

LAUNCH OF FIRST RADIOLOGIC-
PATHOLOGY CORRELATION
COURSE

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the launch of the first Radiologic-Pathology Correlation Course presented by the American Institute for Radiologic Pathology, AIRP, at its new Silver Spring, MD, venue. The American College of Radiology created the AIRP to allow radiology resident training to move forward uninterrupted by the Defense Department's closure of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, AFIP, as part of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission plan. The launch of the AIRP provides an excellent example of the private sector stepping up to help ameliorate the impact that BRAC changes can have on a community.

I am especially pleased that AIRP chose to locate in the newly revitalized historic American Film Institute Silver Theatre and Cultural Center, approximately 2 miles from the former AFIP site. The AFI Silver Theatre is a state-of-the-art education and cultural center anchored by the restoration of noted architect John Ebersson's historic 1938 Silver Theatre. Once slated for the wrecker's ball, AFI was saved through the efforts of the local community and reopened in 2003. Its revitalization represents a unique public-private partnership between Montgomery County, MD, and the American Film Institute.

The launch of the AIRP at the AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center demonstrates the role the theatre is playing as a major anchor of a redevelopment effort in Montgomery County. Approximately 2,000 physicians annually from around the world are expected to convene in Silver Spring for 4 weeks at a time to participate in AIRP. With courses developed and presented by world-renowned faculty from the most prestigious radiology programs in the country, AIRP will further contribute to Montgomery County's reputation as a leader in medical research and education. I applaud the launch of the AIRP, and I look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship between AIRP and the Montgomery County community.●

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT A. DENNIS

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I want to take a moment to recognize the retirement this week of Robert A. Dennis, CBO's Assistant Director for Macroeconomic Analysis. Mr. Dennis is retiring after more than 30 years of service at CBO.

He began his career at CBO in 1979, working as a Principal Analyst in CBO's Macroeconomic Division. He was promoted to the position of Deputy Assistant Director of the Division in 1988 and then to the position of Assistant Director of the Division in 1992, where he has served since.

As the head of CBO's Macroeconomic Analysis Division, Mr. Dennis has been

one of the leading economists at CBO and has helped drive the agency's outstanding work. His skills as an economist have been highlighted in the diverse issues he has worked on while at CBO, ranging from macroeconomic effects of tax policy, to the impact of flu epidemics and terrorist disruptions at U.S. ports.

Mr. Dennis has also played a critical role at CBO by developing many of the procedures the Macroeconomic Analysis Division has used to prepare its economic forecasts. He even wrote the computer software that the division used for many years to analyze current economic developments and prepare charts for CBO publications.

Mr. Dennis's excellent work has been recognized throughout his career. In the 1980s, as a principal analyst, he received a CBO Director's Award for outstanding performance. And he has since received a number of awards recognizing his outstanding management at CBO.

Mr. Dennis has exemplified CBO's high standard of professionalism, objectivity, and nonpartisanship. He has worked tirelessly to ensure Congress was given accurate and timely information on the key policy issues of the day.

I thank Robert Dennis and commend him for his many years of dedicated, faithful, and outstanding service to CBO, to Congress, and to the American people. I wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.●

REMEMBERING CLIFFORD R.
PHILLIPS

• Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to take a few minutes to offer a tribute to Clifford R. Phillips. He passed away on December 3, 2010, at his home in Surprise, AZ. He was an Alaskan fishing legend and a true hero who fought bravely in the European Theater during World War II.

Cliff was born on December 7, 1919, on the west coast of Vancouver Island. His parents, who had originally been involved in the fishing industry in England, had immigrated to British Columbia where they managed a herring saltery. They later moved to Ketchikan where he would, as a very young man, begin his career in Alaskan fisheries. This was the age of "mild cure" salmon, and starting at the age of seven Cliff began learning the family business and the importance of producing a high quality product. He continued to work with his father in the family business through the 1930s.

After seeing the devastation and heartache of the beginning of World War II, Cliff joined the Alaska National Guard. He trained at Chilkoot Barracks in Haines, AK, and was assigned to duties in the Aleutian Islands. He was one of the first to fly into the new military airfield built in the Pribilof Islands, which is located nearly 500 miles off the Siberian coast. The rugged winter saw the Islands iced in. The

base did not receive supplies by ship for some 9 months, but Cliff and his comrades held their ground.

In September 1944, he transferred to the European Theater and joined the Third Army. He participated in the landing at Normandy, and his unit later helped to repel the German offensive in "The Battle of the Bulge." Cliff managed to make it through combat unscathed, and his distinguished service led to his being awarded the Silver Star.

Upon discharge after World War II, Cliff felt the urge to return to Alaska and to his family heritage in the fishing industry. He naturally gravitated back to Ketchikan in southeast Alaska so that he could work in the waters he knew best.

In 1950, the Phillips father-son duo built the E.C. Phillips cold storage plant on Tongass Narrows in Ketchikan. Cliff and his father excelled at increasing capacity, efficiency, and quality. As time went by, the E.C. Phillips product became known for its high quality around the world, and today it is still known as a premier quality product.

After the death of his father, Cliff took charge, but he was no desk bound executive, and standard working hours did not apply to him. During the fishing season he could always be found in the processing area of his plant inspecting the fish and supervising operations. Cliff sold his product by phone and fax from his Alaskan office to the entire United States and around the world. But nothing left the plant until he was satisfied that the fish met the E.C. Phillips quality standard.

Before there was an Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, Cliff was Alaska's ambassador for seafood, and he traveled far and wide promoting Alaskan seafood products. Cliff remained active in the business well into his eighties, but even after he retired from daily operations and moved to Arizona he maintained frequent contact with the plant and his many friends and customers.

Everyone found Cliff to be a charming man, eloquent and persuasive, but first and foremost he saw it as his mission to insist on high quality for all products which carried the E.C. Phillips brand name. I extend my sincerest condolences to his wife Dixie and his family members. We have all lost a friend, and Alaska's seafood industry has lost a great champion. May he rest in peace.●

REMEMBERING NEVA EGAN

• Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, today I honor the passing of the initial first lady of Alaska, Neva Egan. Desdia Neva McKittrick Egan was born in Wilson, KS, on October 3, 1914. The articulate, effervescent Alaskan served on hospital boards, school boards, worked diligently on community commitments, and continued to attend morning meetings of the Commonwealth