

left active duty to accept a civilian position with the office in 1982. In 1987 he graduated from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Throughout his years of civilian service, he continued to serve as an individual mobilization augmentee in the reserve component of the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, retiring in 2000 in the grade of Colonel, having last served as the Director of the Academic Department of The Judge Advocate General's School.

In his 26 years of selfless and dedicated Federal civil service, Mr. Taylor has received numerous honors and awards, including, on three occasions, the Army's Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service. He received the Presidential Rank Award as a Distinguished Executive in 1996 and as a Meritorious Executive in 1993 and 2002. Notably, he has received honorary awards for lifetime contributions to his client communities including: the Knowlton Award for Excellence in Intelligence, presented by the Military Intelligence Corps; the Chief of Public Affairs Award for outstanding support and advice to the Chief of Public Affairs; designation as a distinguished member of The Judge Advocate General's Corps Regiment; and induction into the Order of the Marechaussee for service to the Military Police Corps Regiment.

On leaving Federal service, Mr. Taylor will become a professor of the Practice of Public Policy Studies at Duke University. I know that he will continue to inspire others with his sense of honor, his love of the law, and his abiding belief in the nobility of public service and values for which our Nation stands. I join with all my colleagues in saluting Thomas W. Taylor and his wife Susan for their many years of outstanding service to the U.S. Army and to our country. ●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HARVEY, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. On June 29 to July 2, the residents of Harvey will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Harvey holds an important place in North Dakota's history. Harvey was founded in 1892 and named for COL James S. Harvey, a stockholder from Wisconsin. It became a city in 1906, with Aloys Wartner serving as its first mayor.

Today, Harvey is a vibrant community in central North Dakota. Situated at the head waters of the beautiful Sheyenne River and in close proximity to the Lonetree Wildlife Management Area and the North Country National Scenic Trail, Harvey has great appeal for recreation and wildlife enthusiasts alike. The people of Harvey are enthusiastic about their community and the quality of life it offers. The community has a wonderful centennial planned that includes a street dance, golf tour-

ament, demolition derby, lumberjack show, centennial games, parade, and many other activities for all ages.

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

Harvey has a proud past and a bright future. ●

A TRIBUTE TO MARY COPPER

● Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Mary Copper, who passed away February 22, at the age of 55 in Wilmington, DE. A mother, wife, sister, activist, trail-blazer, and trusted friend, Mary will be missed by the countless people whose lives she touched before her time on this Earth was cut short.

Mary graduated from Wellesley College and the Boston University School of Law, and almost immediately began a rapid ascent that took her to the pinnacle of the legal field. Through her hard work and keen instincts, she quickly made herself known across Delaware as one of the hardest working and brightest female attorneys in the State's history. She dedicated 8 years to the DuPont Company before becoming the first female partner at Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP, where she was beloved by clients and coworkers alike.

But perhaps the most indelible image of Mary is that of a philanthropist with an enormous heart. She never shied away from the opportunity to help others, and devoted countless hours to numerous charitable organizations throughout the State, volunteering, serving on boards, and giving every ounce of her being to the people who needed it the most.

She was a founding member and past chair of the Advisory Committee of the Fund for Women of the Delaware Community Foundation. She also served as an enthusiastic member of the Delaware Bar Foundation and a helpful supporter of the Democratic Party within Delaware. Her absence will be sorely felt by all who knew her, but the vast reach of her acts of charity and kindness will continue to touch people's lives for years to come.

My thoughts and prayers are with Mary's family, her husband William, and daughters Mary (Lucy) and Ellen. ●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEKIN, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a community in North Dakota that is celebrating its 100th anniversary. On June 22, 2006, the resi-

dents of Pekin will celebrate their community's history and founding.

Pekin is a community of 80 people located in northeastern North Dakota. Nestled between the winding Sheyenne River and beautiful Stump Lake, the Pekin area offers recreational opportunities and scenic vistas. This charming location is the setting for Pekin Days, an annual citywide celebration that features the Nelson County Art Show. Known as the Littlest Town with the Biggest Art Show in North Dakota, Pekin also boasts the largest annual juried art show and sale in the State of North Dakota.

The area was homesteaded as early as 1881 but not established until 1906 when the Great Northern Railroad brought railroad workers and their families. The community was named by settlers from Pekin, IL, a town itself named due to the belief that it was located on the opposite side of the globe from Peking, China.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Pekin, ND, and its residents on their first 100 years. By honoring Pekin and all of the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Pekin that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why Pekin is worthy of our recognition. ●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BUTTE, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. On June 23 to 25, the residents of Butte will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Butte holds an important place in North Dakota's history. When it was founded in 1906, this Soo Line Railroad townsite was named Dogden. About 20 years later, the name was changed to Butte. Both names come from the nearby landmark, Dogden Butte, which was discovered by the explorer David Thompson in 1797.

Butte is located within minutes of excellent game and waterfowl hunting. Nearby Cottonwood Lake is a great fishing site for northern pike. Butte is home to several businesses including Butte Manufacturing and the Northern Tier Federal Credit Union, to name a few. The community has a wonderful centennial planned that includes a street dance, pitchfork fondue, parade, picnic, and much more.

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