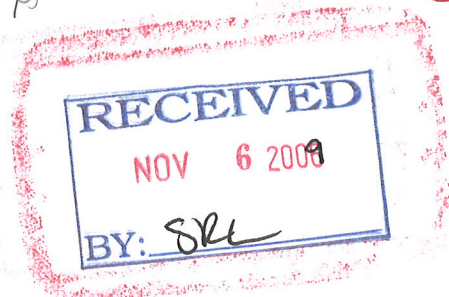


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Agriculture Hall of Fame

The Agriculture Hall of Fame was formed in 2000 to recognize and honor those individuals that have made significant contributions to the agricultural community in Franklin County. Nominees from neighboring counties outlying Franklin County will also be considered. A selection committee made of representatives from the agricultural community will review all nomination packages.

To date, over 25 individuals have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. Candidates will be judged on their contribution to improving agricultural practices and must stand out among their peers because of their community involvement and unselfish community service activities. All selected individuals and their families will be recognized at the Pasco Ag Show. The Ag Hall of Fame inductions will be presented at a special gala and program following the 2010 Ag Show.

Farmers, growers, ranchers, and owners/employees of agribusiness firms are all eligible for nomination.

Agriculture Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Nominee's Name SHANNON Mc DANIEL

Mailing Address _____

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Nominee's Phone 546 1481 Fax _____ E-Mail SHANNON.McDANIEL@VERSION1.NET

Date of Birth _____ Birthplace _____

Date of Death (if deceased) _____

CO - Nominator's Name MAURY BALCOM (PRESIDENT OF THE SCBID BOARD)

Phone 948 9753 Fax _____ E-Mail MAURY@MAURYBALCOM.COM

Family Contact BARB Mc DANIEL

Phone 783-4206 Fax _____ E-Mail _____

CO - ~~NOMINATOR~~ - KARIN NEELY
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO SHANNON Mc DANIEL
KNEELY@SCBID.COM
509-547-1735

1. Shannon McDaniel is the Secretary/Manager of the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District, which provides water to 230,000 acres of irrigated land serving 4,000 landowners and farm operators in Southeastern Washington. He has spent the better part of his career serving the farmers of Franklin, Grant, and Walla Walla Counties. He deserves to be recognized because of his long-time dedication and support to ensure that irrigation is provided to the agricultural community of the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District and the Columbia Basin Project.
2. Mr. McDaniel displays the same support in managing his staff—emphasizing the top priority of providing water to landowners.

Because of Mr. McDaniel's extensive experience in his field, he has served as a mentor to less experienced managers at other irrigation districts. He is the "go-to" guy all over the Northwest because he usually has the answers.

Mr. McDaniel's philosophy has always been that he would rather explain why he made a particular decision than explain why landowners did not receive water.

3. Mr. McDaniel's contributions to the agriculture industry include the following:
 - During the 2001 irrigation season Mr. McDaniel worked extensively with the Bonneville Power Administration on the Volunteer Energy Load Reduction Program. This program was initiated due to a regional drought and a power emergency. The program enabled BPA to buy back energy from farmers to reduce power generation.
 - In May 2006 a large landslide occurred in Basin City. Over 3 million cubic yards of earth destroyed 1,500 feet of lateral that had to be abandoned. Temporary pumping was installed, and a new pumping plant was constructed to serve the 2,200 acres of land that were isolated from water service. Because of Mr. McDaniel's leadership and the dedication of District crews, water service was restored in a timely manner.
 - In August 2009 the irrigation industry was unexpectedly notified that the aquatic herbicide they have used for over 40 years would no longer be available after this irrigation season. There is only one company in the world that produces the product and it is vital to keeping conveyance systems weed free for successful water delivery. Without it the irrigation districts would have to spend millions of dollars in additional manpower and equipment for manual weed removal. These costs would be passed on to farmers as considerable increases in water assessments. Mr. McDaniel rallied irrigation districts all over the U.S. and Canada in a letter writing campaign to convince the manufacturer to continue making this herbicide available to the irrigation industry. As a result of Mr. McDaniel's efforts, the manufacturer received over 100 responses from 160 product users. After extensive correspondence and telephone calls, the manufacturer agreed to

meet with irrigation industry representatives in September. The manufacturer has agreed to produce the herbicide through the end of the 2010 irrigation season. Negotiations are ongoing to keep the product available beyond that time.

