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House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SARBANES).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC.
September 14, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN P. SARBANES to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, President, St. Luke Institute, Silver Spring, Maryland, offered the following prayer:

Good and gracious God, today we recall the prayer of Thomas Merton. He prayed, "O God, I do not know if what I am doing is pleasing to You, but I know that my desire to please You is itself pleasing to You." May we, too, be filled with a desire to please You in all that we do. May our every thought and our every action be aimed at doing Your will. We know that in Your will is our joy and our peace. May You be blessed by all generations and may we follow Your will on this Earth, until it is completely fulfilled at the end of time. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 12, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on September 12, 2007, at 4:17 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he notifies the Congress he has extended the national emergency with respect to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN TERRORIST ATTACKS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 110-57)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee

on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1622(d), provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. Consistent with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* the enclosed notice, stating that the emergency declared with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001, is to continue in effect for an additional year.

The terrorist threat that led to the declaration on September 14, 2001, of a national emergency continues. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect after September 14, 2007, the national emergency with respect to the terrorist threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 12, 2007.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 11, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 11, 2007, at 1:47 p.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment and requests a conference with the House, appoints conferees H.R. 2764.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 12, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 12, 2007, at 3:57 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 954.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3218.

That the Senate passed with an amendment and requests a conference with the House, appoints conferees H.R. 3074.

That the Senate passed S. 1692.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE TO ATTEND FUNERAL OF THE LATE HONORABLE PAUL E. GILLMOR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 632, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Paul E. Gillmor:

Mr. REGULA, Ohio
Mr. BOEHNER, Ohio
Mr. BLUNT, Missouri

The members of the Ohio delegation:

Ms. KAPTUR
Mr. HOBSON
Ms. PRYCE
Mr. CHABOT
Mr. LATOURETTE
Mr. KUCINICH
Mrs. JONES
Mr. TIBERI
Mr. TURNER
Mr. RYAN
Mrs. SCHMIDT

Mr. JORDAN
Mr. SPACE
Ms. SUTTON
Mr. WILSON, and
Mr. LEWIS, California
Mr. PETRI, Wisconsin
Mr. HALL, Texas
Mr. BARTON, Texas
Mr. KANJORSKI, Pennsylvania
Mr. UPTON, Michigan
Mr. McNULTY, New York
Mr. STEARNS, Florida
Mr. TANNER, Tennessee
Mr. BACHUS, Alabama
Mr. MICA, Florida

Mr. WATT, North Carolina
Mr. EHLERS, Michigan
Mr. LAHOOD, Illinois
Mr. SHADEGG, Arizona
Mr. WICKER, Mississippi
Mrs. EMERSON, Missouri
Mr. ADERHOLT, Alabama
Mrs. BIGGERT, Illinois
Mr. MOORE, Kansas
Mr. REYNOLDS, New York
Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Illinois
Mr. WALDEN, Oregon
Mr. PENCE, Indiana
Mr. ROSS, Arkansas
Mr. FORBES, Virginia
Mr. BOOZMAN, Arkansas
Mr. WILSON, South Carolina
Mr. COLE, Oklahoma
Mr. GINGREY, Georgia
Mr. KING, Iowa
Mr. CHANDLER, Kentucky
Mr. INGLIS, South Carolina
Mr. CONAWAY, Texas
Mr. DENT, Pennsylvania
Mr. PRICE, Georgia

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 8 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, September 17, 2007, at 12:30 p.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3269. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army, Case Number 06-11, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

3270. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army, Case Number 06-02, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; to the Committee on Appropriations.

3271. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Navy, Case Number 06-03, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; to the Committee on Appropriations.

3272. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army, Case Number 05-03, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; to the Committee on Appropriations.

3273. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Navy, Case Number 07-01, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; to the Committee on Appropriations.

3274. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revising the Budget Period Limitation for Research Grants and Cooperative Agreements [EPA-HQ-ORD-2007-0419,

FRL-8466-9] (RIN: 2080-AA12) received September 7, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3275. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans Tennessee; Approval of Revisions to the Tennessee SIP and the Nashville/Davidson County Portion of the Tennessee SIP; Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Nonattainment New Source Review, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3276. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Georgia: Redesignation of Macon, Georgia 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment for Ozone [EPA-R04-OAR-2007-0548-200741; FRL-8466-4] received September 7, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3277. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Clean Air Interstate Rule [EPA-R03-OAR-2007-0448; FRL-8465-6] received September 7, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3278. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; VOC Emissions from Fuel Grade Ethanol Production Operations [EPA-R05-OAR-2007-0293; FRL-8464-4] received September 7, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3279. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Control of VOC Emissions from Crude Oil Lightening Operations [EPA-R03-OAR-2007-0451; FRL-8465-9] received September 7, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3280. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-243), the Authorization for the Use of Force Against Iraq Resolution (Pub. L. 102-1), and in order to keep the Congress fully informed, a report prepared by the Department of State for the June 15, 2007 — August 15, 2007 reporting period including matters relating to post-liberation Iraq under Section 7 of the Iraq Liberation Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-338); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3281. A letter from the Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's biennial report on the use of federal assistance provided to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission covering FY 2005 and FY 2006, pursuant to Section 811(c)(2) of the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3282. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting notification that funding under Title V, subsection 503(b)(3) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended, has exceeded \$5 million for

the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3277-EM in the State of Texas, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5193; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3283. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the report on the Department's action taken in response to issues raised concerning the Department's project to demonstrate the ability of Mexico-domiciled motor carriers to operate safely in the United States beyond the commercial zones, pursuant to Public Law 110-28, section 6901; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3284. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification that the Department intends to use FY 2007 IMET funds for the enclosed list of countries, pursuant to Public Law 110-5, section 515; jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Appropriations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. OBERSTAR: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. House Resolution 444. Resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day, honoring the invaluable contributions of Charles Edward Taylor, regarded as the father of aviation maintenance, and recognizing the essential role of aviation maintenance technicians in ensuring the safety and security of civil and military aircraft (Rept. 110-323). Referred to the House Calendar, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. OBERSTAR: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. House Resolution 549. Resolution recognizing the importance of America's Waterway Watch program, and for other purposes (Rept. 110-324). Referred to the House Calendar, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. OBERSTAR: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. House Resolution 592. Resolution supporting first responders in the United States in their efforts to prepare for and respond to natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters, and affirming the goals and ideals of National First Responder Appreciation Day (Rept. 110-325). Referred to the House Calendar, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. OBERSTAR: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2671. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 301 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida, as the "C. Clyde Atkins United States Courthouse" (Rept. 110-326). Referred to the House Calendar, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. OBERSTAR: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2728. A bill to designate the station of the United States Border Patrol located at 25762 Madison Avenue in Murrieta, California, as the "Theodore L. Newton, Jr. and George F. Azrak Border Patrol Station" (Rept. 110-327). Referred to the House Calendar, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. OBERSTAR: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 3068. A bill to prohibit the award of contracts to provide guard services under the contract security guard program of the Federal Protective Service to a business concern that is owned, controlled, or operated by an individual who has been convicted of a felony; with an amendment (Rept. 110-328). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts:

H.R. 3525. A bill to require rapid implementation of guidelines and regulations regarding the accuracy of consumer information furnished to consumer reporting agencies that were required to be established by the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 and have not been implemented, to provide that the Federal Trade Commission shall take the lead in implementation of the guidelines and regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts:

H.R. 3526. A bill to include all banking agencies within the existing regulatory authority under the Federal Trade Commission Act with respect to depository institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SHERMAN:

H.R. 3527. A bill to extend for two months the authorities of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. LANTOS:

H.R. 3528. A bill to provide authority to the Peace Corps to provide separation pay for host country resident personal services contractors of the Peace Corps; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. BOYD of Kansas (for herself, Mr. BARROW, Mr. LAMPSON, Ms. SHEAPORTER, and Mr. PATRICK MURPHY of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 3529. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent law the treatment of tax-exempt combat pay as earned income for purposes of the earned income credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida (for herself, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. FEENEY, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. BOYD of Florida, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. MICA, Mr. MAHONEY of Florida, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. KLEIN of Florida, Mr. MACK, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. KELLER, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. WEXLER, and Ms. CASTOR):

H.R. 3530. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 Highway 41 North in Inverness, Florida, as the "Chief Warrant Officer Aaron Weaver Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida (for herself, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mrs. DRAKE, Mr. BILBRAY, and Mr. TANCREDO):

H.R. 3531. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve the interior enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DEAL of Georgia:

H.R. 3532. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5815 McLeod Street in Lula, Georgia, as the "Private Johnathon Millican Lula Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. ENGEL (for himself and Mrs. MYRICK):

H.R. 3533. A bill to extend by one year the moratorium on implementation of a rule relating to the Federal-State financial partnership under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program and on finalization of a Medicaid rule regarding graduate medical education; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FERGUSON:

H.R. 3534. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals and businesses a credit against income tax for the purchase of Energy Star compliant clothes washers and dryers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HODES (for himself and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin):

H.R. 3535. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to require escrow accounts for the payment of property taxes and insurance for all subprime loans, and to expand the coverage of the appraisal requirements under the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. KING of New York:

H.R. 3536. A bill to provide for an awareness program, and a study, on a rare form of breast cancer; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KING of New York:

H.R. 3537. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish and provide a checkoff for a Breast and Prostate Cancer Research Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota:

H.R. 3538. A bill to establish a National Commission on the Infrastructure of the United States; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. WHITFIELD:

H. Con. Res. 209. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Museum of the American Quilter's Society, located in Paducah, Kentucky, should be designated as the "National Quilt Museum of the United States"; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin (for herself, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. KIND, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Ms. SOLIS, and Mr. OBEY):

H. Res. 649. A resolution commemorating the second annual "Milwaukee Brides Walk" and recognizing all brides marches in protest of domestic violence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 81: Ms. FOX.

H.R. 193: Mr. CHABOT.

H.R. 333: Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida.

H.R. 406: Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. PALLONE, and Mr. OLVER.

H.R. 415: Mr. MARKEY, Mr. OLVER, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. CAPUANO, and Mr. KENNEDY.

H.R. 464: Mr. KAGEN and Mr. SPRATT.

H.R. 627: Mr. WU.

H.R. 690: Mr. PASCRELL and Mr. SPACE.

H.R. 719: Mr. KIND.

H.R. 725: Mr. MORAN of Kansas and Mr. PEARCE.

H.R. 743: Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. TERRY, and Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California.

H.R. 864: Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois.

H.R. 900: Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota.

H.R. 971: Mr. WILSON of Ohio and Mr. MANZULLO.

H.R. 1004: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois and Mr. SNYDER.

H.R. 1064: Mr. CHABOT and Mr. PEARCE.

H.R. 1069: Mr. PAYNE.

H.R. 1088: Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

H.R. 1108: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.

H.R. 1199: Mr. WALDEN of Oregon.

H.R. 1228: Mrs. CUBIN and Mr. SPRATT.

H.R. 1279: Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. HONDA.

H.R. 1303: Mr. HALL of New York.

H.R. 1328: Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 1363: Mr. OLVER, Mr. ARCURI, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, and Ms. SOLIS.

H.R. 1400: Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California.

H.R. 1419: Mr. PAUL and Ms. WOOLSEY.

H.R. 1474: Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

H.R. 1514: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

H.R. 1584: Mr. OLVER and Mr. KLINE of Minnesota.

H.R. 1610: Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. CHABOT, and Mr. MICA.

H.R. 1629: Mr. FILNER.

H.R. 1671: Mr. BOUCHER and Mr. WYNN.

H.R. 1687: Mr. BERMAN.

H.R. 1732: Mr. MITCHELL and Mr. BURGESS.

H.R. 1774: Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. WELCH of Vermont.

H.R. 1843: Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. HOYER, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, and Mr. OBERSTAR.

H.R. 1876: Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. BUCHANAN.

H.R. 1911: Mr. LAMPSON and Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas.

H.R. 1971: Mr. LYNCH and Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 1992: Mr. KLEIN of Florida, Mr. DOYLE, and Mr. STARK.

H.R. 2131: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

H.R. 2164: Mr. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 2280: Mr. DONNELLY.

H.R. 2488: Mr. ROSS.

H.R. 2514: Ms. SLAUGHTER.

H.R. 2620: Mr. FARR.

H.R. 2747: Mr. PATRICK MURPHY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 2779: Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. ARCURI, Mr. KIND, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. MACK.

H.R. 2790: Mr. BOSWELL.

H.R. 2838: Mr. ABERCROMBIE.

H.R. 2860: Mr. LARSEN of Washington.

H.R. 2910: Mr. UDALL of New Mexico.

H.R. 2930: Mr. WELCH of Vermont, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. SRES.

H.R. 2994: Ms. BALDWIN.

H.R. 3001: Mr. FILNER.

H.R. 3040: Mr. ABERCROMBIE.

H.R. 3090: Mr. EVERETT.

H.R. 3105: Mr. ABERCROMBIE.

H.R. 3113: Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York.

H.R. 3140: Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. WALSH of New York, Mr. KING of Iowa, and Mr. MARSHALL.

H.R. 3156: Mr. GERLACH.

H.R. 3204: Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H.R. 3232: Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. KELLER, and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

H.R. 3282: Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. EHLERS, and Mr. WOLF.

H.R. 3298: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. ABERCROMBIE.

H.R. 3339: Mr. HONDA.

H.R. 3368: Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania and Mr. LATOURETTE.

H.R. 3429: Mr. ELLISON.

H.R. 3432: Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. GONZALEZ, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, and Mr. WYNN.

H.R. 3452: Mr. GONZALEZ.

H.R. 3480: Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. GORDON, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, and Mr. WOLF.

H.R. 3506: Mr. BISHOP of New York and Mr. CUELLAR.

H.J. Res. 12: Mr. KAGEN and Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas.

H. Con. Res. 193: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.

H. Con. Res. 200: Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. HOLT, Mr. CROWLEY, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. WOLF, and Mr. ROHRBACHER.

H. Con. Res. 204: Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas.

H. Res. 54: Mr. TERRY.

H. Res. 335: Mr. LOBIONDO and Mr. DELAHUNT.

H. Res. 433: Ms. CARSON.

H. Res. 573: Ms. NORTON, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. WYNN, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. COHEN, and Ms. BORDALLO.

H. Res. 576: Mr. BISHOP of Utah.

H. Res. 605: Mr. PETRI, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, Mr. SHULER, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. CALVERT, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. HILL, Mr. BACHUS, and Mr. REHBERG.

H. Res. 618: Mr. GONZALEZ.

H. Res. 624: Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Ms. CASTOR, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, and Mr. KIRK.

H. Res. 635: Mr. HONDA.

H. Res. 639: Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.



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Senate

(Legislative day of Wednesday, September 12, 2007)

The Senate met at 9:45 and 48 seconds a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, D.C. September 14, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of Rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. REED thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M.,
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will stand adjourned until 2 p.m., Monday, September 17, 2007.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 9:46 and 15 seconds a.m., adjourned until Monday, September 17, 2007, at 2 p.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HAL JACKSON CONTINUES HIS CONTRIBUTION TO AFRICAN AMERICAN TEENAGERS THROUGH HIS TALENTED TEENS COMPETITION

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a report written in the New York CARIB News on July 24, 2007 entitled, "Who Will Become the World's Top Teen?"

This article highlights the accomplishment of Hal Jackson, the group chairman of Inner City Broadcast Holdings, Inc., who created the Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International Scholarship Competition. The scholarship competition is now in its 37th year of existence and has promoted hundreds of Black teenaged women to a greater awareness of their beauty and intelligence. The most recent competition was held on Saturday, July 28, at the Harlem State Aaron Davis Hall.

I applaud Mr. Jackson for his contributions in providing the opportunity for young women of every color the chance to compete for scholarships to the college or university of their choice.

WHO WILL BECOME THE WORLD'S TOP TEEN?

HAL JACKSON'S TALENTED TEENS

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

NEW YORK.—Long before reality TV competitions became a part of American culture, Hal Jackson, group chairman of Inner City Broadcast Holdings, Inc., created a unique opportunity for young women of every color to compete for scholarships to the college or university of their choice, based on talent, personality and achievement and appearance.

Now in its 37th year of existence, Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International returns to New York, for its annual competition, which will be held Saturday, July 28 at Harlem Stage, Aaron Davis Hall, 135th and Convent Ave., New York City.

Approximately 40 young ladies, ages 13 to 17 will vie for the coveted title of Miss Talented Teen International, currently being held by Raquel Winchester, a 16-year-old opera singer from Trinidad. Miss Winchester has spent the past year representing her country by making a series of personal appearances where she has displayed her exceptional winning talent.

Unlike other contests, Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International features contestants who are role models in their communities who have mastered public speaking ability and skills which enhance their scholastic ability. Each contestant will have two minutes to perform the talent of their choice to judges who represent a myriad of fields. During the week of July 21-28, 2007, the contestants will tour New York City, visit Mayor Mike Bloomberg's office, and have an opportunity to visit 1190 AM-WLIB, and 107.5 FM-WBLS and the station for which Hal Jackson has broadcast his Sunday Classics for well over 20 years.

