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100TH ANNIVERSARY OF KIEF,
NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased today to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. On June 21–22, the residents of Kief will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Kief is a small town located in the center of North Dakota with a population of 16. The land upon which Kief was founded was first homesteaded by a Ukrainian immigrant named Anton Bokovoy. In 1908, he sold half of his land to the Tri-State Land Company, which then sold the land to other settlers from Scandinavia, Russia, and Germany, effectively establishing the town of Kief. It was customary to give the first settler the opportunity to name the town. Anton Bokovoy chose to name the settlement after his birthplace of Kiev, Ukraine.

Kief grew throughout the years. In 1910, the town was able to construct a schoolhouse, which served the community's students until it was closed in 1959. Kief officially became a village in 1918. At that time, the town had about 300 inhabitants. The many businesses that opened in Kief made the town a pleasant place to live. Multiple grain elevators and businesses related to agriculture offered a livelihood to many of the town's residents. In their free time, residents of Kief could be found enjoying themselves at the outdoor theater, pool hall, and bowling alley.

Today, Kief supports three businesses. Krueger's Standard Grocery has been in operation since 1982. Recently, a long haul trucking company and a truck freight brokerage have been established.

Current and former residents of Kief will gather to celebrate the 100th anniversary. They will enjoy a parade, an ice cream social, and a street dance. Children and adults will play horse-shoes, tug o' war, and other games throughout the weekend. Horse and buggy rides will remind celebrants of the conveyances of yesteryear.

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

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125TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAKOTA,
NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I wish to recognize a community in North Da-

kota that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. During this year's July 4th celebration, the residents of Lakota will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

In 1882, Lakota, a Great Northern Railroad site, was founded. Lakota was named by Gov. Nehemiah G. Ordway for the Sioux word meaning "allies." Lakota's post office was established in 1883, and it was designated as the county seat in 1883. Lakota officially became a city in 1889.

Today, Lakota remains a small, proud farming community. Lakota residents enjoy many outdoor activities, from hunting to fishing in nearby Devils and Stump Lakes. Many residents take pride in the local golf course, Lakota Rock Creek Golf Course, saying that it is the "best course around." The community is home to the A. M. Tofthagen Library and Museum, which was recognized in 1991 as a North Dakota historical site by the National Register of Historic Places.

To celebrate the 125th anniversary, the residents of Lakota will gather for a wide range of events. An All School Reunion will be held during the same weekend of the anniversary celebration. Lakota will also celebrate with a variety show, banquet, craft show, parade, BBQ, a dance, car and motorcycle show, and lots of activities for the kids.

I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Lakota, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and wishing them well in the future. By honoring Lakota 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 Lakota that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

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125TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW
ROCKFORD, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize a community in Eddy County, ND, that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. From July 3–6, the residents of New Rockford will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

The Eddy County region was populated mainly by settlers of Scandinavian origin. The first pioneers followed the trail blazed by earlier Red River buffalo hunters. Later, they came by way of the Northern Pacific Railway.

In 1882, Captain Walter G. Dunn established his merchandise store and post office just to the south of present-day New Rockford. As the railroads stretched northward, townsites promoters appeared a year later. These advocates sited the settlement along the James River and initially called it Garrison. Since Garrison was the name of another post office, the settlers decided

upon the name New Rockford, derived from the area's river crossing.

Today, New Rockford is a quiet, scenic place of 1,463 people. The township anchors a dynamic farm economy and contains a 117-acre industrial park. New Rockford is renowned for holding the Central North Dakota Steam Thresher's Reunion every third week-end of September, where a unique collection of antique operational steam engines is displayed. In addition, the community's rugged pioneering tradition persists and has been passed on to hometown son James Buchli, an astronaut and American hero.

New Rockford boasts a vibrant natural heritage and offers some of North Dakota's finest wildlife habitats. Blessed to be near the Sheyenne and James Rivers, the town is a prime locale for fishing. New Rockford is also a hub for hunters because of the waterfowl, whitetail deer, and upland game that populate the area.

To celebrate their 125th anniversary, the people of New Rockford have planned a number of events, including pitchfork fondues, dances, children's games, and a fireworks display.

Mr. President, I ask the United States Senate to join me in congratulating New Rockford, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring New Rockford 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 North Rockford that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

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100TH ANNIVERSARY OF REEDER,
NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased today to honor a community in North Dakota that is celebrating its 100th anniversary. On June 20–22, the residents of Reeder will gather to celebrate their community's founding and history.

Reeder is located in the scenic southwestern part of North Dakota with a population of about 181. The town was named after E.O. Reeder, an assistant chief engineer with the Milwaukee Road Railroad, which established a station in Reeder in 1908. By the end of 1908, it was a thriving prairie town with numerous businesses.

In celebration of the community's centennial, there are many activities planned for entertainment and to remember the town's history. Events will include a parade, variety show, bike races, dances, and plenty of food.

The centennial celebration will also serve as a high school reunion for the graduates of Reeder High School. The school closed in 2000, but the town has