- Mr. McDaniel has successfully applied for and received grant monies from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the Washington State Department of Ecology, and the Bonneville Power Administration to fund water conservation projects such as lining and piping canals. These conservation measures enable the District and farmers to be good stewards of the planet's natural resources.
 - Every year Mr. McDaniel meets with legislators in Washington, D.C., to discuss issues that are imperative to water users. He has testified before congressional committees on numerous occasions. He testified before the Subcommittee on Water and Power on the Rural Water Supply Act in support of a bill to authorize a federal loan guarantee program for financing the cost of maintenance and rehabilitation of the infrastructure of the Columbia Basin Project.
 - After 9/11 security measures were implemented at Grand Coulee Dam. Mr. McDaniel testified before the Subcommittee on Water and Power that the dam is a federal asset and should be protected with federal dollars, and the costs should not be borne by Columbia Basin Project water users.
4. Mr. McDaniel is a member of the Washington State Water Resources Association, the National Water Resources Association, and the Columbia Basin Development League. He is involved in the Grand Coulee Project Hydroelectric Authority and all facets of the Columbia Basin Project.
 5. Mr. McDaniel has trained and mentored several engineers and assistant managers who have gone on to serve as managers of other irrigation districts.

He has been involved in the Washington Agriculture and Forestry Education Foundation and Leadership Tri-Cities. He is asked to make a presentation at the Farm Forum and Ag Show every year. He regularly serves as a guide at the Othello Sandhill Crane Festival.

6. Mr. McDaniel has received many awards, including:
 - National Water Resources Association President's Award
 - Bonneville Power Administration's Administrator's Excellence Award for Exceptional Public Service
 - Washington State Water Resources Association Water Resources Leadership Award
 - Northwest Irrigation Operators Distinguished Service Award

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Mid Columbia Agriculture Hall of Fame

The Mid Columbia Agriculture Hall of Fame was formed in Year 2000 to recognize and honor distinguished individuals that have made significant contributions to the agricultural community in the Greater Franklin County region and its immediate surrounding areas; although nominees from neighboring counties of Franklin County within a 150-mile radius are often also considered for this prestigious award.

The Pasco Chamber Board has proudly created a Selection Committee comprised of quality individuals representative of our agriculture industry and has chartered them with the honorable task of reviewing all nomination submittals. To date, over 30 individuals have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. Induction candidates are selected based on their outstanding performance in the agriculture industry and their bountiful support of the local and rural communities. Candidates are recognized by their peers for not only their dedication, generosity, and selflessness, but also their demonstrated achievements, noteworthy expertise, and creative innovations that often provide a legacy of impactful results and lasting benefit to the overall enhancement of the local agricultural industry and community at large. Farmers, growers, ranchers, and owners/employees of agribusiness firms are all eligible for nomination as either individuals and/or families.

The Ag Hall of Fame inductions will be presented at a special gala January 27, 2011 at the Pasco Red Lion. **Deadline for Application is November 19th 2010.**

Mid Columbia Agriculture Hall of Fame Intent to Nominate

Nominee's Name Mr. Shannon L. McDaniel

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Nominee's Phone 783-4206 Fax _____ E-Mail shannon.mcdaniel@frontier.com

Date of Birth October 26, 1952 Birthplace Eugene, Oregon

Date of Death (if deceased) _____

Nominator's Name Karin G. Neely

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Family Contact Barbie Hill

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SHANNON L. MCDANIEL



Nominated by Karin Neely, Executive Assistant

Submitted November 16, 2010

YEAR OF COMMUNITY AND AGRICULTURE SERVICE

South Columbia Basin Irrigation District

25 years

Served as Secretary/Manager 1990-2010 (retired October 26, 2010)

District Engineer and Assistant Manager 1980-1985

Additional details below

Washington State Water Resources Association (WSWRA)