In addition to touring the sites and rehearsing production numbers for the upcoming

July 28th show, they will sample some of New York's finest cuisine. One of the week's highlights will be a dinner honoring individuals who have supported Talented Teens International on Thursday, July 26th at Tavern on the Green. During the dinner, special recognition will be given to various professionals, including musical legends Ashford and Simpson, who have donated their services to Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International in the past. For more information regarding Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International, contact 212-592-0413.

HONORING ANN M. SOLDO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of a truly exceptional member of her community. On this day we celebrate Mrs. Ann M. Soldo's 50 years of service and membership in Soroptimist International of Watsonville, as well as the many other important accomplishments and contributions she has made for the city of Watsonville. Over the years she has been an invaluable asset to the community. She has served as an educator of our youth, a leader in local politics, and as a member of countless clubs and organizations. All of these activities speak volumes about her commitment to improving the lives of others.

Ann began her education in Watsonville, California at Pajaro Elementary School and later studied at Watsonville Union High School. She received her associate of arts degree from Hartnell College in 1940 and a bachelor of arts degree from San Jose State University in 1942. Upon graduating, Ann began a career in education, teaching at the Hall District School. Throughout the 1940s and 1950s, Ann taught at several other elementary schools, including a U.S. Army School in Germany. In 1954 she received her master's degree from Stanford University and eventually moved from teacher to principal, constantly demonstrating her penchant for leadership. After years of educating young minds, she finally retired from Pajaro Valley Unified School District in 1978.

Although she had completed her career in education, Ann continued to demonstrate exemplary leadership in the community. In 1979 she was elected to the Watsonville City Council and was appointed vice-mayor. In 1983 Ann made history when she became the first female mayor of the city of Watsonville.

Ann has contributed countless hours to community organizations in the pursuit of helping others. She has been a president of the Seniors Council of Santa Cruz County, Soroptimist International of Watsonville, the California Elementary School Administration Central Coast Section, the Pajaro Valley Performing Arts Association, and the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Monterey Bay; to name just a few. She has also served as a board

member for the Watsonville Community Hospital and the Visiting Nurse Association of Santa Cruz County and other charitable organizations. Mrs. Soldo is extremely well respected for her years of hard work and dedication to helping others. In the year 2000 the Ann Soldo Elementary School, named in her honor, opened its doors in Watsonville, California.

Her 50 years of membership to Soroptimist International of Watsonville will be celebrated on September 17, 2007 with the declaration of this date as Ann M. Soldo Day. The mission of Soroptimist International is to "improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world." As her outstanding record of community service demonstrates, Ann has truly lived this motto throughout her years as an educator and local leader, and through her selfless involvement in community organizations. I am honored to know this amazing woman and am proud to acknowledge her tremendous achievements.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 865, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree, as amended to H. Res. 257, which supports the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN HONOR OF VA MEDICAL HOSPITAL OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the VA Medical Hospital of Wilmington, DE as a 2007 recipient of the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. This award is given to those employers who have gone above and beyond in their support for their employees who are members of the National Guard and Reserve. The VA Medical Hospital has earned this honor through its unflagging support for our Nation's troops and its commitment to our Nation's security.

The Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award is the United States' government's highest recognition for those employers who support their employees in the National Guard and Reserve. Candidates are judged on several categories, including their pay policies, benefits and leave policies, and supervisor training.

In order to be honored with this prestigious award, an employer must be nominated by an

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employee who is a member of the National Guard or Reserve. This nomination process reflects how highly regarded the VA Medical Hospital is by its many employees. Wilmington's VA Medical Center is a teaching hospital that provides veterans with health care options, readjustment counseling, as well as a nursing home care unit. With its high end technology and 60-bed, well-organized facility, the VA Medical hospital provides care for veterans on multiple levels.

I join Delawareans in thanking the Wilmington VA Medical Hospital for its continued support of its employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve. I commend the hospital for 61 years of practice and thank them for their tireless dedication to the veterans, as well as to the United States of America.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GISELE A. MARCUS FOR HER ACHIEVEMENT OF "TOP 50 UNDER 50 CORPORATE EXECUTIVES WITH MBA DEGREES" BY DIVERSITY MBA MAGAZINE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Gisele A. Marcus from Harlem who was awarded the distinction of being "Top 50 Under 50 Corporate Executives with MBA Degrees" by Diversity MBA Magazine. I appreciate the effort of Diversity MBA Magazine for recognizing the achievements of young minority corporate executives.

Ms. Marcus was born and raised in my hometown, Harlem, NY. She obtained her undergraduate degree from Syracuse University and her master's degree in business administration from Harvard University. Ms. Marcus is currently the North America customer business director for Johnson Controls' building efficiency business and manages a portfolio of more than \$15 million. She leads a team of facility and workplace management staff in the Global Workplace Solutions operation in the U.S. and Canada.

In addition to her impressive career achievements, Ms. Marcus has also contributed to civic leadership which shows her commitment to the community. She is a board member of the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center, the Gateway Foundation, a 2007 leadership fellow at the Leadership Greater Chicago, a lifetime member of the National Black MBA Association, and is the recipient of the "Distinguished Women in Business" award.

I am very proud of Ms. Marcus for all her achievements and look forward to hearing more about her in the future. I wish her well in all her future endeavors.

HARLEM'S OWN SELECTED BY DIVERSITY MBA MAGAZINE AS "TOP 50 UNDER 50 CORPORATE EXECUTIVE"

NEW YORK, NY.—Johnson Controls executive and Syracuse alumnus, Gisele A. Marcus, was selected by Diversity MBA Magazine for the publication's "Top 50 Under 50 Executives with MBA Degrees".

Marcus is the North America customer business director for Johnson Controls' building efficiency business. Johnson Controls is a global leader in automotive experi-

ence, building efficiency and power solutions that's creating a more comfortable, safe and sustainable world. Managing a portfolio of more than \$15 million, Marcus leads a team of facility and workplace management staff in the Global Workplace Solutions operation in the U.S. and Canada. She directs Johnson Controls' facilities management business for Ericsson, the world leading supplier of telecommunications, coordinating their project, leasing, and space planning requirements.

Marcus, who was born and raised in Harlem, N.Y., has an undergraduate degree from Syracuse University and a master's degree in Business Administration from Harvard University. Along with her professional accomplishments, Marcus has an extensive list of civic leadership and involvement that demonstrates her commitment to the community, including: Chicago Children's Advocacy Center, board member; Gateway Foundation, board member; Leadership Greater Chicago, 2007 leadership fellow; National Black MBA Association, life member (prior vice president, Chicago chapter), and Women of Color in Technology "Distinguished Women in Business" award.

"To be recognized by such a significant publication is a tremendous honor," Marcus said. "I am fortunate to work for a global company that sees the value of providing a diverse workplace environment and promotes excellence, leadership and teamwork. I hope the magazine's recognition for the entire group of 50 can be an inspiration to women and people of color."

This is the third year that Diversity MBA Magazine has identified the "Top 50 Under 50 Executives with MBA Degrees". Awardees must hold a management position within a for-profit or non-profit organization, must currently serve on a board or be an active member of a volunteer organization for at least two years, and be responsible for a minimum budget of \$1 million. In addition, each honoree must have profit and loss responsibilities and/or hold a position critical to growing the bottom line. Johnson Controls is a global leader in automotive experience, building efficiency and power solutions. The company provides innovative automotive interiors that help make driving more comfortable, safe and enjoyable. For buildings, it offers products and services that optimize energy use and improve comfort and security. Johnson Controls also provides batteries for automobiles and hybrid electric vehicles, along with systems engineering and service expertise. Johnson Controls (NYSE: JCI), founded in 1885, is headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

HONORING TANIMURA & ANTLE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor two great American families and the company that they have created. That company, Tanimura & Antle, turns 25 years old this fall. In that time, T&A has grown into the Nation's largest privately held lettuce company, shipping over 150,000 cartons of fresh produce daily. While you may have never heard the name, I can guarantee that every member of this House has eaten something grown and shipped by T&A. I know I speak for the whole House in expressing our congratulations to the company's employees and partners for their past and continued success.

Of course the story of any company is the story of the people behind it. And in the case

of Tanimura & Antle that story is of the two families who have given their names, not to mention their expertise, creativity, passion, dedication, and time to build the company that we know today.

