

and the stranger among us. Debra Steinberg's action on behalf of the immigrant victims' families exemplifies such compassion. We have much to learn from her on this day, and I am proud to honor her achievements.

COWBOY ARTILLERY

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I rise today to express our Nation's deepest thanks and gratitude to the men of the 300th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, Wyoming Army National Guard. On Friday, September 9, 2006, the 300th AFA Battalion will gather for a reunion 56 years after the Battle at Soyang during the Korean war.

In 1951, the members of the battalion put down their plowshares and picked up their rifles and arrived in Korea to push back three corps of the Chinese People's Volunteers that launched a major offensive against the 2d Infantry Division, to which the 300th was attached. In his memoir, a Wyoming National Guardsman, William W. Day IV, described his early days in combat:

The guns are hot and ammo can't be uncrated fast enough. The motor pool is using every truck to haul ammo. The cooks, clerks and everyone available are preparing ammo while the gun crews stay at their posts and continue to pour a withering fire on the enemy.

The 300th provided devastating artillery fire support that pounded enemy positions for 7 days inflicting thousands of enemy casualties. During the morning of May 18, 1951, the battalion was given the mission of destroying an enemy roadblock allowing retreating U.N. forces to fall back to more secure positions. The heroic and determined stand of the 2d Division and its attached units allowed the Eighth Army to regroup and outflank the enemy.

Among many others, the battalion has been awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for its valiant efforts in the struggle for the freedom we all enjoy. Today, the Wyoming Army National Guard carries on the courageous traditions of the Cowboy Artillery.

Mr. President, the 300th AFA Battalion epitomized the ethos of the Citizen Soldier. It is because of folks like the members of the 300th that we continue to live safe and free. America's men and women who answer the call of service and wear our Nation's uniform deserve respect and recognition for the enormous burden that they are willingly bare. They put everything on the line every day, and as a result, our Nation remains free and strong.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COMMENDING HAWAII'S WORLD CHAMPIONS

• Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate the Hilo All-Stars, the 2006 Cal Ripken Baseball World Champions. This is the second consecutive year that a team from Hawaii captured

the 12-and-under title. Last year, a Honolulu squad defeated Mexico, by a score of 1 to nothing, to win the championship game.

On Sunday, August 20, Hilo won the Ripken World Series in Aberdeen, MD against international champions Mexico, by the score of 5 to 2. Ridge Hoopii-Haslam hit a two-run homer, and Kawika Pruett added a two-run single to rally Hilo against Mexico's powerful pitching staff that allowed only three runs in the tournament. Mexico threatened in the third inning, but Kean Wong came in to pitch out of a bases loaded jam, holding Mexico to just one run.

The Hilo All-Star team members are Anson Arruda, Ridge Hoopii-Haslam, Dean Hosaka, Jordan Jinbo, Chayce Kaaua, Kian Kurokawa, Rylan Malakaua, Ekolu Martins, Cody Ray Okabayashi, Kawika Pruett, Kean Wong, and Kiani Wong. Kaha Wong manages the All-Stars and Wardell "Baba" Lancaster and Jason Jinbo are team coaches.

I am proud of Hilo's impressive wins and the humility and sportsmanship they displayed as they won with aloha. Hilo represented the State of Hawaii and the United States very well. Many family members and friends made sacrifices to support the team. I applaud these efforts and wish all the players and their families the best in future endeavors.

I look forward to hearing more about the success of our players as they continue to pursue their education and baseball ambitions in the future, and I extend the same congratulations and best wishes to all players and coaches who participated in this year's Cal Ripken Baseball World Series.●

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE-PICHER TECHNOLOGIES

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I rise to celebrate Eagle-Picher Technologies, LLC, on the company's "One Billionth Hour" in space as represented by the superior batteries the firm designs and builds and that power U.S. satellites.

Recognizing the need for custom designed and built batteries, the technologies division at Eagle-Picher works on a variety of batteries for aerospace and military use, which the company calls special use batteries. The company's technology division, based in Joplin, MO., continues a tradition that stretches back to the 1960s when Eagle-Picher provided power systems for the first United States satellites and the manned Mercury program.