Past president (1989-1991)

Member of board of directors since 1987

National Water Resources Association (NWRA)

Alternate to Policy Development Committee (1988-2007)

Delegate to Policy Development Committee (2007-retirement)

Washington Agriculture and Forestry Education Foundation

Annual honorary speaker at Columbia River Issues class on topics of the Columbia Basin Project and agriculture in general

Leadership Tri-Cities

Annual speaker on topics of the Columbia Basin Project and agriculture in general

Farm Forum and Ag Show

Annual speaker

Othello Sandhill Crane Festival

Annual tour guide

Columbia Basin Development League

Grand Coulee Project Hydroelectric Authority

South Columbia Basin Irrigation District

From 1990 until October 26, 2010 (his retirement), Shannon McDaniel served as Secretary/Manager of the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District (SCBID), which provides water to 230,000 acres of irrigated land serving 4,000 landowners and farm operators in Southeastern Washington. He served as District Engineer and Assistant Manager from 1980 to 1985.

Shannon McDaniel spent the better part of his career serving the farmers of Franklin, Grant, and Walla Walla Counties. He deserves to be recognized because of his long-time dedication and support to ensure that irrigation was provided to the agricultural community of the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District and the Columbia Basin Project.

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During Shannon McDaniel's tenure as Secretary/Manager at SCBID his accomplishments included the following:

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- Every year Shannon McDaniel met with legislators in Washington, D.C., to discuss issues that were important to water users. He testified before congressional committees on numerous occasions. He testified before the Subcommittee on Water and Power on the Rural Water Supply Act in support of a bill to authorize a federal loan guarantee program for financing the cost of maintenance and rehabilitation of the infrastructure of the Columbia Basin Project.
- After 9/11 security measures were implemented at Grand Coulee Dam. Shannon McDaniel testified before the Subcommittee on Water and Power that the dam is a federal asset and should be protected with federal dollars, and the costs should not be borne by Columbia Basin Project water users.
- Some of the greatest successes during Shannon McDaniel's tenure as Secretary/Manager of SCBID were implementation of an integrated vegetation management program to combat the growth of aquatic weeds, the development of a water quality program, and the creation of a geographic information system.

BIOGRAPHY OF SHANNON MCDANIEL

Shannon McDaniel was born in Eugene, Oregon. He graduated from the Oregon Institute of Technology in 1980 with a BS in Civil Engineering Technology and an AS in Surveying Technology. He has spent his entire life in the Pacific Northwest except for his time in the U.S. Navy.

Shannon McDaniel enjoys auto restoration, carpentry, and reading.

During his tenure as Secretary/Manager for the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Shannon McDaniel enjoyed strong relationships with employees and the board of directors. He has been described by many, many employees as "the best boss I ever had." No matter how busy he was, he would make time for his employees. He was also fair.

If you needed a tool of any kind and he owned it, Shannon McDaniel would gladly loan it to you.

His career has always been about "serving."

Karin Neely, the nominator, worked with him for 11½ years. He is truly a person of integrity, generosity, and commitment.

AWARDS, ETC.

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- Northwest Irrigation Operators Distinguished Service Award

Shannon McDaniel has been honored in the Congressional Record by Representative Doc Hastings and Senator Patty Murray (attached)

Additional letters of recognition are attached.

hope when that day comes I go out feet first."

Born on June 22, 1907, in Hutchinson, Kan., Judge Brown, who had become a prominent local Democrat, first sought appointment by President Harry S. Truman to the federal bench while serving as a lieutenant in the Navy during World War II (at 37, he was the oldest man in his unit). He failed, but in 1962, after a stint as a bankruptcy judge, he was appointed to the district court by President John F. Kennedy. He earned a reputation as a pragmatic jurist whose middle-of-the-road rulings reflect a desire to apply rather than make the law.

Judge Brown is one of four Kennedy appointees still on the bench and the oldest federal judge in the country by six years, according to the Federal Judicial History Office. The only judge to serve at a later age was Joseph W. Woodrough, who was on the Eighth Circuit until 1977, when he died at 104.