The Tanimuras first immigrated to California's Central Coast in the late 19th century and settled in San Juan Bautista. By the 1920s the second generation of Tanimuras had started farming lettuce in the Salinas Valley and began raising a large third generation family of 12 children. During WWII, the U.S. government interred the family in Arizona while one of the sons, Charlie Tanimura, served in the U.S. Army in Europe. Following the war and their release from internment, several of the Tanimura brothers reestablished themselves in the Salinas Valley lettuce business and began selling crops to local lettuce brokers. One of those brokers, Bud Antle, so trusted the quality of the Tanimuras' product that he entered into an exclusive contract with them. Older brother George Tanimura and Bud Antle became trusted friends, and that legacy has passed on through the generations.

Bud Antle followed his father Lester into the lettuce business in the 1930s. They started their own packing and shipping operation in the early 1940s. Based on their relationships with growers such as the Tanimura's, the Antle's operation grew throughout the 1940s. In the 1950s, Bud Antle led the produce industry to shift from railcars to refrigerated trucks to ship produce to market. That meant lettuce and other crops arrived fresher and lasted longer, helping to further expand consumption. In the 1970s, Bud's son Bob took over the enterprise.

During the 1970s, the personal and professional relationships between the Tanimura's and the Antles grew. Finally, in 1982, seven Tanimuras—brothers George, Bobby, Charlie, Johnny and Tommy, and their nephews, Gary and Keith, partnered with Bob, and his sons Rick and Mike Antle to form T&A. This amounted to a perfect marriage between world-class farmers and world-class shippers. It is a marriage that over the last 25 years, has enriched the Salinas Valley and California as a whole in so many ways, economically, culturally, socially. For example, the T&A company has been a leader in raising wage and working conditions for their workforce and setting the standard for the produce industry generally. The families themselves have become great patrons of one of California's newest universities, California State University Monterey Bay, that grew out of the closure of Fort Ord.

Madam Speaker, the story of the Tanimuras and the Antles is a great American story. It is an example to us all that success comes from cooperation and in that teaches us, in the words of George Tanimura that "many are stronger than one."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 866, on the motion to suspend the rules

and agree to H. Res. 643, which recognizes September 11, as a day of remembrance, extending sympathies to those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, and their families, honoring the heroic actions of our Nation's first responders and Armed Forces, and reaffirming the commitment to defending the people of the United States of America against any and all future challenges.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

CALLING ON THE U.N. TO CONSIDER TAIWAN'S U.N. APPLICATION

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise today to voice my support for Taiwan and its application for admittance to the United Nations. It is vital that Congress and the Administration support our friend and ally by giving it the respect and dignity it deserves with a seat in the U.N. General Assembly.

It is unfortunate that the Secretary General of the United Nations chose to reject without consideration Taiwan's application for membership on July 23, 2007. His unfortunate statement "The position of the United Nations is that the People's Republic of China represents the whole of China as the sole and legitimate representative government of China," does not reflect the reality in the Taiwan Straits. For nearly 60 years there have been, two different and distinct governments in the People's Republic of China and Taiwan. By admitting Taiwan as a member of the United Nations, there would be no change to the present reality at play in the Taiwan Straits.

China's claims to an internationally recognized norm of "One China" do not ring true when one reviews the status quo. The Chinese authorities' only actions regarding relations with Taipei are to intimidate and embarrass. China uses military and diplomatic threats to oppose Taiwan's independence and belittle those who make attempts to bring the issue forward. At the same time it insists Taiwan is part of China, and yet does nothing to assist the people of Taiwan in obtaining help for health, wealth or happiness.

The Secretary General's argument that the 1971 Resolution 2758 admitting China to the U.N. means the government in Beijing represents the interests of Taiwan as well is flimsy, at best. Resolution 2758 recognized the legitimacy of the People's Republic of China as China's rightful representative, however, there is no authority granted to the People's Republic of China over the people of Taiwan. This does nothing to change the fact that the government in Beijing has no authority over the 23 million people of Taiwan and that the government of Taiwan has had no authority over the people of the People's Republic of China.

The United Nations should not dismiss Taiwan's status simply as a matter that has been previously resolved by Resolution 2758. Taiwan's accession to the General Assembly will not change the current state of affairs in the Taiwan Strait. China makes no effort to control or impose its will upon Taiwan's politics or policies. Taiwan conducts elections, enters

into trade agreements and conducts business in the international community on its own.

Taiwan's admission into the U.N. will have important public health ramifications as well. A seat in the United Nations would help Taiwan secure a place in the World Health Organization. Such a development will reduce the likelihood that diseases such as avian flu could spread through Taiwan's busy ports.

Furthermore, the idea of having dual U.N. representation of a ["unified"] country is not unprecedented. When a conflict such as the one facing Taiwan and China exists, it is in the interest of the international community to follow past precedent. I hope the Secretary General, the President and my colleagues will recall that East and West Germany were given two seats in the General Assembly, Belarus and Ukraine were given seats even as part of the Soviet Union and North and South Korea are each represented in the General Assembly.

I hope this body and the Administration will stand firm and support U.N. membership for Taiwan.

HONORING PRESIDENT SIRLEAF OF LIBERIA

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce an article written by George Gedda entitled "Light in Liberia" published in World View. This article is about President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf who assumed the office of presidency in Liberia on January 2006 after a democratic election in a country which in recent years suffered under the dictatorial rule of Charles Taylor. First Lady Bush and Secretary of State Rice attended her inaugural ceremony on January 16, 2006.

President Sirleaf is the first African woman to be elected president in Liberia. She is on a mission to lift her people from the dark political legacy of ex-presidents, Charles Taylor and Samuel Doe when fraud, corruption, human rights abuses, and ethnic conflict were rampant. From 1989 to 1996, a civil war in Liberia claimed the lives of more than 200,000 Liberians and displaced a million other people in refugee camps in neighboring countries. President Sirleaf herself endured torture as a military prisoner of Doe's rebel forces. During Taylor and Doe's administration over a 25 year period, the per capita income in Liberia dropped from \$1000 to \$120 according to the World Bank.

President Sirleaf's leadership brings hope to Liberia. Seven months after her presidency, the lights came on in Liberia for the first time in 14 years on July 26, 2006 and water was turned on in some areas of the country. During her first year in office, school enrollment increased by 40%. Additionally, service to 350 health facilities in Liberia was reported restored. President Sirleaf is also taking a stance against corruption and increased transparency in her country by requiring all senior level government officials to publicly declare their assets.

I praise President Sirleaf for these accomplishments and for her determination in steering her country towards the right direction.

One of the biggest challenges that Liberia faces is addressing its national debt which, without relief, will continue to consume an inordinate amount of resources and cripple development in the country. The United States is providing support to Liberia. Just earlier this year, Secretary Rice announced the cancellation of Liberia's \$391 million U.S. debt.

President Sirleaf's tenacity and contribution is inspiring, and I applaud her for her leadership.

LIGHT IN LIBERIA

(By George Gedda)

How bad off was Liberia after back-to-back civil wars? This is what President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf said she found after taking office in January 2006: "There was no electricity and no water. Schools and clinics had crumbled, and roads were impassable. Institutions of governance had completely collapsed, and corruption was rampant. Many youths have spent more time in war than in school. Average incomes had fallen 80 percent. Exports had collapsed. Over three-quarters of our people lived below the poverty line of one dollar per day."

In November 2005, Sirleaf became the first African woman to be elected president. It was a hopeful sign after a generation of catastrophic misrule and warfare in Liberia. She brought a genuine commitment to her people and, seemingly, the wherewithal to make a positive difference. Her resume included a Master's degree from Harvard and 10 years' work on development issues at the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the United Nations.

She was a clear pick-me-up for Liberians following the era of Charles Taylor, responsible for many of the more than 200,000 deaths that occurred during the successive civil wars. Taylor fled Liberia in 2003 and, as of this past April, was awaiting trial before an international tribunal on charges of crimes against humanity for sponsoring a brutal rebellion in neighboring Sierra Leone. A 15,000-member UN peacekeeping force has been deployed in Liberia for four years. Its current mandate expires Sept. 30.

The combination of war and repression forced Sirleaf to spend parts of two decades outside of Liberia, including most of the 1980-90 rule of President Samuel Doe. In an interview with the Los Angeles Times, she recalled the terror-filled moments when Doe's forces detained her in the mid-1980s:

"I was taken to the military prison. In fact, as we were going, they told me they were going to take me to the beach and bury me alive. They started in that direction, changed their minds, put me through tortures, put matches to my hair. They said, 'We're going to burn your hair off,' but didn't do it. They would come as close as possible. It clearly was just meant to terrorize me." After her release, Sirleaf fled the country. In 1990, rebel forces tortured and murdered Doe, the same fate that befell his predecessor, President William Tolbert, in 1980.

