

Goodrich channeled their grief and energy into a foundation established in his memory—a foundation with a unique and uplifting purpose.

The Peter M. Goodrich Foundation provides food, clean water, shelter and educational opportunities to Afghan children facing extreme hardship, dismal circumstances and little hope for the future. The foundation's mission is far broader than offering basic humanitarian services to a country torn by conflict; its work recognizes the untapped potential of a generation of Afghan children, helping them to rise above hate and to embrace values based on understanding, tolerance and respect.

With this vision and this goal, the Goodrich Foundation supports exchange programs that bring Afghan students to the United States and vocational programs that allow them to put their knowledge and skills to use upon their return to Afghanistan. The foundation also promotes the work of The Afghan Women's Writing Project, which helps Afghan women to be heard in their own right rather than solely through their male relatives. These are just a few examples of the tremendous amount of good the foundation has achieved in less than a decade. We can all be grateful to Sally and Don for opening their hearts, amid their personal grief, and lighting an enduring flame of hope after one of our Nation's darkest hours.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO WALTER J. BISHOP

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am pleased to pay tribute to Walter "Wally" Bishop, general manager of the Contra Costa Water District—CCWD—as he retires after 18 years of dedicated service.

A native of Washington DC, Mr. Bishop started his career in 1973 as an engineer for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. Upon arriving in California, he went to work as an engineer for the Ventura Regional County Sanitation District in 1975 before moving to northern California, where he worked for the East Bay Municipal Utility District from 1983 to 1992.

The CCWD serves over 550,000 people in Central and Eastern Contra Costa County and carries a large influence on the direction of California water policy, given its location on the Delta's edge. Starting as CCWD's general manager in 1992, Mr. Bishop continually advocated for a customer-first, entrepreneurial approach throughout the district. Under his leadership, CCWD's Los Vaqueros Reservoir Project was permitted, designed, and completed. It was the first major reservoir to be permitted and constructed in more than a decade.

A well-known leader in both State and national water issues, Mr. Bishop has been recognized by numerous orga-

nizations for his commitment to water issues and policy. He was recently awarded the Edward J. Cleary Award from the American Academy of Environmental Engineers for his leadership in environmental engineering and management. He has also been a two-term member of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council, which advises the Environmental Protection Agency Administrator on everything that EPA does relating to drinking water.

I commend Mr. Bishop for his 18 years of dedicated service to the CCWD. Along with his friends and colleagues throughout Contra Costa County and the San Francisco Bay Area, I thank him for his efforts and wish him the best as he embarks on the next phase of his life.●

##### RECOGNIZING THE ASSOCIATED: JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION OF BALTIMORE

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to honor The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore on its 90th anniversary. The Greater Baltimore Area is comprised of more than 90,000 Jews, many of whom rely on The Associated to provide support and resources to a vibrant Jewish community in the region. The Associated was officially formed in 1920 by the merger of two community organizations, the Federated Jewish Charities with the United Hebrew Charities. The Associated and its agencies have worked hard to better the lives of Jewish Baltimoreans for almost a century.

The talents, commitment, and compassion of Baltimore's Jewish community activists, philanthropists, volunteers, and professionals have created and sustained The Associated. From Harry Greenstein to Marc Terrill, from Jacob Epstein to Jimmy Berg, men and women have provided their experience and expertise to help turn the organization into one of the most powerful and cohesive Jewish federations in the country today.

Through its Jewish Community Services program, The Associated helps support and serve the needs of the entire Baltimore Jewish community. It provides a wide array of counseling programs to help with substance abuse, relationship problems, depression, and grief. Its social workers also offer outstanding support for parents, caregivers, job seekers, teenagers, and senior citizens. All of these programs and initiatives have been vital in helping many Jewish individuals and families improve both their economic and mental health situations while still maintaining a positive connection to the Jewish community.

The Associated's international outreach also has been just as profound and important as its local impact. Since the early years of the federation, it has played an active role in the relocation of Jews to Baltimore. It helped more than 3,000 German Jews flee the

Nazi regime and settle in the Baltimore area and has provided support for both Iranian Jews and Russian Jews to resettle in Baltimore in recent years as well.

The federation has also played an integral part in strengthening the bond between Baltimore and Israel through its new sister city partnership with the Israeli city, Ashkelon. This relationship has already spurred initiatives that will help educate Jewish leaders in both communities on economic and leadership development. A different partnership with the Ukrainian city of Odessa complements the one with Ashkelon by promoting cross-cultural exchange and education as well.

In honor of its 90th anniversary, the federation is doing what it does best: helping people. The Associated has called on its community to log 90,000 volunteer hours together—1,000 hours for every year of existence. This is just one more act of generosity among countless others The Associated has sponsored throughout the years.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore for its continued commitment to tikkun olam—repair of the world—and gemilut chasadim—acts of loving-kindness—as well as all the work it has done to better the lives of Baltimore Jews throughout the past 90 years.●

##### REMEMBERING CLIFFORD HARDIN

• Mr. JOHANNIS. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to a great Nebraskan and great American. Last week, we lost a visionary figure who, through years of service, made lasting contributions to our society: former University of Nebraska chancellor and later U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin.

I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Cliff Hardin. His lifetime of service both in government and academia provides a shining example of the impact one person can have.

As chancellor of the University of Nebraska, Cliff was the steady hand that guided the University through a turbulent era. He was appointed to the position in 1954 at the age of 38—the youngest university president in the country at the time. His tenure at Nebraska lasted 15 years.

In reading the many tributes to Cliff over the last week, I was touched by one particular story that showed his true colors. Upon learning that a rival university had plans to place Nebraska's Black football players in one hotel and the White players in a separate hotel, he refused to let the team even board the plane to go to the game. It wasn't long until the other school changed course and offered the same accommodations for all players.

As Secretary of Agriculture, Cliff was a results-oriented advocate for farmers and ranchers in my home State of Nebraska and across the country. He put a premium on bipartisanship, and his