For his part, Judge Brown is dismissive of talk of his place in the record books and tired of all the fuss over his birthdays. "I'm not interested in how old I am," he said. "I'm interested in how good a job I can do."

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSUMPTION SCHOOL IN ANSONIA

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Assumption School, a Catholic school for pre-kindergarteners, kindergarteners, and grades 1-8 in Ansonia, Connecticut.

For a century now, the Assumption School has helped to mold generations of young Catholic men and women according to the precepts of its motto: "Enter to Learn; Go Forth to Serve." It has taught Ansonia's students to nourish their minds and hearts, to reach out and work hard. It has helped them to integrate the Catholic faith into their daily lives; and, according to the best tenets of our faith, encouraged them to give back to their community and their neighbors.

Assumption itself is no exception to this wise calling. Over the years since its September 1910 founding, the School has taken on an increasingly broader role in the Ansonia community. Assumption now offers before and after school child care to working parents, through its ACCENT program, as well as a diverse portfolio of extracurricular activities, from athletics and youth choir to a Big Brother/Big Sister Program and a school newspaper. In all of these ways, Assumption helps students to grow and learn, while honoring their faith and their community.

I heartily congratulate Principal Kathleen Molner and the entire faculty and staff of the Assumption School on reaching this 100-year milestone. Here's to many more!

COMMENDING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MT. ANGEL TELEPHONE

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. SCHRADER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mt. Angel Telephone in Mt. Angel, Oregon, on the occasion of their 100th anniversary of being in business.

The City of Mt. Angel was founded in 1893 by German pioneers, due to its striking resemblance to rural Bavaria. In 1910, a local telephone company was organized and 45 customers were signed up in no time at all.

On the occasion of Mt. Angel Telephone's 100th anniversary celebration on August 20, 2010, the company sponsored its annual Customer Appreciation Day with community booths that attracted thousands of visitors to the community.

This event included a street fair, free community lunch, the Mt. Angel Police Department Bike Rodeo, free sight and hearing tests by Mt. Angel Lions Club, the "Phone Walk", an antique vehicles display, and activities for children.

Officers of the Mt. Angel Police Department offered free bike helmets to all children that participated in the rodeo. The Mt. Angel Lions Club and the Oregon Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit provided free health screenings to the public for visual acuity, hearing, blood pressure, diabetes, and glaucoma.

Finally, the Mt. Angel Apple Tree School Supply program took in donations for local students in need of school supplies. The drive helps parents with children in the local school district who find it difficult or impossible to afford school supplies.

Mt. Angel Telephone is more than just a company. It's a central part of the community and economy of the rural City of Mt. Angel, and it's always providing more than just telephone and Internet services. It's providing a model of how a local business survives to become a centurion and how to give back.

Madam Speaker, while 100 years have now passed since Mt. Angel Telephone was founded, I am honored to represent this company and the City of Mt. Angel. I congratulate Mt. Angel on their centennial celebration and hope the company enjoys another 100 years of growth and prosperity.

X HONORING MR. SHANNON McDANIEL

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Shannon McDaniel, a long time advocate for water users and agricultural producers in the State of Washington. Mr. McDaniel's much deserved retirement comes after 30 years of service to irrigated agriculture. In his current position as the Secretary/Manager of the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Mr. McDaniel manages an irrigation district that provides water to 230,000 acres of irrigated land and 4,000

landowners and farm operators in the southeastern part of Washington State.

Mr. McDaniel is an expert and a true leader in the water resources field. He has testified before Congress many times over the course of his career, helping inform both the House and Senate on legislation and other matters important to water users and agricultural producers. His expertise has also been vital to the management and delivery of water to farmers in the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District. Throughout his career, he has developed strong working partnerships at the local, state and federal levels, particularly in his involvement with the Bureau of Reclamation's Columbia Basin Project.

