

the center of the judicial system on Maui for more than 80 years. Today, it is home to Maui County's Department of the Prosecuting Attorney.

The Hawaiian Organic Act, passed by Congress in 1900, created a system of governance for the new Territory of Hawaii. County governments were established along with a territorial court system. The town of Wailuku was selected as the seat of Maui's county government, making it the logical place to construct a new courthouse and other public buildings.

The contract to build the Wailuku Courthouse, at the cost of \$23,312,400, was awarded to Angus P. McDonald in September 1907. Construction began the next month and was completed a year later. In 1909, the Honorable Judge Aluwae Noa Kekoikai became the first judge to preside over cases presented in the new Wailuku Courthouse.

As Hawaii and the county of Maui grew, so did the demand for legal services and the needs of the judiciary. In 1988, the State judicial system on Maui moved into a new building, and in 1991, plans were made to gut the courthouse. However, the county of Maui intervened and took control of the courthouse by way of a land swap with the State, saving the historic building and its interior. A \$1.8 million restoration followed, and in 1993, Maui's Department of the Prosecuting Attorney moved into the newly renovated courthouse.

The historic courthouse has served the people of Maui for 100 years. The fact that it remains as both a working government building and as an architectural treasure of Hawaii's past is the result of the efforts of the many people who are to be commended and honored as we celebrate the centennial of the Wailuku Courthouse.●

RECOGNIZING MAJOR GENERAL HARRY B. BURCHSTEAD, JR.

● Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, today I ask the Senate to join me in recognizing Major General Harry B. Burchstead, Jr. on the occasion of his retirement from the South Carolina Army National Guard. Since entering the United States Army as a commissioned officer through the ROTC program at Clemson University, General Burchstead has remained a dedicated serviceman for his entire career. Immediately after his graduation from Clemson, General Burchstead loyally answered his call of duty and deployed for combat service in the Vietnam War.

After leaving active duty in 1971, General Burchstead went on to pursue his law degree at the University of South Carolina. While in law school, General Burchstead continued his military service by joining the South Carolina Army National Guard in 1972. For the next thirty-five years, General Burchstead proudly served the State of South Carolina as a traditional citizen soldier through many levels of military service.

In 1997, General Burchstead was appointed to serve as the Deputy Adjutant General of South Carolina. In this capacity, he was critical in advising the Adjutant General's oversight of the South Carolina Army and Air National Guard. For six years, General Burchstead's strategic and diligent counsel was integral to the effective military operations of our state's full-time servicemen and women.

As a distinguished leader, General Burchstead was selected to command the 263rd Army Air and Missile Defense Command in 2003. In his role as Commander, General Burchstead led Joint Task Force Cobra in its execution of the Juniper-Cobra Missile Defense Exercise in Israel. Additionally, General Burchstead was successful in commanding the Joint Project Optical Windmill Air and Missile Defense Exercise in Europe, as well as the U.S.-Russian Federation Missile Defense Exercise at Fort Bliss, Texas.

A dedicated patriot, General Burchstead formally retired from the South Carolina Army National Guard on September 30th, 2007. Over his thirty-five years of service General Burchstead has amassed numerous awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Purple Heart, the U.S. Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal. His military career will be forever marked by his selfless devotion and sacrifice to both our country and the State of South Carolina. I wish General Burchstead the very best in his retirement and ask that the United States Senate join me in thanking him for his lifelong career of service.●

CONGRATULATING FLOTATION TECHNOLOGIES

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate Flotation Technologies, an extraordinary global leader in the design and production of deepwater buoyancy products from my home State of Maine. Flotation Technologies of Biddeford recently received the Manufacturing Excellence Award from the Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership, MEP, for "superior manufacturing practices" that have successfully propelled the firm into the international market.

Flotation Technologies creates and manufactures syntactic foam buoyancy and polyurethane elastomer products for the offshore, oceanographic, and seismic industries, as well as for the U.S. military. Founded in 1979, the enterprise has been manufacturing syntactic foam longer than any other company in business today. This year, to meet the company's rapid expansion, Flotation Technologies relocated to a 45,000-square-foot facility in the Biddeford Industrial Park. The new facility will allow Flotation Technologies to install state-of-the-art automated production equipment that will triple production capacity.

This pioneering company makes extraordinarily resilient products for extreme environments. Flotation Technologies' buoys are lowered miles below the ocean surface, where they face up to 10,000 pounds of pressure per square inch, equivalent to the weight of a truck. They are as dense as oak, yet still relatively lightweight, and the buoys can survive under the frigid polar ice in the Arctic and under the searing heat in West Africa. These high-quality products were even relied upon to help shoot the 1997 Oscar-winning blockbuster movie "Titanic."

Flotation Technologies began as a small family enterprise, primarily serving scientists engaged in oceanographic and earthquake research. In 2002, as energy prices rose sharply, interest in offshore exploration grew rapidly. Flotation Technologies' buoyancy products are crucial to support the miles of flexible piping needed to extract resources from the ocean floor. In the last few years, the company has become a major supplier of these products, and most recently, Flotation Technologies won a \$4.1 million contract to build buoyancy modules for Frontier Drilling, a Houston oil company.

Expansion into this business has been a rewarding endeavor, and Flotation Technologies is setting its sights on further growth. The firm currently employs 42 people in Maine, and they expect to add at least 10 more employees by the end of the year. Revenues are expected to hit \$10.5 million this year, and management is aiming for \$30 million in sales within 3 years. Flotation Technologies recently worked with the Maine MEP to develop a strategic business plan that dramatically improved the efficiency of its operations. The Maine MEP is part of a nationwide network of technical, manufacturing, and business specialists linked together through the U.S. Department of Commerce. By implementing the Maine MEP's streamlining techniques, the company was able to double sales for 2006.

Despite such impressive growth, Flotation Technologies has remained in the hands of a tightly-knit group of family members. Tim Cook, the current president, is the son of the company's founder, David Cook. As Tim notes, his family has "put it all on the line" for this venture for nearly 30 years. I congratulate Tim and his family on their success and wish them well in the years to come. Their dedicated entrepreneurial spirit is very much a part of what makes our Nation great, and I am proud to have them in my home State of Maine.●

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2295. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.