

campus numerous times to meet with Jordan scholars, tour the campus agriculture facilities and to attend Ag One and athletic events. With the generosity of the family over the past fourteen years the most recent gift has exceeded all expectations. Earlier this year, the Jordan family sold their Dublin farm and gave \$29 million to CAST; the largest single cash gift in the entire California State University system.

This tremendous gift will be used for research and facilities for CAST. In great appreciation of this gift CSU Fresno will build upon the Jordan family legacy by renaming CAST to the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Jordan family for the remarkable impact that they have had on agriculture for CSU Fresno, the Central Valley and the State of California through their multiple gifts. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring the Jordan family.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FORT SMITH RIFLE TEAM

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Lion Rifles Team from the University of Arkansas Fort Smith for its well deserved rank as the fifth-best collegiate team in the country in the National Rifle Association's Intercollegiate International Air Rifle standings.

For the past two years the UA Fort Smith Air Rifle Team has proven itself by placing in the top five teams in the nation. A small school like UAFS can be proud to see its team ranked among major universities like Penn State, Clemson, Illinois State and Michigan State. This team provides a great opportunity for many college students to become well-rounded. These students serve as good examples for others, as they accomplish their academic goals while achieving success on the rifle range. These members should be proud of the reward they experience from their hard work.

Members of the team who deserve credit for this high ranking are Elizabeth Garris, Tom Nguyen, J.D. Peronia, Morgan Welch and John Wozniak. These sharp shooters are led by Roy Hill, who works hard to equip each individual to succeed. I congratulate each member of the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith Air Rifle Team on their success and wish them the best of luck in future competitions.

BERG'S TRUE VALUE'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, throughout the month of May, the city of Bridgeport has been celebrating the 75th anniversary of a family business which is more of an institution than a store.

I want to thank Jack and Dee Berg for their commitment and their dedication to their community. They should serve as an inspiration for us all.

This remarkable achievement has spanned two generations of Bergs and thirteen presidents. The family business—first a Gamble's Department Store before becoming Berg's True Value—served Bridgeport through two World Wars, good economic times and bad, and has strengthened western Nebraska for decades.

The store remains in its original location, but has grown from 1,000 to 10,500 square feet. As it grew, it changed with the times—stocking everything from clothing to furniture.

It is still the best place to get Husker gear.

I want to congratulate the Bergs as they continue to their anniversary celebration. May they find continued success in the years to come.

GAO STUDY OF CIVIL AIR PATROL IN HOMELAND SECURITY MISSIONS

SPEECH OF

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H.R. 1178, legislation that would direct the Comptroller General to conduct a study on the use of Civil Air Patrol personnel to support homeland security missions.

Since its inception in 1941, the Civil Air Patrol has been vital in emergency services and disaster relief operations across the United States. As the official civilian auxiliary to the United States Air Force, the Civil Air Patrol contains over 56,000 of America's finest volunteers and owns several thousand aircraft and vehicles to complete its missions.

Furthermore, the Civil Air Patrol has provided the nation's youth and general public with aerospace education and created numerous cadet programs for young people ages 12–18. These cadet programs help supply the necessary skills and resources for our nation's future leaders. Two such leaders, Barry and Christiana Loudermilk, reside in the 11th District of Georgia, which it has been an honor and privilege to represent for the last six years in this great body.

Despite a very busy and demanding career as both a State Legislator and a businessman, Barry Loudermilk is an active officer in the Rome Civil Air Patrol Squadron. He also serves as the Squadron Commander of the Georgia Civil Air Patrol Legislative Squadron and is a Government Affairs Officer for the Georgia Wing Civil Air Patrol. Additionally, Barry has been active in his community as a Volunteer Search and Rescue Ground Team Leader and a Volunteer Search and Rescue Pilot.

His daughter, Christiana, has distinguished herself as a leader throughout her career in the Civil Air Patrol. Christiana holds the rank of Cadet Captain and is a certified ground search and rescue specialist. She served as the Cadet Commander of the Rome Composite Squadron and attended the 2007 Cadet Officers School at Maxwell Air Force Base.

For her tireless efforts, Christiana has received the Georgia Air Wing Commander's "Coin of Excellence," and was awarded the Civil Air Patrol's "Community Service Award" for her volunteer works in a local hospital.

In 2008, Christiana served as the Alpha Flight Commander at the Georgia Wing encampment and her flight was named the encampment's "Honor Flight." In addition to serving as Alpha Flight Commander, she was selected to attend the "Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Course" at Columbus Air Force Base in Columbus, Mississippi. I want to publicly thank Christiana for her service and thank the Civil Air Patrol for providing this type of quality leadership training to our young people.