Mr. McDaniel serves as a mentor and advisor to many irrigation district managers in the Pacific Northwest. He has selflessly given his time to, and been actively involved with many professional and civic organizations including: the Family Farm Alliance, the National Water Resources Association, the Washington State Water Resources Association, Northwest Irrigation Operators, Leadership Tri-Cities and the Washington Agriculture and Forestry Education Foundation. As a result, his peers have bestowed many awards on him throughout his career, including the National Water Resources Association President's Award, the Bonneville Power Administration's Administrator's Excellence Award for Exceptional Public Service, the Washington State Water Resources Association Water Resources Leadership Award and the Northwest Irrigation Operators Distinguished Service Award.

Mr. McDaniel's many contributions to Western irrigated agriculture are immeasurable. Although he is retiring from public service, his leadership, dedication and expertise will be valued and appreciated for generations.

HONORING JED STEELE OF LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today as co-founder of the Congressional Wine Caucus to pay tribute to Jed Steele for 42 years of excellence in the wine industry.

Mr. Steele began his journey as a cellar worker at Stony Hill in Napa Valley in 1968. From there, he received his Masters in Enology from UC Davis and went to work at Edmeades Vineyards in Mendocino County. He moved on to Kendall-Jackson in Lake County in 1982. By the time Jed left Kendall-Jackson in 1991, they increased production from 35,000 cases to one million cases and had become one of the premier wineries in California. In 1991, Jed founded Steele Wines in Lake County and to this day makes some of the most highly-regarded wines in the world.

Mr. Steele is a true giant in the wine business. He made 74 wines that scored 90 points or higher in the Wine Spectator. Six of his wines made the "Top 100 Wines of the Year" list in the same publication. In 1989, Wine and Spirits Magazine named Jed Winemaker of the Year. In 1990, he received the Robert Mondavi trophy as the Best California Winemaker from the International Wine Society in London.

This year's Hall of Fame class represents the best of our State, and I am proud to see them receive this significant achievement. Not only do they exemplify excellence in their chosen field, they also represent the highest standards of ethics and community service. I thank them for their contributions, along with the contributions of all business leaders in our great State.●

TRIBUTE TO BILLY AND DIANN SIMMONS

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I honor Billy and Diann Simmons from my home State of Arkansas for their exemplary efforts to support foster children in our State. I am proud to recognize them as my choice for this year's "Angel in Adoption" for Arkansas. They join adoption advocates from across the Nation who have received this prestigious recognition.

The Angels in Adoption program, sponsored by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, provides Members of Congress the opportunity to honor those who have made an extraordinary contribution on behalf of children in need of homes.

The Simmons are certainly worthy of this recognition. Diann Simmons became a therapeutic foster parent in 1997 and persuaded her soon-to-be spouse to join her in this noble endeavor prior to their marriage in 1998. The Simmons' have now been therapeutic foster parents for 13 years and have significant experience fostering children with difficult behaviors.

Despite their experiences with children with challenging emotional and behavioral difficulties, they love children and maintain a sense of strong family values. These values have resulted in the adoption of seven children, including two sibling groups of two. Their most recent adoption was finalized this year.

Because of their experience, flexibility, strong family values and their belief in the potential for every child, they have been successful in changing the lives of numerous children. According to those who know them best, the Simmons have developed a strong bond with every child placed in their home. In fact, four of their adopted children were in their home as foster children prior to adoption.

Affectionately called "Mama Diann" and "Daddy Billy," the Simmons' commitment, genuine concern and caring for their foster children has endeared them to many of these children's birth families, including families of their own adopted children.

I commend both Diann and Billy for their dedication and perseverance helping children in need. They represent the best of Arkansas, and I commend them for their work on behalf of Arkansas's children.●

TRIBUTE TO PHIL E. MATTHEWS

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I recognize Phil E. Matthews for his dedicated years of service at the Arkansas Hospital Association. His efforts on behalf of our State's hospitals are to be commended, and I thank him for his efforts to maintain high-quality hospital care for the citizens of Arkansas.

Phil has been a part of the Arkansas Hospital Association, known as AHA, since 1969 and was named president in 2005. During his tenure, he has worked hard to cultivate constructive relationships with State and Federal legislators in order to achieve great results for Arkansas. He has reinforced the AHA as a trusted partner for Arkansas hospitals and other health care providers and entities from all across the State.