Sirleaf is now trying to help lift Liberia out of that grim political legacy and show what responsible leadership can achieve. With First Lady Laura Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in attendance at her inaugural on Jan. 16, 2006, Sirleaf told her countrymen: "We know that your vote was a vote for change, a vote for peace, security and stability, a vote for individual and national prosperity, a vote for healing and leadership. We have heard you loudly."

One of the brighter days of Sirleaf's tenure occurred on July 26, 2006, when the lights came on in Liberia for the first time in 14 years, albeit only in a small section of the capital. The lighting illuminates streets, hospitals and office buildings. But most Liberians still have to fend for themselves

after dark. Those with means use generators. Poorer folks rely on candles.

Another milestone occurred when water was turned on in some areas. "Our children danced in the streets. Some who only knew that water came out of a bucket realized that it could come out of a tap," Sirleaf recalled.

Seldom has any country sunk as far as Liberia did under Taylor and the predecessor regime of Samuel Doe. During that 25-year period, per-capita income dropped from \$1,000 to \$120, according to the World Bank. Donor countries have been generous with pledges of assistance to Sirleaf's government but slow to fulfill them. She says: "We need to shorten the road between commitments and cash."

Health and education have been among Sirleaf's priorities. Official figures show that during her first year in office, the government increased school enrollment by 40 percent and provided school furniture throughout the country. Also, service is reported to have been restored to 350 health facilities in the country.

In a speech on March 27 in Toronto, Sirleaf highlighted other advances: deactivation of 17,000 members of the old security forces, enrollment of more than 75,000 excombatants in reintegration programs, accommodating the return of over 100,000 people who had been forced from their homes during the war, balancing of the budget and increasing government revenues by 48 percent.

Women are occupying more high government posts than ever before. Sirleaf, 68 and a grandmother of six, also is doing battle against Liberia's culture of corruption, requiring all senior level government officials to publicly declare their assets.

She has repeatedly told her countrymen that the most reliable path to prosperity is relief from Liberia's huge international debt. The subject is discussed on radio talk shows, street corners, bars and even hospitals.

Except for the periods of civil strife, the United States has had exceptionally close ties with Liberia, both symbolic and otherwise, almost from the founding of the country by freed American slaves in the 1840s. The capital, Monrovia, was named for James Monroe, the fifth American president. Liberia uses the dollar as its currency and may be the only country besides the United States and Burma to shun the metric system. A Liberian major general named George T. Washington once served as the country's top military officer. When the United States entered World War II, Liberia quickly announced its support. Among African countries, Liberia has often been among the major recipients of U.S. assistance.

The United States has been eager to help Sirleaf succeed. Appearing at an international donor conference sponsored by the World Bank in February, Rice announced the cancellation of Liberia's \$391 million U.S. debt. Other countries eliminated an estimated \$300 million in bilateral debt. When Sirleaf returned home from the conference, Liberians cheered her successes as they lined the road on her 30-mile ride from the airport to the capital. The cancellations reduced Liberia's debt to \$3 billion, the largest share of which is \$1.6 billion owed to international lending institutions. There is also a \$1 billion commercial debt.

For technical reasons, Liberia does not yet qualify for relief under the Highly Indebted Poor Country (HIPC) initiative, a 1996 International Monetary Fund-World Bank program designed to assist poor countries with unmanageable debts.

Anwarul K. Chowdury, an advocate at the United Nations for the interests of the world's poorest countries, says Liberia should be entitled to HIPC benefits because

of its "recent tumultuous history and current postconflict reconstruction efforts."

The Campaign to Cancel Africa's Debt, an activist group, believes it is an outrage that Liberia is being asked to continue making payments on the "odious and illegitimate" debt accumulated by Sirleaf's authoritarian predecessors. "Liberia needs 100 percent debt cancellation without harmful conditions in order to invest in its economy, rebuild the nation's infrastructure and fund essential public social services," the campaign said in a recent report.

In her Toronto speech, Sirleaf said Liberia's total liability is equal to over 3,000 percent of the country's exports. She is urging wealthy countries to come up with a formula for a prompt easing of the debt burden.

Even with generous debt relief, progress would be slow in coming. As an example, Sirleaf points to the decay of the tourism infrastructure. "The roads, the hotels, the lights, the water, all of those things that tourists will require for their comfort are not there yet," she says. Also, she adds, there is no easy path for securing electricity for rural areas. Pains-taking studies will be required just to determine whether hydroelectric power is the most suitable option.

Sirleaf believes that Liberia could become an agricultural power, citing its abundant fertile soil and rainfalls. Liberia has been a principal world market supplier of latex, derived from rubber trees. The country also is believed well suited for rice, oil palm, pineapples, cassava, citrus, coffee and cocoa. Other potential revenue producers are gold, iron ore, timber and diamonds. And U.S. investors are showing interest. A one-day conference on private investment opportunities, held in conjunction with the donors conference in February, drew an overflow crowd of 400 registrants.

Exports of timber were banned during Taylor's government by the U.N. Security Council because revenues were being used to finance the war in Sierra Leone. The ban was lifted last year, opening the way for a potentially lucrative market for Liberia. A Security Council prohibition on diamond exports remains in place pending certification that the stones are not used to finance conflict—as they were under Taylor's rule.

Shortly before Sirleaf's visit to Washington, she welcomed China's president, Hu Jintao, to Monrovia. There was no official account of the outcome but a Liberian official said beforehand that plans called for the signing of commercial agreements involving rubber, timber and minerals. Further demonstrating China's interest in the resource-rich country is the presence of 500 Chinese peacekeepers in Liberia. Sirleaf says she's happy to receive assistance from China, so long as it doesn't increase her country's debt.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. SPINO

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the medical career of Dr. Pascal Daniel Spino of Greensburg, PA.

After 60 years of serving the citizens of Greensburg as a pediatrician, Dr. Spino is retiring from practice. The genuine concern and compassion Dr. Spino gave his patients on a daily basis is appreciated more than words

can say. The sincere love and care his patients received should serve as a model to all who practice medicine.

Dr. Spino has had a truly remarkable career. But he is a modest man who would not boast about his many accomplishments or awards. So let me mention just a few. Always having a big heart for the less fortunate, Dr. Spino founded the first Well Baby Clinic in Westmoreland County which serves indigent children from birth to 6 years of age. The clinic provides free exams and immunizations to the indigent children of Southwestern Pennsylvania. Dr. Spino has personally manned the clinic since it began in 1954.

In 1970, when a patient, Jacob, was suffering from biliary atresia (a rare condition in newborn infants in which the common bile duct between the liver and the small intestine is blocked or absent), the townspeople of Greensburg, PA, responded generously with donations to help with the high medical costs. This tradition has carried on and the "Joy of Jacob" fund is still active and successful in helping to treat children with birth defects.

Dr. Spino took notice of abused children with no place to go. He felt for them and decided to take action in 1972, by founding the RANCH, or Render Any Needy Child Help program. A program designed solely to provide medical care for abused children. Dr. Spino then went on to create a Level II Nursery at Westmoreland Regional Hospital for the care of infants and helped create a modern pediatric department at Westmoreland Regional Hospital with intensive care capabilities.

Dr. Spino has received a number of awards including: Man of the Year by the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review for his outstanding service to the community; the Pennsylvania Pediatrician of the Year in 1989 by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Academy of Pediatrics and was honored with "Doctor Spino Day," in Westmoreland County for his lifetime commitment to helping others. Over 4,000 people—1/4 of the City's residents were in attendance—despite a downpour of rain.

In my practice as a child psychologist, our paths have crossed several times over the years through our patients. I know first-hand the tremendous respect and affection patients and professionals alike have for Dr. Spino. I understand first-hand the joy of helping a child. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Spino's career, personal sacrifice and devotion to improving our health care system and helping others.

SUPPORT OUR FRIEND AND ALLY: TAIWAN

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise in solidarity with the Republic of China (Taiwan). For over 50 years, Taiwan has been a flourishing, independent and sovereign government in the developing world and Southeast Asia. Taiwan has developed a world-class democracy, serving as a model for countries in the region. The people of Taiwan inspire others in Southeast Asia and around the world who desire freedom and prosperity. America should stand with our friends who engage in peaceful democracy and Taiwan deserves our support.

Taiwan plays an important role in the international community because of its democratic and economic success. Other nations are benefiting from Taiwan's access to markets and technology. It defies logic and the principle of fairness that the Taiwanese people and government are not given the same voice as everyone else throughout the world.