Today, EaglePicher nickel-hydrogen cells are powering spacecraft orbiting Earth and beyond. I commend Eagle Picher, its leadership and its dedicated employees in Missouri on their commitment to maintaining the highest standards while breaking new ground for power systems and advanced electrical power system applications. I am

pleased to join with the Joplin community and the State of Missouri in congratulating the company and wishing the firm's valued employees with continued growth and success.●

COMMENDING KAUAI'S FILIPINO CENTENNIAL AWARDEES

• Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest aloha and congratulations to the individuals being recognized and honored by the Kauai Filipino Centennial Celebration Committee as Kauai Filipino Centennial Awardees in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first migrant workers from the Philippines to Hawaii. I was pleased that the Senate last year accepted by unanimous consent my resolution, S. Res. 333, recognizing the centennial of sustained immigration from the Philippines to the United States and acknowledging the contributions of the Filipino-American community to our country over the last century—including members of the Kauai community.

It is an honor earned and richly deserved and a privilege for me to share in the spirit of this very personal and historical celebration with family and many friends in recognizing commitment and service to the Filipino community. This prestigious award tells of the important place these men and women hold in our community. It recognizes their extraordinary contributions and service to Hawaii. These individuals include leaders in all walks of life: journalists, educators, artists and entertainers, athletes, doctors, attorneys, clergy, public servants, and businessmen.

The honorees are: Leonora Albayalde, Jose Alvarez, Connie Aquino, Rosalina Arzadon, Greg Bakiano, Elena Barbosa, Guadalupe L. Bulatao, Jose E. Bulatao, Jose E. Bulatao, Jr., Juanito Buza, Hilda Cannon, Clemente Ceballos, Marie Ceballos, Les Ceballos, Catalino C. Cortezan, Josefina A. Cortezan, Consuelo O. Cuaresma, Consuelo Dela Cruz, Gerald Dela Cruz, Dr. Arnulfo Dias, Emil Diaz, Steven M. Domingo, Josephine C. Duvauchelle, Marcelino Francisco, R. Barbara Bulatao Franklin, Vil Galiza, Eugene Jiminez, Martha Sialana Kruse, Esperanza Labez, Ricardo Laabez, Inocencio Lapenia, Alfredo Lardizabal, Ben Largusa, Alfredo Laureta, Jesus "Gene" Layosa, Rhoda Libre, Domingo Los Banos, Jr., Eduardo Malapit, Vicky Masuoka, George Menor, Mable Jean Odo, Emilio "Spud" Olivas, Paul Parongao, Dr. Ramon Dela Pena, Cesar Portugal, Rick Rasay, Sister Florence Remata, Dr. William Renti-Cruz, Robert Riola, Frances Sagadraca, Eddie Sarita, Rudy Sina, Catalino Suero, Jimmy Tejada, Amadeo Timbol, Dr. Mariano Torres, Liza Trinidad, Maria B. Valenciano, Placido Valenciano, Randal Valenciano, Adelino Valentin, Floro

Villabrille, Alfredo Villanueva, Millie Wellington, and Rodney Yadao.

These individuals stand out among their peers having truly made a positive difference. I extend my congratulations and best wishes to our honorees and their families.

TRIBUTE TO SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize San Bernardino Valley College. This academic year, the campus celebrates its 80th anniversary.

San Bernardino Valley College was founded in 1926, when 140 students met at San Bernardino or Colton High Schools for classes. Later that year, construction began in the city of San Bernardino on a campus that would come to educate 700,000 students and play a central role in the growth of Inland southern California.

San Bernardino Valley College has educated generations of the region's future leaders and workforce. Over the years, San Bernardino Valley College has anticipated and planned for the changes that took place in California and our Nation. During World War II, the campus played an instrumental role in assisting with the war effort. In the years following the war, a number of celebrities visited the campus, and in 1947 the campus hosted the Bob Hope show that featured Desi Arnaz, his orchestra, and others. In 1950, the campus played a central role in the race for U.S. Senate, hosting senatorial candidates Richard Nixon and Helen Gahagan Douglas.

San Bernardino Valley College also has worked to meet the ever-changing needs of a diverse population. The civil rights era brought forth increased cultural awareness, and the campus responded by hosting diversity programs. Today the campus has an enrollment of over 12,000 students, three quarters of which are non-White students. The campus is recognized as a Hispanic Serving Institution by the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, HACU, and continues to receive title V funding for its pursuit of ethnic diversity.

In the past 80 years, technology has also impacted education. Faculty and staff have worked to help San Bernardino Valley College grow and adapt to this ever-growing need. College classes and degree programs are now offered not only on campus but at alternative community sites and on television and the Internet. The campus has also responded to today's need for quality science education and important student services.