In recent years, the AHA has helped to pass laws on the State level that will enhance the health of and health care services for Arkansans, including for the development of a statewide trauma care system, expansion of health insurance coverage for more than 6,000 additional children through ARKids, and public health initiatives that will increase seatbelt usage and decrease tobacco use in the State.

On the Federal level, it has been my pleasure to work closely with Phil and the AHA to develop and pass policies to expand health insurance coverage to more than 400,000 Arkansans, grow the health care workforce in Arkansas, modernize health care delivery and the use of health information technologies, and preserve the viability and valuable role of Arkansas's community hospitals. Together, we have fought back on policies that might have had a negative impact or unintended consequence for Arkansas hospitals, providers, and patients, and we have worked to advance policies that are best for our great State.

I am extremely proud of Phil's and the AHA's efforts to help Arkansas hospitals provide quality care to their patients, provide charity care for those in need, serve refugees of gulf coast hurricanes and other natural disasters, and play an active role in improving health care coverage and quality in Arkansas. I wish Phil all the very best in his retirement, and to Bo Ryall, who will serve as his successor as president of the AHA.●

ARKANSAS'S TRAUMA CENTERS

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I recognize Arkansas's newly established trauma system, and I commend three facilities in the State for garnering the highest designations of trauma care.

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock and the Regional Medical Center in Memphis were selected to provide the highest level of trauma care under the system, which is aimed at getting patients spe-

cialized care in emergency situations. Jefferson Regional Medical Center in Pine Bluff was designated a Level 2 center, which can provide comprehensive clinical care.

The new system will connect hospitals, ambulance services and other emergency responders to act as a statewide triage, transporting trauma patients as quickly as possible to the facility best able to treat their specific injuries. Furthermore, it will help elevate Arkansas's status nationwide in terms of large-scale emergency management and disaster preparedness capabilities.

Eighty-six hospitals in Arkansas could eventually become a part of the new trauma system. Of those, 73 have already begun the process by filing letters of intent to request designation as one of the four levels of centers.

I commend all of Arkansas's health care providers for their dedicated efforts to save lives and keep Arkansans safe, healthy and strong. With this new trauma system, Arkansas has achieved a new level of high quality care, and I am pleased to see our State attain this significant designation.●

IRON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

● Mrs. McCASKILL. Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in honoring the 150th anniversary of the completion and opening of the Iron County Courthouse in Ironton, MO.

Chosen as the county seat in 1857, Ironton is home to the only courthouse in Iron County. Ironton businessmen David Carson and Hiram Tong donated town lots to the county, which covered more than \$10,000 of the \$14,000 cost of the courthouse.

Architect Henry H. Wright received \$25 for his proposed design of the building. George S. Evans and William F. Mitchell earned the building contract and used locally made red brick and white limestone from a nearby quarry. The original building measured 50 by 65 feet, with 6 rooms on the first floor and the courtroom on the second floor. The community laid the cornerstone on July 4, 1858, and officially opened the courthouse in October 1860.

The courthouse today serves as the home of several county offices and is a national registered historic site that still bears damage from the Civil War and the Battle of Pilot Knob in September 1864.

As the birthplace of Missouri's 4-H Program and a symbol of the commitment of the residents of Iron County to justice and service to the community, the Iron County Courthouse deserves commemoration on this important day in its history.

I ask that the Senate join me in recognizing the 150th anniversary of the Iron County Courthouse.●

TRIBUTE TO SHANNON MCDANIEL

● Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate a hard-working

Washingtonian, Mr. Shannon McDaniel, on his well-deserved retirement on October 29, 2010, after 30 years of dedicated service to Washington State agriculture.

As the manager of the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Mr. McDaniel has overseen the provision of water to 4,000 landowners and farm operators on 230,000 acres of farm and ranch lands in eastern Washington. Through his leadership and extensive knowledge of irrigated agriculture, Mr. McDaniel has brought certainty to many farmers in the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District by closely and responsibly managing important water delivery infrastructure.

