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 TX;

We cannot forget these men and
 women and their sacrifice. These brave
 souls left behind parents and children,
 siblings, and friends. We want them to
 know the country pledges to preserve
 the memory of our lost soldiers who
 gave their lives for our country.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BERLIN AIRLIFT

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I would
 like to take a moment to praise the ef-
 forts of the innumerable men and
 women who contributed to the success
 of the Berlin Airlift as we observe its
 60th anniversary this year. The Berlin
 Airlift began in an effort between Brit-
 ish and American forces to supply a
 post-WWII West Berlin population with
 the daily food rations necessary to sus-
 tain the entire city. In 1948 the Soviets
 began gradually closing down routes to
 West Berlin; routes by road, rail, and
 water were all eventually closed. Inge-
 niously, American and British com-
 manders discovered the existence of air
 corridors over West Berlin due to a
 loophole in a 1945 agreement allowing
 20-mile air corridors therefore pro-
 viding free access to the city.

It was concluded that roughly 3,475
 tons of daily supplies would be needed
 to sustain the city; the supplies in-
 cluded flour, meat, cereal, wheat, fish,
 milk, potatoes, sugar, coffee, salt,
 vegetables and cheese. The first sup-
 plies were dropped to West Berlin on
 June 26, 1948, by American C-47 aircraft
 under the orders of GEN Lucius Clay.

By April 1949 airlift operations had
 been running with almost flawless effi-
 ciency thanks to the perfection of air-
 lift methods by LTG William Tunner
 after the Black Friday incident. Lt.
 Gen. Tunner decided to show the capa-
 bilities of his airlift operation to boost
 morale and break the spirits of the op-
 position at the same time; he decided
 to break any existing tonnage records.
 On Easter Sunday 1949, 12,941 tons of
 coal had been delivered to West Berlin
 from 1,138 flights without a single acci-
 dent. This event raised daily airlift
 tonnage and contributed to the down-
 fall of the Blockade. The Blockade offi-
 cially ended May 12, 1949 yet airlift op-
 erations continued until September 30
 of that year. In the struggle to supply
 the citizens of West Berlin with daily
 rations of food, 31 Americans lost their
 lives thus paying the ultimate price for
 the freedom of others. Mr. President, I
 would like to honor those men who lost
 their lives as well as all the men and
 women who contributed to the Berlin
 Airlift. They saved two millions lives
 through their heroic actions and shall
 never be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING THE ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I rise
 today to recognize the Alpha Kappa
 Alpha Sorority for 100 years of sister-
 hood and service and for the sorority's
 commitment to living lives of excel-
 lence that can serve as an example for
 us all.

Founded on the campus of Howard
 University in Washington, DC, in 1908,
 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is the old-
 est Greek organization established by
 African-American college-trained
 women. The small group of founders

hoped the organization would ensure
 that their college experiences were as
 significant and helpful as possible. As
 the sorority expanded, members em-
 phasized dual themes of the importance
 of the individual and the strength of an
 organization of women of ability and
 courage.

Alpha Kappa Alpha is currently com-
 prised of more than 950 chapters lo-
 cated in the United States, the Carib-
 bean, Germany, Korea, Japan and my
 home State of Delaware. It includes
 more than 200,000 women who represent
 a diverse group including educators,
 politicians, lawyers, medical profes-
 sionals, media personalities and deci-
 sionmakers of major corporations.
 They can certainly serve as role models
 to each of us.

Furthermore, the Alpha Kappa Alpha
 Sorority is dedicated to service. Cur-
 rently, members are actively involved
 in a voter education and registration
 drive in order to mobilize Americans
 for the upcoming general election.
 They are also implementing the Ex-
 traordinary Service Program Plat-
 forms with activities dedicated to im-
 proving the living standards within the
 Black community, creating opportuni-
 ties for women entrepreneurs, assisting
 Black families and improving the men-
 tal and physical health of local com-
 munities.

I am enormously proud to welcome
 members of the Delaware chapter of
 Alpha Kappa Alpha, along with many
 of their sisters, to Washington, DC, for
 their 100th anniversary celebration.

With this important anniversary in
 mind, the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha
 are to be commended and applauded for
 their leadership in communities across
 America, their commitment to service
 and the outstanding character that
 they personify.

IDAHOANS SPEAK OUT ON HIGH ENERGY PRICES

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, in mid-
 June, I asked Idahoans to share with
 me how high energy prices are affect-
 ing their lives, and they responded by
 the hundreds. The stories, numbering
 over 1,000, are heartbreaking and
 touching. To respect their efforts, I am
 submitting every e-mail sent to me
 through energy_prices@crapo.senate.gov
 to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.
 This is not an issue that will be easily
 resolved, but it is one that deserves im-
 mediate and serious attention, and Ida-
 hoans deserve to be heard. Their sto-
 ries not only detail their struggles to
 meet everyday expenses but also have
 suggestions and recommendations as to
 what Congress can do now to tackle
 this problem and find solutions that
 last beyond today. I ask unanimous
 consent to have today's letters printed
 in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the mate-
 rial was ordered to be printed in the
 RECORD, as follows:

Hello Mike, One of your comments on the
 topic hit home with me—the fact that, due