

defeat attempts to criminalize some stem cell research in 1997–1998.

We know Chuck to be a passionate and tenacious advocate, a dedicated mentor to the talented legislative fellows who have worked for him, an adventurer who continues to trek over some of the most forbidding and fascinating parts of the planet, a loyal friend to many in our office, someone who is always searching for the “big idea-big picture” as a visionary policy developer, and a generous human being with a sense of humor. As a Congressional Staffer, he has always kept his focus on the public interest, undistracted by partisan concerns, and I found I could always count on hearing his frank and perceptive perspective on what would be the right policy for the country.

Chuck is completing an oral history of his unusual and remarkable Senate career, based on interviews with the Office of the Senate Historian, which has been transcribed and will be available on line. This history describes the challenges, skills and tactics of a Capitol Hill staffer who has fought in the political trenches over forty years.

Chuck hopes that this history will encourage young people to consider careers in public service. He’s served as the principal advisor and mentor for 25 years to the “Stanford in Government” program. He was one of 100 alumni awarded medallions to honor their service to Stanford University during centennial celebrations of the University’s founding in 1991; the headquarters for “Stanford in Government” at the Haas Center for Public Service is named after him.

We wish Chuck and Paula well in their venture in Africa. We will miss Chuck in the office but we know that he’s following one of his great dreams, and starting on a remarkable and courageous new round of public service. My office and I are grateful for his dedicated service to our office, to the Senate, and to our Nation, as well as for his friendship.

Somewhere right now Jefferson and our Founding Fathers are looking down and smiling proud that our Nation still produces men and women like Chuck and Paula.

Congratulations Chuck. Keep in touch and keep teaching us. We eagerly await your reports from Africa.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

NEW MEXICO JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL TEAM

• Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the New Mexico Junior College baseball team from Hobbs, NM on winning the 2005 National Junior College World Series. This is a tournament that involves baseball teams from junior colleges across the United States. The Thunderbirds swept to the national title with a perfect record of 5-0 in tournament

play. Their hard work and dedication is a perfect example of what it takes to win a national championship. This is the first national championship in New Mexico Junior College history.

I would also like to recognize Coach Ray Birmingham for winning the Coach of the Year award, his seventh in 15 years. The loyalty that Coach Birmingham engenders in his players is both heart-warming and inspiring. Several of Coach Birmingham’s players won awards as well. Among the outstanding honors were Renny Osuna, who was chosen for the Preston Walker MVP Award; Brian Flores, who was selected as Outstanding Pitcher; and Corey Zimmerman, who was named as Best Defensive Player.

Mr. President, fans lined the streets in Lovington and Tatum as the bus carrying the team passed through. A large group of proud supporters met the team when the bus rolled onto the campus in Hobbs on Monday. It was that kind of community support, along with the determination, skill and work ethic of the team, that swept the Thunderbirds to victory. I congratulate New Mexico Junior College on its great accomplishment.●

HONORING MARY BARDEN

• Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I rise today to pay special tribute to Mary Barden, as she is recognized for her scholastic achievements on National History Day.

Mary, a student at Coventry High School in Coventry, RI, was one of 17 students chosen out of a half million across America, to display and present her history project at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History. Mary’s project is titled “Cesar Chavez: Understanding the Chicano Farmworkers Need for Justice.” The National History Day program allows students to create exhibits, documentaries, and performances, by using their critical thinking and research skills in the subject of history.

I strongly support the National History Day program. A basic knowledge of history is essential for our Nation’s children to become informed participants in our democracy, and this national observance promotes history education in Rhode Island and throughout the Nation. This year, National History Day celebrates its 25th anniversary as a national organization.

I congratulate Mary as she is honored for her presentation, and commend her for her dedication and commitment. I join with the citizens of Rhode Island in wishing Mary well in all her future endeavors.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TOLLEY, NORTH DAKOTA

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, today I honor a community in North Dakota that is celebrating its 100th anniversary. On June 26, the residents of Tolley, ND, will celebrate a proud history.

Tolley is a small town in the northwest part of the State, with a population of 41. Despite its size, Tolley holds an important place in North Dakota’s history. It was founded in 1905 by Eli C. Tolley, a prominent developer and official with the Soo Line Railroad Company. As one report from the period indicates, people were so excited to start the town that they moved in 15 buildings without even having purchased lots on which to place them. Soon after, rail lines were laid through Tolley, and the town began to prosper. Within a year and a half, the residents of Tolley had built general stores, blacksmiths, restaurants, hotels, churches, and hardware stores.

Through the years, Tolley has exemplified true North Dakota perseverance. Despite suffering from a scarcity of water, countless fires, and outbreaks of smallpox and the Spanish flu, the people of Tolley have always remained loyal to this great community. During World War I, many of the men left their families and farms to fight for our country. Sadly, many did not return, yet the community remained strong. In 1920, the boys high school basketball team held its first practice, and in 1921 the homes and businesses in Tolley were lit by electricity for the first time. In 1951, through the generous efforts of local residents, the first organized fire department began serving the community. These stories from the history of Tolley serve as a remarkable example of ingenuity and perseverance for all of us.

I ask the U.S. Senate to join me in congratulating Tolley, ND, and its residents on their first 100 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Tolley and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Tolley that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Tolley has had a proud past and a bright future.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMENIA, NORTH DAKOTA

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, today I honor a community in North Dakota that is celebrating its 125th anniversary. On June 10 and 11, the residents of Amenia, ND, celebrated their community’s founding.

Amenia is a small town in the eastern part of North Dakota, with a population just under 100. Despite its size, Amenia holds an important place in the State’s history. Amenia in 1880 when the Northern Pacific Railroad established a station and a settlement grew around it. Eban Chaffee of the Amenia Sharon Land Co., on whose home the station was actually built, called the new settlement Amenia.

The post office was established on January 20, 1880, and Edwin McNeil became the first postmaster of the newly