Madam Speaker, I urge this body to stand with our friends and allies in Taiwan and hope that you will join me in supporting strong democracy in the world.

BILL LANSFORD: WAR HERO AND CHAMPION FOR HISPANIC VETERANS

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Ms. HARMAN. Madam Speaker, if the United States were a house, our veterans would be its foundation. The structural integrity of our homeland has always relied on the selfless service and sacrifice of the women and men in our Armed Forces. Today I rise to honor a veteran, war hero, resident of the 36th congressional district, and my friend—retired Marine Corps Sergeant and Army combat correspondent Bill Lansford.

The Second World War required endurance and courage from our Nation. Normal lives were put on hold, and the future of democracy rested on the shoulders of America's young soldiers. As a 20 year-old Marine, Bill Lansford fought his way through the Pacific Theater—at Guadalcanal, Bougainville and Iwo Jima, three of the bloodiest battles of the war. Bill served with "Carlson's Raiders," an elite Special Forces unit, and earned numerous decorations for valor in combat.

The conclusion of World War II would not mark the end of Bill's military service. He joined the Army to write radio shows for the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service, would that would be interrupted by the Korean War—and his transfer to the 11th Airborne Division where he ultimately achieved the rank of Lieutenant.

The bonds that Bill Lansford forged in battle influenced his life, and he has devoted himself to representing the interests of Hispanic veterans, particularly through the work of the American GI Forum—which celebrates its 60th anniversary next year. Through membership and service, Bill has made a major contribution to the Forum's success. In Los Angeles, he is working to install a monument to recipients of the Hispanic Congressional Medal of Honor. And an upcoming PBS documentary on World War II will feature him and a fellow "Carlson's Raider" discussing their wartime experiences.

Bill is married to the wonderful Ruth Lansford, an environmental activist and local legend in her own right. As founder of the Friends of Ballona, Ruth has been instrumental in preserving the beautiful Ballona Wetlands located in my district. The couple resides in Playa Del Rey, California.

I am proud to have Bill Lansford as a constituent, and pleased to commend him for his patriotism and lifelong service to country and community.

SUPPORT FOR THE MEETING BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND THE AFRICAN UNION

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce an article published in the New York CARIB News on July 24, 2007 entitled, "OAS-African Union Meeting Ends." This article is about the first working meeting between the Organization of American States (OAS) and the African Union (AU). The goals of this meeting were to strengthen the cooperation and to build on the democratic partnership between the member states of these two organizations. Secretary Rice was present during this meeting.

The working sessions of the OAS-AU meeting covered several topics including: Promoting Democracy in Latin America and Africa: From Rhetoric to Reality; the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance and the Inter-American Democratic Charter; Strengthening Democratic Institutions and Promoting Democratic Values; Political Dialogue and Conflict Prevention; Protection and Promotion of Human Rights; and Santiago to Bamako: Democracy Promotion within the Community of Democratic Process.

I am positive that the OAS-AU meeting was productive and strengthened the channels of communication between the two regions. I am eager about the prospect of an Americas-Africa Summit since the countries in both regions are sure to benefit from increased partnerships, knowledge exchange, and cooperation.

[From the New York CARIB News, July 24, 2007]

OAS-AFRICAN UNION MEETING ENDS

WASHINGTON.—The Organization of American States (OAS) and the African Union (AU) recently ended their first working meeting, resolved to strengthen their cooperation around the promotion of democracy, amidst calls for an Americas-Africa Summit to consolidate the "democratic partnership" of these regions.

OAS Assistant Secretary General Albert R. Ramdin wrapped up the historic two-day working session, calling for "a meeting of both regions at the highest political level—an Americas-Africa Summit," which would help translate the noble objectives and intentions articulated at the two-day meeting, into "real action to the benefit of both regions" in the areas of trade, economy, security, health, and other areas. "An Africa-Americas Summit could provide a valuable platform from which to build this democratic partnership between our regions; with a targeted, realistic and executable action agenda," Ramdin explained. Asserting that the strengthening of cooperation by regional organizations is even more relevant today than ever before, he said the just-concluded meeting focused on shared experiences and challenges faced by the Americas and Africa alike as they seek to promote and defend democracy.

According to Ambassador Ramdin, the discussions underscored how challenges such as poverty, inequality, and social exclusion can undermine positive efforts to build democracies and peaceful societies in both continents.

"For democracy to be truly meaningful, the fruits of democracy must also nurture and feed the social and economic well being of our citizens," Ramdin went on to state, noting that "expectations in both Africa and the Americas are high."

During the meeting, the participants heard from a range of speakers, including United States Undersecretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs Paula Dobriansky; former President of Cape Verde Antonio Mascaranhas Monteiro; Guatemala's Vice President Eduardo Stein; OAS Assistant Secretary for Political Affairs Dante Caputo; and AU Commissioner for Peace and Security Said Djinnit.

The working sessions of the OAS-AU meeting covered a range of topics, among them: Promoting Democracy in Latin America and Africa: From Rhetoric to Reality; The African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance and the Inter-American Democratic Charter; Strengthening Democratic Institutions and Promoting Democratic Values; Political Dialogue and Conflict Prevention; Protection and Promotion of Human Rights; and Santiago to Bamako: Democracy Promotion within the Community of Democracies Process.

CELEBRATING THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF SAG HARBOR

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 300th anniversary of one of the most beloved and historic villages in the First Congressional District of New York, the Village of Sag Harbor.

Sag Harbor is a village of two square miles, settled in 1707 and rich in American history; from its early Algonquin Indian inhabitants to historical Revolutionary War battles which took place on the land. Sag Harbor is further distinguished by being the first official port of entry in the State of New York. It was officially established as a state port of entry in 1789 by the First Congress of the United States and approved by President George Washington, just one day before New York City.

The area grew in those early days as a result of its thriving whaling industry. Local men, together with foreign whalers, brought culture and customs from distant lands to Sag Harbor. During this time period Sag Harbor became a truly international port town, where diverse cultures came together. Sag Harbor was even prominently mentioned in Herman Melville's novel *Moby Dick*.

Today finds the village of Sag Harbor split between the Long Island towns of Southampton and East Hampton. With a population of about 2,300 friendly residents, bustling main streets and beautifully scenic areas, Sag Harbor Village has become a premier tourist destination in the United States.

It is with great pleasure and pride that I rise to recognize the unique contributions of the Village of Sag Harbor, and to commemorate its 300th Anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA'S DEPARTMENT OF PLANT PATHOLOGY

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. WALZ of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Department of Plant Pathology at the University of Minnesota.

I would like to applaud the University of Minnesota's Department of Plant Pathology for its dedication to furthering knowledge of plant pathology and its work in developing genetic and biological controls that have helped increase crop production in Minnesota and across the world. The contributions of this Department to ecological plant genetics, and the work done by the Department's researchers to improve plant resistance to diseases and weather conditions, have been profoundly important to world's ability to raise higher quality crops and feed a growing population.

For well over a century, multi-national food companies have originated in Minnesota. Because of the importance of the grain milling industry to the economy of our then-young state, the threat of disease to the wheat, barley or oat crop was cause for great concern. Early members of this Department helped ensure that these key crops remained healthy, with research that stabilized crop production and prevented losses from disease.

Today, the Department is recognized as a national and global leader in Plant Pathology and its research continues to improve the production capabilities and practices of farmers across the nation and around the world. For example, the Department's work on Soybean Aphids has lead to the use of Asian Wasps as a biological control, a research breakthrough that may save soybean producers millions of dollars each year in reduced input costs and prevented crop losses.

The impact of this Department is also measured through the success of its alumni. Dr. Norman Borlaug earned his bachelor's degree from this Department in 1937, his master's degree in 1939 and his doctorate in 1942. But that was only the start of the recognition that this remarkable alumni would receive. In 1970, he won the Nobel Peace Prize, and in July, he received the Congressional Gold Medal.

A plant pathologist by training, he has spent the better part of six decades fighting hunger in Africa, Asia and Mexico. With his tireless work in breeding high-yielding, disease-resistant varieties of wheat, he has saved—by some estimates—as many as one billion lives from malnutrition and starvation.

For their 100 years of service to the farmers, businesses and citizens of Minnesota and the world, I commend the faculty, staff, students and alumni of the University of Minnesota's Department of Plant Pathology and I look forward to many more years of their continued success.

ELEANOR MCGOVERN POST OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in honoring the life of Eleanor McGovern and in support of H.R. 2654, a bill to name a post office in South Dakota, in tribute to her legacy.