Madam Speaker, it is my firm belief that the Civil Air Patrol will provide an extraordinary addition to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) if the Comptroller General finds it worthwhile for such an endeavor. The Civil Air Patrol has displayed volunteer leadership for over 60 years in working with the United States Air Force, and it is a leader for developing our nation's youth. I applaud both Barry and Christiana Loudermilk for their accomplishments in this organization, and I support expanding the mission of the Civil Air Patrol so that they can assist DHS in defending the United States. We must use every resource necessary to keep America safe, and I am positive that the Civil Air Patrol will add to and continue the remarkable job our military has provided in defending our nation at home and abroad.

21ST CENTURY GREEN HIGH-PERFORMING PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANN KIRKPATRICK

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2187) to direct the Secretary of Education to make grants to State educational agencies for the modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities, and for other purposes:

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona. Mr. Chair, I want to thank Chairman Miller for adopting my amendment in his Manager's amendment to the 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act. My proposal will double the funding available to improve tribal and outlying school infrastructure.

With this bill, we recognize that our children need a modern, well-maintained learning environment to get the education it takes to compete in the global economy. We have allowed far too many of the schools that serve our Native American communities to fall short of that standard, and this is a great opportunity to get them on the right track.

My mother was a schoolteacher on tribal lands in eastern Arizona and my district is home to 11 tribes, so I have seen firsthand the challenges Indian Country's schools face. Less than half of Native American students graduate high school, and less than 14 percent get the college degree that is becoming more and more important to getting jobs in the

21st century. One in four Native Americans live in poverty, and our failure to provide educational resources they need is a major reason why.

We have been doing less and less for tribal education in recent years, letting funding for repairs and modernization decrease dramatically. As a result, there is a huge backlog of tribal schools and facilities that require major repairs or complete replacement. As long as we continue to allow funding levels for tribal school construction to fall, that number will keep growing.

It's time for us to do more, and this amendment is a great step in the right direction. By doubling the funding available for improving tribal school facilities, we will be putting our resources where they are needed most and can do the most good. This funding will go a long way towards addressing basic needs in my district and at schools across the Nation, helping ensure that kids living on tribal lands have the same opportunities as every other child in the country. I urge my colleagues to support it.

CELEBRATION OF JONESBORO
GEORGIA'S 150TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the historic city of Jonesboro, Georgia on the occasion of its 150th anniversary.

Officially founded as a town in 1859, Jonesboro existed as a small rural community until the rise of industrialization during the mid-19th century. Named after Colonel Samuel Goode Jones, an engineer who organized the construction of the first paved roads in town, Jonesboro continued to prosper until the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861.

The legendary Battle of Jonesboro will always be remembered by our nation as one of the more significant milestones of the American Civil War. Because of the defeat of Confederate troops at the Battle of Jonesboro, General Sherman's army was successful in occupying the city of Atlanta, an event which directly contributed to the surrendering of the Confederate army in 1865. Following the end of the Civil War, Jonesboro began an arduous and trying period of reconstruction, along with the rest of the American South.

The town of Jonesboro persevered through these numerous challenges and is known today for its extraordinary commitment to re-growth. Furthermore, the publication of Margaret Mitchell's internationally renowned novel, *Gone with the Wind*, has forever sealed this beautiful town and its remarkable past into our nation's cultural cannon.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent such a remarkable city, a city which has played such an integral role in the history of the United States. I congratulate Jonesboro on this date, the 150th anniversary of its town's formation, and grant my sincerest wishes for its prosperity and success in the years to come.

COMMEMORATING THE 57TH ANNUAL NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST, FEBRUARY 5TH, 2009

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I had the privilege of co-chairing the 57th Annual National Prayer Breakfast with my colleague, Congressman VERN EHLERS of Michigan, on February 5, 2009. This annual gathering is held here in our Nation's Capital and is hosted by Members of the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives weekly prayer breakfast groups. Every president since Dwight Eisenhower has spoken at the National Prayer Breakfast. This year, we were honored to have the participation of our President and the First Lady. President Obama continued the longstanding tradition of addressing the Breakfast. We were encouraged and inspired by his words as well as the remarks shared by the Right Honorable Tony Blair.