San Bernardino Valley College has produced influential leaders in California and abroad, with prestigious alumni emerging each year. Dr. Charles Young attended Valley College before and after serving in the Korean war and went on to become the youngest chancellor of a University of California campus at age 36, taking charge

of UCLA from 1968 until 1997, completing the longest tenure of any University of California chancellor. Judith Valles, former mayor of the city of San Bernardino, attended Valley College and served as both faculty and staff on campus. Graduating in 1966, Dr. Yolanda Moses went on to serve as the president of the City College of New York and was named the 74th president of the American Anthropological Association. And graduating as a business administration major in 1959, Jack Brown went on to become the president and CEO of Stater Bros. Markets, one of the Nation's largest supermarket chains.

Today San Bernardino Valley College can look back on a proud history of growth and change in the San Bernardino Valley and California. I applaud the service and dedication of the faculty, staff, and students of San Bernardino Valley College as they celebrate 80 years of improving lives and education to the people of the Inland Empire and southern California.

IN MEMORIAM: MARY BOURDETTE

• Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, on Tuesday, September 5, our Nation lost a great American and our Nation's children lost a great friend and advocate in Mary Bourdette.

Mary Bourdette was a woman who dedicated her working life to improving the lives of children and families. As a public interest advocate and public servant, she played critical roles in the enactment of the Act for Better Child Care, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Adoption and Safe Families Act, the expansions of the earned-income tax credit, and the child care and development block grant. She worked to improve the Head Start Program by increasing funds dedicated to strengthening its quality and maintaining its comprehensive approach to helping our poorest children and families. Most recently, I had the pleasure of partnering with Mary in her capacity as director of government relations for Parents Action for Children to highlight the dangers to children of exposure to violent and explicit video games.

Those of us fortunate enough to have worked closely with Mary Bourdette and to have enjoyed her friendship will dearly miss her keen understanding of policy, her gentle manner and humor. Mary seemed to wake up every day believing that it held an opportunity to make the world better for children.

For her passion, commitment, and service, our country owes Mary Bourdette a great debt of gratitude. We have lost a caring, creative, and effective ally in our work to protect children and empower their families.

ROLLA NOLTING McCLANAHAN

• Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to a wonderful Ohioan who has recently been ill. Rolla Nolting

McClanahan never asked for anything special, but she deserves to be recognized today for the years she has spent generously serving others. Throughout her life, Rolla has been a productive, giving member of her community who quietly contributed a great deal both to her hometown of Cincinnati, and to her home county, Hamilton County. Rolla is the kind of American who makes up the backbone of our country.

Rolla is the beloved wife of Donald E. McClanahan, mother of Michele L. McClanahan, and sister of John A. Nolting.

As a student, Rolla was very bright. She graduated with honors from both Withrow High School and the University of Cincinnati, where she was active in Mortar Board, Delta Delta Delta, the Cincinnati Society, and the Union Committee.

After graduation, Rolla became involved in her community as a member of Kindervelt, a volunteer organization that serves as the largest auxiliary of Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She was also Chairman of the Board of Directors of Deaconesses of the Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Tri Deltas House Board Corporation.

Since 1973, Rolla has been a Salvation Army volunteer for the Salvation Army Federation of Women's Auxiliaries, where she served in several official positions, including President of the Board and President of the Toy Shop Auxiliary. In 1987, she was a featured speaker at the Salvation Army's National Advisory Organization Conference in Dallas. In May of 1993, she was presented with the William Booth Award, bestowed by the Salvation Army for commitment and dedication.

Mr. President, Rolla Nolting McClanahan is a wonderful person who has spent a great deal of her life working to improve the lives of those less fortunate. Today, I want to thank Rolla for her selflessness and commitment to others, and wish her well.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN PARRY

• Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, today I congratulate my friend John Parry on his retirement after 16 years as director of athletics at Butler University.

Since joining Butler in 1990, John has overseen a remarkable period of growth and success, adding three varsity athletic teams and winning the Horizon League James J. McCafferty Trophy for all-sports excellence for the first time and on five subsequent occasions. During this time, Butler also witnessed extraordinary success in the classroom, leading the Horizon League in the number of student-athletes named to the academic honor roll 9 out of the last 10 years. In 2003 he was recognized as National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics I-AA/I-AAA Athletic Director of the Year for the Central Region.

John's leadership has extended beyond Butler University. He is a past