Mr. McDaniel has assisted me and my colleagues in Congress with the drafting and passage of legislation important to Washington State farmers. He worked closely with both the State and Federal Government to foster strong working relationships with organizations such as the Bureau of Reclamation and the Bonneville Power Administration, as well as with numerous water resource and industry associations to ensure the highest quality of service to farmers and ranchers. Shannon also served as an invaluable resource to the Grand Coulee Project Hydroelectric Authority, the Columbia Basin Development League and the Columbia Basin Project.

The abundance of awards and honors that Mr. McDaniel has received demonstrate his hard work and commitment to Washington State. He has received many prestigious awards including, the National Water Resources Association President's Award, the Washington State Water Resources Association Water Resources Leadership Award and the Bonneville Power Administration's Administrator's Excellence Award for Exceptional Public Service.

On behalf of all Washingtonians, I commend Shannon for his many years of dedicated service to our State. His knowledge, experience, and commitment to dependable irrigation will be sorely missed. I congratulate Shannon and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. •

NEW HAMPSHIRE 2010 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS

• Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate the Bath Village School and the Hollis/Brookline High School, respectively, for being recognized for their commitment to quality education and the outstanding educational achievements of their students. The Bath Village School and the Hollis/Brookline High School have been designated as 2010 National Blue Ribbon schools, one of the most prestigious honors bestowed upon our Nation's elementary, middle, and high schools.

Each year the Blue Ribbon Schools Program acknowledges exceptional public and private schools whose stu-

dents either perform at a high level or achieve significant improvements in performance having come from disadvantaged backgrounds. Blue Ribbon schools stand out among their peers as examples of excellence in K-12 education. By setting high academic goals and enabling students to attain them, the Bath Village School and the Hollis/Brookline High School have opened up a world of academic and professional opportunities for the next generation of young people.

It is important that we celebrate the efforts of teachers and administrators at schools such as the Bath Village School and the Hollis/Brookline High School and recognize the invaluable contribution they have made to the lives of New Hampshire's children. I am extremely proud that the Bath Village School and the Hollis/Brookline High School have each been honored with this prestigious award. •

RECOGNIZING DARLING'S AUTO

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, our Nation's 27.5 million small businesses all have their own unique characteristics and touching stories. Today, I rise to recognize the contributions of one of those small businesses from my home State of Maine—Darling's Auto that not only has provided exceptional service to greater Bangor but has also invested its time and heart into the community itself.

Darling's Auto has been ingrained in Bangor since 1903, when it first began selling cars, trucks, and bicycles. Over a century later, through hard work and care for the customer, Darling's Auto has become one of Maine's largest auto dealership groups, with additional locations in Brewer, Ellsworth, and Augusta. For over 100 years, Darling's Auto has provided Mainers with the vehicles they use every day to go to work, visit their loved ones, and embark on new journeys. Over the years, Darling's has employed hundreds of Mainers and has earned a reputation of excellence and integrity throughout eastern and central Maine.

Darling's Auto's rich history of perseverance and innovation alone would merit distinction. Yet, today, I honor Darling's Auto for an exemplary and magnanimous gesture that is truly inspirational. Maine is among the States with the highest percentage of military servicemembers per capita. When our servicemembers are deployed, the effects reverberate throughout families, businesses, and communities. Fortunately, Mainers have a reputation for taking care of one another in difficult times, and Darling's Auto certainly has fit that mold.

One of Darling's Auto's valued employees, Susan Maiden, is the mother of PFC Andrew "Andy" Chic. Susan typifies Maine's famed work ethic and independent spirit, values which she instilled in her son. Andy volunteered to join the National Guard and most recently was deployed to Afghanistan

with Bravo Company, Third Battalion of the 172nd Infantry Division with the Maine National Guard. During his heroic service in Afghanistan, Andy's company was ambushed by insurgents.

On May 22, 2010, Bravo Company was conducting convoy operations with Private First Class Chic in the "gunner" position in the lead vehicle of a convoy—a Mine Resistant, Ambush Protected—MRAP—vehicle. Private First Class Chic's MRAP sustained two direct hits from rocket-propelled grenades, or RPGs, and other small arms weapons. While he was knocked down when the first RPG hit, he resumed his gunner position and returned fire against insurgents despite continuing RPG and small arms fire against his MRAP and the convoy. The vehicle was also carrying satchels of mail and care packages from family members in Maine, which absorbed some of the shrapnel and mitigated the injuries to Private First Class Chic and his fellow soldiers.

