

over the past 3 years within VA intensive care units and by 45 percent in other areas of the hospital. The success of VA's work on MRSA prevention is proof that with dedication and strong leadership, VA can make significant improvements in their ability to control infections and deliver high quality health care. It is my hope that these results will be replicated across the healthcare system nationwide and that success achieved by VA in improving the safe delivery of care through the reduction in MRSA infections will be mirrored in their efforts in other areas, like the sterilization and reprocessing of reusable medical equipment.

As the chairman of Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the daughter of a disabled World War II veteran, I know firsthand the need for quality health care for our veterans. No one who has made sacrifices to serve our Nation should ever struggle to find quality, timely health care, which is why I am so pleased today to highlight this successful initiative and commend VA on their efforts to eradicate MRSA from their health care facilities and continue to provide care for our Nation's heroes.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO FATHER WILLIAM HULTBERG

• Mr. CASEY. Madam President, today I wish to honor Father William Hultberg, a very special priest from my home State of Pennsylvania. Known to many simply as "Father Bill," he is a member of the Oblates of St. Francis DeSales and has provided both his country and his Pennsylvania community with a lifetime of service as a spiritual and religious counselor. Saturday, July 16, 2011, will mark his 80th birthday.

To those who know him, Father Bill is a man whose commitment to spirituality, concern for his fellow man, and sense of service is virtually unparalleled. After earning his bachelor's degree in education and Spanish from LaSalle University and his master's degree in education and guidance from Niagara University, Father Bill began his lifelong commitment to country and community with his chaplain service in both the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy. He retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1991 after 35 years of exemplary service. During his time as a Navy Chaplain with the Marines, he received the Bronze Star Medal with a "Combat V" for valor. As an Active-Duty chaplain with the U.S. Army, he was awarded four Meritorious Service Medals for his efforts in developing and implementing alcohol and drug prevention programs for servicemembers.

Father Bill's commitment to providing spiritual and religious counseling to those suffering from alcohol and drug addictions continues to this day. As a certified pastoral and drug

addiction counselor at Caron Treatment Center in Wernersville, PA, Father Bill has offered spiritual guidance and an understanding of the 12-step spirituality of recovery to addicts and their families. His efforts over his 24 years of service to Caron have been central in providing those who suffer from addiction with the necessary tools to achieve sobriety and have truly left their mark on the Caron community. To this point, his unique Sunday services have become an honored, albeit mandatory, tradition at Caron. Described by some as an "evangelical rally," Father Bill integrates 12-step traditions, elements of Christian worship, and other material at these services to provide opportunities for those in recovery and their families to share their pain and hope with one another as they struggle with addiction.

Throughout his career, Father Bill has also been a beacon of hope to those suffering from HIV/AIDS. His development and implementation of a spiritual program for those afflicted with the disease and his contribution to Caron's HIV retreat weekends have provided comfort and guidance to many. Not only have these efforts had an immeasurable impact in Pennsylvania, but they have also garnered Father Bill national recognition in the form of the Ryan White Youth Service Award, a national awards program recognizing leaders for reaching out to support youth in the prevention of HIV.

I would like to join the Caron Treatment Center's community in wishing Father Bill a very happy 80th birthday this weekend and to thank him for his lifetime of service to both the Commonwealth and the country. I, and many others, wish him many more years of health and happiness as he celebrates this milestone.●

##### 29TH METRO DETROIT YOUTH DAY

• Mr. LEVIN. Madam President, it is with pride that I recognize the 29th Annual Metro Detroit Youth Day, which will take place tomorrow on Belle Isle in Detroit. This engaging and family-oriented event is a herculean undertaking, bringing together more than 1,600 volunteers to welcome more than 37,000 young people within the Greater Detroit community. This day-long event, which is sponsored by a multitude of businesses and more than 320 community and youth organizations across Michigan, provides a wonderful platform to bring the community together to award scholarships and recognize outstanding community service for and by young people.

From sports clinics to motivational talks to entertainment, this event has grown to become the largest youth event in Michigan, with a mission of promoting community service and the need for physical education and fitness. This event also seeks to inspire young people to strive to better themselves

through education, good deeds and other positive means.

Through the years, Youth Day has been recognized by many on the State and national level. In 1991, Metro Youth Day was recognized by President George H.W. Bush as the 477th Point of Light, and in 1999, the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports named Metro Youth Day the top youth event in Michigan. These honors are the direct result of the hard work and dedication of the many individuals, organizations and businesses that team up to make sure this event is rewarding and memorable for the many youth across the Detroit metro area that participate.

Inspiring young people to better themselves and fostering stronger community bonds are noble pursuits that reap rewards far into the future. I salute all those who have played a role in making this year's Metro Detroit Youth Day a tremendous success. This event has become a tradition in southeast Michigan over the last 28 years, and I look forward to hearing about this exciting celebration for many years to come.●

##### PARKSTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I recognize Parkston, SD. This year the town of Parkston will commemorate the 125th anniversary of its founding.

Located in Hutchinson County, Parkston was originally known as Dakota City and was located southeast of what is now Parkston. When the railroad was built, it did not run through Dakota City as expected. So the residents of Dakota City moved their buildings with teams of horses to where Parkston is currently located. Today Parkston is a growing community with many local shops and excellent health care and education facilities. It is also home to the Parkston Classic, a high school basketball tradition.

Parkston has been a successful and thriving community for the past 125 years, and I am confident that it will continue to serve as an example of South Dakota values and traditions. I would like to extend my congratulations to the citizens of Parkston on this landmark date and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

##### VIBORG, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I recognize Viborg, SD. This year the town of Viborg will commemorate the 125th anniversary of its founding.

Located in Turner County, Viborg was originally known as Daneville. It was named Daneville because it was a booming settlement of Danish immigrants. When the railroad was built, it did not run through Daneville but, rather, was located a half mile from the village. Residents relocated to the current location of Viborg, which was