Eleanor was a great advocate for children and families, both through volunteering and personally helping underprivileged families and by addressing these issues through public policy. Most people know her as the wife of Senator George McGovern—but she was an influential and outspoken figure in her own right. While her husband was running for president, she traveled across the country displaying her impressive rhetorical skills and changing traditional perceptions of a woman's role in public life.

She was also a key advisor to her husband, one of our most distinguished American statesmen and humanitarians, and a very principled anti-war leader. Eleanor believed wholeheartedly in the causes they championed, in the battles they won and those they lost. She contributed her time and efforts to a number of organizations over the years, serving on the boards of directors for the Psychiatric Institute Foundation, the Child Study Association, the Erickson Institute of Chicago, and the Odysseus House of New York. Following her daughter's death, she also helped found the McGovern Family Foundation dedicated to research into alcoholism, and established the Martha Movement, which championed the rights of homemakers.

I pay tribute to the legacy she leaves behind and the tremendous good work she did. She was truly a force for change. I'm so thankful for the life, the service, and the good will of Eleanor McGovern.

CELEBRATING CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN NEW YORK CITY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce an article entitled "Promises of More To Come," published in the New York CARIB News on July 27, 2007. This article highlights the National Association of Barbados Organization's (NABO) Annual gathering in Queens, NY where 200-plus Bajans, people from Barbadian descent, were present.

The NABO convention in Queens is a prime example of the rich diversity of cultures and people in New York City where a multiplicity of peoples from all over the world have come to live. It is exciting for me to know that events such as the NABO convention take place in New York City because I believe that the city benefits from the richness of cultures and exchange of ideas. The NABO convention is a fine example of this type of cultural exchange.

[From CaribNews, July 27, 2007]

PROMISES OF MORE TO COME

(By Tony Best)

The spacious hotel overlooking La Guardia Airport may not be in the heart of busy New York City but it is far from a drab, unexciting place to hold a convention.

The Crowne Plaza's large ballroom, its theater-style meeting room, and the quiet Queens neighborhood may not offer the atmosphere of a City that never sleeps but it offered its own charm that grabbed and held the attention of the 200-plus Bajans who attended the National Association of Barbados Organization's annual gathering.

The Bajans came from the across the U.S., the Caribbean, Canada and Britain.

"It turned out quite well for us," said Mike Cummings, Chairman of the NABO, an umbrella organization that brings together more than 20 associations of Barbadians in the U.S. and the Caribbean. "The convention was one of the largest and among the best we have had so far."

Pat Sobers-Fergusson, President of the Barbados-American Organization of Philadelphia, shared Cummings' assessments.

"It was my first NABO convention and I enjoyed it," she said.

The convention, which began with an opening reception and a launching of a three-day EXPO, organized by the Barbados Investment and Development Corporation, BIDC, ended with a church service at the hotel.

And with eyes focused on Barbados where NABO plans to hold its 2008 convention, the meeting with its emphasis on youth may have set the stage for an interesting gathering on "the rock," as Bajans often call their birthplace.

"I look forward to welcoming the membership of NABO, together with counterparts from Canada and the United Kingdom when you hold your joint homecoming conference in Barbados in 2008," said Dame Billie Miller, Barbados' Foreign Minister and Minister of Foreign Trade during a feature address at the awards banquet.

"The New York convention may have set the stage, the appropriate tone and atmosphere for what's to follow next year," said Jessica Odle, Consul-General in New York.

The workshops, breakfast sessions, luncheon meeting, the EXPO, a dance in Brooklyn and other events were followed by the highlight of the convention, the awards banquet.

Dame Billie took the opportunity to bring the Bajans up-to-speed on the recent U.S. Caribbean Conference in Washington, which she described as "an unprecedented event on the landscape of Caribbean-United States relations."

The Minister pointed out that the region's leaders, the West Indian Diaspora and the top officials of the Bush Administration, including President George Bush, senior members of Congress, the private sector, "eminent scholars and entrepreneurs" came together "to build out a work program for interaction between the Caribbean community and the Caribbean Diaspora in the United States of America."

Focusing on the Convention's theme of "Rekindling Pride and Industry by mentoring our youth."

Dame Billie said that with the 18-35 year olds accounting for about 30 per cent of the region's "productive labor capacity," the youth in and out of the Caribbean and the Diaspora "must be encouraged to contribute and produce."

She cited the work being done by the "Young Barbadian Professional Society as an example of what could be done, explaining that the "mission of this Society is to use the intellectual capital of its members to further advance positive transformations in the Barbadian and Caribbean communities."

Five Bajans were honored, some of them in their absence for their work at home and abroad. Rupert "Ruppee" Clarke, the well-known entertainer was presented with the "Pride of Barbados Award" and Jonathan Ethelbert Graham, who has devoted "a lifetime of service to cricket in Barbados" was given a special recognition award. Community citations were presented to the Rev. Dr. Hamilton Taitt, a prominent pastor in the Wesleyan Holiness Church in Florida; Martin Ervin Greenidge, a "role model" in the California community where he lives and works; and the Rev. Canon Dr. Llewellyn Armstrong, Rector of Calvary/St. Cyprian's Church in Brooklyn.

"We all left New York with a feeling of satisfaction," said Ed Bushell, Consul-General in Miami who chaired many of the sessions during the convention. "We all are looking forward to Barbados next year."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall votes on September 10, 2007, and would like the record to reflect that I would have voted as follows: rollcall No. 865: "yea," rollcall No. 866: "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. REYNOLDS. Madam Speaker, while I was unavoidably absent during the final passage of the Conference Report to H.R. 2669, had I been present, I would have voted in support of the Conference Report. The College Cost Reduction Act will add nearly \$11.5 billion for Pell Grants, which will directly help 5.5 million low-income students attend college. While I had serious concerns about much of the runaway spending included in the legislation, I supported this legislation because it is important that higher education become more accessible and affordable for working families. The Conference Report included measures to achieve this goal. I have long supported and was pleased to see substantial funding increases in particular for Pell Grants and TRIO/Upward Bound. As a parent and a grandparent, I understand the need to ensure students are afforded every opportunity to attend college.

HONORING KYLE JOSEPH CODAY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Joseph Coday, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of

America, Troop 214, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Kyle's Eagle Scout project involved the construction of a pergola in the outdoor classroom of St. James Catholic Church and School. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle Joseph Coday for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TULLAHOMA AMERICANS CAPTURE STATE TITLE

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the "Tullahoma Americans," a little league baseball team of 11- and 12-year-olds from Coffee County, Tennessee, that captured the State title this month. Tullahoma American has had remarkable success in the past but has not held this title for many years. For all their hard work and dedication, these young little-leaguers have achieved an incredible feat in reclaiming the championship for Tullahoma, and I could not be prouder of them.

My sincere congratulations go out to the players: Josh Brandon, Justin Brandon, Justin Brown, Trey Burks, Alex Butaud, Reed Gabriel, Marquel Hickerson, Zach Lampkin, Ryan Lawson, Brad Roepke, Sam Tomes, and Caleb Zidan, as well as their coaches, Warner Tomes, Troy Shelton, and Mike Thompson, for a championship well-earned. Head Coach Mike Thompson also deserves congratulations not only for shepherding the boys to a winning season, but for dedicating 9 years of service to the Little League institution.

Little League baseball has a long history in America. As early as the late 19th century, young American children played baseball in groups affiliated with adult club teams, but it was not until the late 1930s that Carl Stotz founded and named the "Little League" we are all familiar with today. Since then, young baseball players have honed their skills as well as their character on baseball diamonds across the country. Little League teaches teamwork, sportsmanship, and the value of hard work.

Our Tullahoma State Champions exemplify all of these qualities, and I am proud today to stand and congratulate the team, their coaches, and families for their extraordinary effort. It is my sincere hope that this tradition will continue for young people across the State for years to come.

TAIWAN

HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. MCCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge and support Taiwan's ef-

forts to gain membership in the United Nations, U.N. Communist China's persistent and pervasive intimidation has spurred the U.N.'s refusal to grant Taiwan membership and meaningful participation in the international organization; thus, notwithstanding Taiwan's democratic government, market economy, inherent sovereignty, and respect of human rights, Taiwan is the only democracy in the world banned from U.N. membership.

