

women, all Louisiana heroes, that we welcome to Washington this weekend and Louisiana HonorAir for making these trips a reality.●

#### THE NATIONAL CRITTENTON FOUNDATION

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Madam President, I ask my colleagues to join me today in commemorating the 125th anniversary of the National Crittenton Foundation and the Crittenton Family of Agencies.

For the last 113 years, Florence Crittenton Services Inc. in Wheeling, WV has served thousands of teen mothers and their children as the State's only maternity home—one that is nationally recognized for its unique gender-responsive program. In recognition of its continuing contribution to the State, the State Journal recently named this innovative agency one of the "55 Good Things About West Virginia." The honor is well deserved.

In 1895, Florence Crittenton Services Inc. first opened its doors to provide shelter and support for "wayward" women in crisis. Over the past century, it has evolved from being a group home and adoption agency to a nationally-accredited and respected therapeutic residential program that serves abused, neglected, and behaviorally-challenged girls.

Among its many forward-thinking programs is Wellspring Family Services, a comprehensive, community-based behavioral health, parenting support and education service provider. Cradles to Crayons, a child care program for young mothers in care, provides a structured and safe environment for children while their parents complete their education and participate in therapeutic programming. This child care program continues today and serves the child care needs of Crittenton residents and community members.

Grounded in its original mission to help children and families in need achieve self-sufficiency, all of the agency's programs pay close attention to the underlying challenges that keep young women from succeeding, including addiction, domestic violence, and sexual abuse.

Throughout its history, Florence Crittenton Services, Inc. has maintained a unique cooperative relationship with The National Crittenton Foundation. This partnership is based on founder Charles Crittenton's and Dr. Kate Waller Barrett's belief that the most effective way to address compelling national social issues was through a network of affiliated independent, local organizations supported by a national body.

More than a century after Charles Crittenton founded his first home, the National Crittenton Foundation is re-emerging as an active force for social change. The foundation and its agencies continue their work to break the cycles of intergenerational issues like

teen pregnancy, violence and substance abuse through a mix of strength-based gender and culturally-specific services tailored to meet the needs of young girls in local communities. For years, I have worked to improve services and support of needy children and families, and I have been proud to work with the Florence Crittenton Society in Wheeling.

As the National Crittenton Foundation and West Virginia's Florence Crittenton Services, Inc. come to Capitol Hill to celebrate 125 years of service to young women at risk and their children, I ask you to help me congratulate them on their achievements and thank them for their profound commitment to our children and our communities.●

#### RECOGNIZING BERRY, FOWLES & CO.

● Ms. SNOWE. Madam President, as tax time is once again upon us, I recognize the contributions that small businesses have made, and continue to make, toward ensuring that our Nation's financial sector operates in a fair and effective manner. In particular, I must highlight a Maine business that has excelled in taking care of both its customers and employees. Berry, Fowles & Co., a small, full-service accounting firm located in Falmouth, recently earned the prestigious distinction of being named the 2007 Small Business Best Place to Work in Maine.

The "Best Places to Work in Maine" program is sponsored by the Society for Human Resource Management Maine State Council, in partnership with several other entities, including The Employment Times and the Maine State Chamber of Commerce. Awards are issued in categories of large, medium, and small businesses operating in Maine, and determinations are based on employer benefits and policies, as well as employee responses to satisfaction surveys.

Berry, Fowles & Co. is clearly deserving of this acknowledgement of its remarkable steps to maintain its employees' well-being.

Doing business under various names since 1915, Berry, Fowles & Co. has consistently impressed its clientele by adhering to a strong set of core values, including a philosophy of empowerment and community involvement.

Offering an array of services, including auditing, accounting, and tax preparation, Berry, Fowles & Co. serves cities and towns, businesses, individuals, local governments, and nonprofits across Maine. The company offers free consultations for its services, from personal financial planning to small business accounting.

The company's Web site is an invaluable source for both the client and the public. Replete with a plethora of financial guides on investment, tax, and business strategies, the Web site provides readers with clear and comprehensive information. Additionally,

the site contains links to a number of calculators that compute everything from college and retirement savings to the monthly payment of an auto loan. Combined with an online newsletter proposing perceptive counsel in a number of areas, Berry, Fowles & Co.'s Web site is a goldmine for the financially curious.

While the company's services are wide-ranging, what positions Berry, Fowles & Co. so well in today's fast-paced world is the time it takes to appreciate and celebrate the work and welfare of its 16 dedicated employees. Berry, Fowles & Co. provides its workers with a wide range of benefits, including health and life insurance, cutting-edge technology, and a retirement pension plan. And while all of us may cringe at the thought of April 15, the employees at Berry, Fowles & Co. know firsthand the stress that comes with a tax filing deadline. That is why the company has designed a tax-season wellness program for its employees, which includes enjoyable games and giveaways, healthy snacks, Saturday lunches, and even massages! To me, that certainly adds up to a great place to work!

Over the past century, Berry, Fowles & Co. and its predecessors have made a name for themselves by helping others succeed financially. Now, the company is attracting just recognition because of its sound efforts to support its employees. Berry, Fowles & Co. lays claim to a distinctly successful business model that presents all small businesses a magnanimous example upon which to draw. I congratulate the team at Berry, Fowles & Co. and wish them well at tax time and beyond.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1198. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing loss.

H.R. 1237. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide revised standards for quality assurance in screening and evaluation of gynecologic cytology preparations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2063. An act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop a voluntary policy for managing the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools.

H.R. 2464. An act to amend the Public Health Services Act to provide a means for continued improvement in emergency medical services for children.

H.J. Res. 70. Joint resolution congratulating the Army Reserve on its centennial, which will be formally celebrated on April 23, 2008, and commemorating the historic contributions of its veterans and continuing contributions of its soldiers to the vital national security interests and homeland defense missions of the United States.