently proved itself as one of Virginia's leading newspapers. I am proud to acknowledge the Winchester Star's accomplishments over the past century, and I am confident that they will continue to serve their customers with the expertise, quality, and dependability that they are known for.●

RECOGNIZING HILL HIGH FARM

● Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to acknowledge over 100 years of service by Hill High Farm of Winchester, VA. The farm has been owned and operated by the Wright family since its establishment in scenic Shenandoah Valley over 100 years ago. Hill High Farm has been recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia as a "Century Farm".

While the farm continues to grow apples, raise cattle, and maintain a dairy herd as it did a century ago, today they offer other exciting attractions such as a straw maze, corn maze, hay rides, and farm animals. Their expansion from a fourth of an acre of pumpkins to 20 acres and continual promotion of new special events has captured the public interest. In the fall during harvest time Hill High Farm opens their farm to over 1,000 visitors, including school groups. This April, the farm will be featured on the Discovery Channel by Pilot Productions, an independent television production company based in England.

To express their appreciation for the continual support of local patrons, the Wright family gives back to their community through annual charity events such as the Youth Development Center's Annual Punkin' Chunkin' Contest. I would like to recognize Hill High Farm as an historical trademark of Shenandoah Valley, loved and cherished by so many in the Virginian community.●

RECOGNIZING GLAIZE COMPONENTS

● Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to acknowledge Glaze Components, an internationally recognized lumber company founded in Winchester, VA, more than 150 years ago. The company first started in Northern Shenandoah Valley as a charcoal production business, but quickly evolved into a lumber company.

When Glaze Components was founded in 1854, they made a commitment to providing the highest level of quality to their customers, employees, and industry. To meet increasing market demand and expand their geographic reach, Glaze Components has opened two new plant locations in Shelby, NC, and LaCrosse, VA.

Throughout its history, Glaze Components products have included a complete line of building components for residential and commercial uses, such

as roof trusses, wall panels, and floor trusses. Their use of software systems specifically designed for truss systems and their incorporation of laser-guided truss building processes has gained them international recognition by manufacturers from Africa, Russia, China, and Japan.

The immense respect Glaze Components receives for its superior manufacturing processes—both at home and abroad—is a testament to their success and leadership in the industry. I am honored to acknowledge Glaze Components accomplishments over the past century, and I am confident that they will continue to serve their customers with the expertise, quality, and dependability for which they are known.●

RECOGNIZING THE INSURANCE CENTER OF WINCHESTER

● Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to acknowledge the Insurance Center of Winchester, the oldest and largest independently owned insurance agency in the Northern Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. Over the past century, and particularly in the last decade, the insurance industry has undergone radical transformations from technological advancements to expanding competition. I would like to recognize the Insurance Center of Winchester for their exceptional ability to adapt to these changes while maintaining their original commitment to excellent service and expertise.

The Insurance Center of Winchester provides service to thousands of homeowners, renters, autos, RVs and motorcycles, and provides comprehensive group benefit plans to many of the region's top businesses and industries. In addition to those services, the Insurance Center of Winchester also provides health, disability, and life insurance to individuals. Over the years, the Insurance Center of Winchester has expanded to three departments, Personal Lines Insurance, Commercial Lines Insurance, and Financial Services. But what distinguishes them as the leading insurance company of Northern Shenandoah Valley is their employees' ability to solve complex issues and their commitment to personal customer service.

Since 1902, the Insurance Center of Winchester has put an emphasis on maintaining a relationship-based business, helping them gain the respect and trust from the Virginia community which they have worked so hard to develop. I would like to acknowledge the Insurance Center of Winchester's accomplishments over the last century, and I am confident that they will continue to flourish in the future.●

RECOGNIZING THE ENDERS AND SHIRLEY FUNERAL HOME

● Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to acknowledge the 114th anniversary of the Enders and Shirley Funeral Home which has had a fruitful working relationship with Winchester