Following the barbaric attack, Andy was taken to Walter Reed Medical Center to address his wounds and for rehabilitation. Knowing the concern and anxiousness any mother would have in Susan's situation, Darling's Auto stood up and gave assistance to Susan. The company has provided tremendous support to Susan during her time of need by giving her extra time off to see Andy and even purchasing an EZ Pass to help with Susan's expenses when she would drive all the way to Washington, DC, to visit her son. In light of Darling's Auto's understanding and assistance, the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve will soon be presenting Darling's Auto with its "Above and Beyond Award," honoring those who help Guard members and Reservists, and their families, in times of need. Given the tremendous care and compassion extended for Susan and Andy's well-being, I can think of no business more deserving of this tremendous recognition than Darling's.

Darling's Auto has been a consistent presence in the Bangor community for over a century, and the company has thrived over that time because it operates in a manner consistent with Maine values. Darling's has treated its customers and employees with honesty, respect, and compassion, building a legacy of trust. I am so often reminded of the empathy that Mainers demonstrate, and it always reaffirms my belief in the exceptional nature of our State and our Nation. I am proud of the incredible example that Darling's Auto has set by its notable acts of kindness, and I wish the company another 100 years of success in all of its endeavors. •

RECOGNIZING 3RD RECON ASSOCIATION

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 3rd Recon Association. The 3rd Recon Association is a nonprofit veteran's organization made



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Mr. Shannon McDaniel
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Dear Mr. ^{Shannon} ~~McDaniel~~:

On behalf of the Bureau of Reclamation, I would like to extend my congratulations on your retirement from the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District. Reclamation appreciates the efforts you have made over the years to enhance irrigation, not only for your district, but also for irrigators throughout Washington and, indeed, the rest of the western United States.

You have been a hands-on leader in the management of the Columbia Basin Project and in efforts to balance instream water needs of endangered species with water supplies needed for crop production. Your support for Reclamation's water conservation programs, and your assistance in ensuring that Reclamation's overall mission is fulfilled, have been key factors in the day-to-day work that our agency and your district have done to get water to the farmers. The skills, abilities, and determination you have brought to these efforts are recognized, and they will be missed.

Again, congratulations on your retirement.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Connor
Commissioner

Thanks for being a great partner. You will be missed!



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Subject: Congratulations on Your Retirement

Dear Mr. McDaniel:

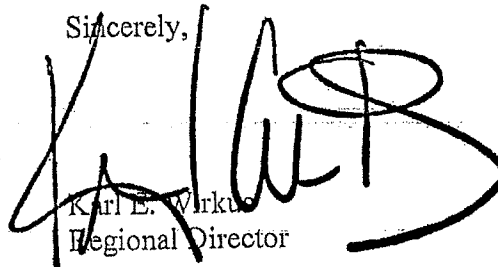
I sincerely regret that I cannot be in Pasco for your retirement celebration. There are very few events that would preclude my being there, but unfortunately it happened and I will be doing my small part with the Broncos battling Hawaii.

Shannon, I think you know how much I have appreciated getting to know and work with you over the years, and if anyone has earned retirement – you have. If there was a Water Management Hall of Fame (and there should be) you would be a “first vote lock” for entry. You have served a legacy career, and well beyond the District patrons that you have served. Your incredibly insightful and unvarnished feedback has been invaluable in working through issues not just in the Basin and Region, but for Reclamation as a whole.

Although you had access to “insider” information, you never used it unfairly and always acknowledged that there were mysterious and unseen forces that we Fed’s had to deal with behind the scenes. You have become a widely recognized leader and are respected by the irrigation community throughout the country.

So, while I will miss seeing you in the various venues where our paths have crossed through the years, I trust that you will be as good at retirement as you were on the job, and will continue to set standards that the rest of us can aspire to when we eventually earn our own retirements.

Sincerely,



Karl E. Wirku
Regional Director