This year we hosted a gathering of over 4,000 individuals from all 50 States and from 182 countries around the world. So that all may benefit from the prayerful message relayed at the National Prayer Breakfast, I would like to request that a copy of the transcript of the 2009 proceedings be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD at this time.

57TH NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST—THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2009, HILTON WASHINGTON HOTEL, WASHINGTON, DC

CO-CHAIRS: U.S. REPRESENTATIVE VERN EHLERS AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVE HEATH SHULER

Congressman VERNON EHLERS: Good morning. Welcome to the National Prayer Breakfast.

Congressman HEATH SHULER: I am honored to introduce a great leader from North Carolina. Michell Hicks is the Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokees. He was elected to the position in 2003 and re-elected in 2007. He and his wife Marsha have five children. Chief Hicks is joined by Amanda Wolfe, who has won the honor of being Miss Cherokee. They will now offer our pre-breakfast prayer, the Lord's Prayer in English and Cherokee. Chief Hicks.

Chief MICHELL HICKS: It is an honor to be here this morning. I want to thank the Congressmen for the invitation and, most importantly, to thank the Lord for blessing each one of us today.

Miss CHEROKEE: "Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen."

Chief HICKS: (translates the Lord's Prayer in Cherokee)

Congressman SHULER: I would like to introduce our special guests that we have here this morning. Most of the folks at the head table will be introduced in their place in the program, but we would like to introduce the others as well—Mrs. Anita Skelton, daughter-in-law of the Congressman; Joanna Ehlers, the spouse of my co-chair; my wife, Nicole; and the First Lady of the United States, Michelle Obama.

Congressman EHLERS: I have the pleasure of introducing several heads of state and heads of government who have traveled to Washington to participate in this important

event. I would ask you to join me in welcoming:

President Rene Garcia Preval of Haiti
President Gloria Arroyo of the Philippines
Prime Minister Sali Berisha of Albania
Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski of Macedonia
Prime Minister Navinchandra Ramgoolam of Mauritius

We cannot recognize all of the foreign dignitaries without recognizing our own Vice President Biden.

It is a pleasure to have all of you here. In addition to those I have introduced, we also have former heads of government, vice presidents, and first ladies from the nations of Bulgaria, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Dominican Republic, the Fiji Islands, Indonesia, Kenya, Mozambique, Pakistan, Senegal, and Tanzania. You all are most welcome. We are honored by your presence. Thank you all for being here.

Let me just say a bit about our weekly prayer breakfast—just so you know where we are coming from. Every Thursday morning from eight to nine o'clock, a group of us get together for prayer and singing. As we are singing hymns, echoing through the corridors of the Capitol, and then engaging in prayer, it always strikes me: "This is wonderful, right here in the capital of the United States, we are having this wonderful ceremony together, this event where we are recognizing God's place in our lives." Every week when we kick it off, the first words are "welcome to the best hour of the week." That is the way we feel about it. We are glad to welcome you to the best hour of the year, right here in this room.

Congressman SHULER: On Thursday mornings, it is very special that we have members of Congress, both Democrats and Republicans, who check their political parties at the door when they attend our breakfast. We are there to be united, to fellowship, to worship, to sing and to praise together. Many times we laugh together, we hear funny stories, and we cry together about the times that we miss our families and when we struggle. It is our members of Congress reaching out to one another and in prayer. We cherish those moments together. Each week we actually sing a hymn. The singing is not very good, I might add. It is very special that we have every state as well as 182 nations represented here today. We get to hear some wonderful singing and wonderful worship on this great day. I would like to introduce to you professional musicians to take the members of Congress's place. I think God really appreciates that. Our musical guests this morning are Casting Crowns, led by Mark Hall.

CASTING CROWNS: [sing] "Oh, what I would do to have the kind of faith it takes to climb out of this boat; I'm in onto the crashing waves. Just step out of my comfort zone to the realm of being known where Jesus is and is holding out his hand, but the waves are calling out my name and they laugh at me, reminding me of all the times I've tried before and failed. The waves, they keep on telling me time and time again boy you'll never win, you'll never win but the voice of truth, it tells me a different story. The voice of truth says do not be afraid, and the voice of truth said this is for my glory out of all the voices calling out to me I would choose to listen and believe the voice of truth."

And oh what I would do to have the kind of strength it takes to stand before a giant with just a sling and a stone. Surrounded by the sound of a thousand warriors shaking in their armor, wishing they'd had the strength to stand, but the giant's calling out my name and he laughs at me, reminding me of all the times I've tried before and failed, the giant keeps on telling me time and time