To rectify this abject inequity, on July 19, 2007, Taiwan's democratically-elected President, Chen Shui-bian, appealed to U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon to accept the nation's application for U.N. membership. Instead of forwarding the application to the U.N. Security Council, Mr. Ban unilaterally dismissed Taiwan's application; consequently, Mr. Ban cavalierly violated U.N. Security Council Rule 59. In explaining Mr. Ban's violation, the U.N. Secretary General's office alleged the application was rejected because Taiwan is an integral part of communist China. In making this factually unfounded determination, Mr. Ban subverted the authority of the U.N. Security Council and diminished the little credibility the U.N. retains. Further, as the U.N. Secretary General is acting as a dupe for communist China, the U.N. will rightly and ultimately be viewed as a wholly owned subsidiary of communist China.

If, in addition to its innumerable instances of corruption and incompetence, the U.N. continues such arbitrary and capricious actions in relation to the sovereign democracy of Taiwan, this international organization will one day mirror the League of Nations—of which, if I may point out, no country remains a member.

Madam Speaker, I strongly regret Mr. Ban's unilateral rejection of Taiwan's sovereignty and application to join the U.N. As the United States is the Leader of the Free World we must continue to support Taiwan's efforts to gain membership in the U.N.

RECOGNIZING MR. CLAUDE RUNDLE AND THE CREW OF THE LST-460

HON. TIM MAHONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. MAHONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Claude Rundle of Port Charlotte, FL, and the other exceptional crew members of the LST-460 ship during its service in World War II.

The LST-460 was commissioned on February 15, 1943 and was assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific theatre between 1943 and 1944. The LST-460 and its crew participated in over a half dozen operations including the consolidation of the Southern Solomons and the Mindoro Landing. On December 21, 1944, the LST-460 was lost in action when it was attacked by enemy aircraft while sailing off the coast of the Philippines. The LST-460 and its crew earned six battle stars and the Navy Unit Commendation for World War II service.

For the last 25 years, the survivors of the LST-460 have hosted a reunion to commemorate their service and bravery. Mr. Rundle is one of these survivors and I am honored to be able to recognize him today. Beyond our

shores, Mr. Rundle and the other brave men who served and fought on the LST-460 ensured the ability of our country to lead the world in securing democracy for those less fortunate. As these men gather together to celebrate their brotherhood, it is my hope that they are filled with a great sense of pride and accomplishment as our freedom is possible because of their great sacrifices.

On behalf of Florida's 16th Congressional District, I want to express my deepest gratitude to Mr. Rundle and the other crew members of the LST-460 for their honorable service to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 11 AS A
DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

SPEECH OF

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to voice my full support for H. Res. 643, recognizing September 11 as a day of remembrance, extending sympathies to those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, and their families, honoring the heroic actions of our Nation's first responders and Armed Forces, and reaffirming the commitment to defending the people of the United States against any and all future challenges.

Six years after that infamous day, the emotional scars are still laid bare for millions of Americans. While many of our citizens lost families members, friends, and loved ones in the attacks of that day, we all lost the sense of safety and security that we had enjoyed before the greatest terrorist attack ever on American soil.

I am proud of how we came together as a Nation and stood united against those who would do us harm after the reality of what had happened sank in. Indeed, I cannot remember another singular event that caused that type of wholehearted solidarity, not only between all Americans, but between all citizens from around the world who stood with the United States against evil and tyranny after that fateful day.

Mr. Speaker, this is what makes it even that much more heartbreaking today, that we have squandered much of the compassion and goodwill towards our great country with the actions that the Administration instigated following September 11th. Instead of finding Osama Bin Laden and finishing the job against the Taliban in Afghanistan, we foolishly invaded another sovereign nation that had nothing to do with the terrorist attacks, and one that had never threatened our country.

Instead of capitalizing on the goodwill that was genuinely felt by citizens around the globe to help us fight terrorism and mark a new beginning in global cooperation and friendship, the President instead turned compassion and empathy into resentment and antipathy towards the United States by attacking another country without provocation or cause.

Mr. Speaker, it is our job as Representatives of this great country to repeal this failed policy of preemptive war. We must begin the business of uniting this country and winning the hearts and minds of the citizens of the

world. America must regain its place as the leader of the free world, not through brute force and military might, but with the characteristics that put us there in the first place: compassion, generosity, empathy, and humility. In doing this we can ensure that those who died on 9/11 did not do so in vain, and we can ensure that those who sought to topple our great democracy and shake the American spirit have only succeeded in doing the very opposite.

THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF
PROJECT PPEP PROVIDING HELP
FOR RURAL POOR IN THE
SOUTHWEST

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I am both pleased and honored to share with my colleagues the work of a distinguished program that began in a converted 1956 school bus named "La Tortuga" or "The Tortoise" which became a portable classroom. This program on wheels was the dream of a young man that saw a need to serve and thereby improve the quality of life of the migrant and the rural poor of Arizona.

Founded in August 24, 1967, through this young man's vision and tenacity, Project Portable Practical Education Preparation (PPEP) began serving the needs of migrant and the rural poor of Arizona to improve the quality of lives through self-help programs which became PPEP's fundamental mission. Today I wish to recognize their 40th anniversary.

An article in The Arizona Daily Star, written in November 1967, had this to say about Project PPEP: "Its goal is summed up in the title, a practical education which is brought almost to the doorstep of unskilled and poverty-stricken people in Southern Arizona. Its method involves the use of constant information; finding what kinds of education the people want and then providing it."

Since October 1967, slowly, laboriously, La Tortuga crawled back and forth along the hot dusty miles from Marana, Arizona to Tumacacori and Patagonia in southern Arizona. The old green bus stopped in poor Mexican-American, Bracero, Native American and Black communities, bringing Project PPEP and its belief in "Si Se Puede" (yes it can be done) to hundreds of low-income populations in rural Pima and Santa Cruz Counties.

After gaining acceptance in the communities along the way, John David Arnold, the founder and CEO of PPEP and La Tortuga's driver, mechanic and teacher, used this circuit model for delivery of social and educational services—a model used some 300 years earlier by Father Eusebio Kino, the great mission builder of the southwest. Today PPEP is supporting the construction of twelve brick and mortar schoolhouses for at-risk students (graduating over 2,400) and La Tortuga's legacy is traveling down the information super highway as PPEP designs two virtual academies: the Arizona Virtual Academy (AZVA) and the Insight Virtual Academy of California (IVAC).

The work of Project PPEP and the leadership of Dr. John David Arnold have been cited as national models eight times in the CON-

GRESSIONAL RECORD, including citations by Congressmen Morris K. Udall, Jim Kolbe, Ed PASTOR, and Senators Dennis DeConcini, MIKE ENZI, JOHN MCCAIN and JON KYL. Dr. Arnold was honored twice at the Clinton White House among numerous other recognitions nationally and internationally. Recently Dr. Arnold was appointed by the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) as their National Education co-chair and International Relations co-chair. Furthermore Dr. Arnold was the Arizona LULAC Man of the Year in 2004 and 2006, and in 2004 was awarded the prestigious Cesar Chavez Award for Community Service and Leadership.

I wish to commend and congratulate Project PPEP CEO Dr. John David Arnold, the Board of Directors, and the 476 staff on their 40th year of providing personal financial training and services which have enabled families to become self-sufficient, including over \$19 million in loans through its micro-credit loan program.

To list all of the good work Project PPEP has accomplished in the last 40 years would be a daunting task. Project PPEP has made it possible for many rural families to achieve the dignity they deserve. For all their good work they are much deserving of Congressional recognition.

FRANK J. GUARINI POST OFFICE
BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H.R. 2467, a bill to designate the United States Postal Service facility located at 69 Montgomery Street in Jersey City, NJ, as the "Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building." I also urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Congressman Guarini was born on August 20, 1924, in Jersey City, NJ. His career in public service began in the United States Navy during World War II, where he served on the USS *Mount McKinley* from 1944 to 1946. After the war, he decided to pursue higher education, earning a B.A. degree from Dartmouth, a J.D. degree from New York University, and a LL.M. from the same institution in 1955.

From 1965 to 1972, he served in the New Jersey Senate and was elected to represent the 14th Congressional District of New Jersey in 1979 and retired in 1993.

He was an active and productive member of the Ways and Means Committee, where I was proud to work closely with him to ensure income security and health care coverage for many Americans. In the spirit of this historic committee, Frank was a colleague who always sought to achieve bipartisanship.

Congressman Guarini is a dear friend with whom I enjoyed working in this great body. I admire him not just because we have very similar backgrounds, but because I share his pride in his Italian-American heritage. He is fully entitled to the honor being bestowed today.

HONORING THE COMMUNITY
HEALTH CLINIC OLE**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Community Health Clinic Ole for its efforts to bring healthcare to the underserved communities of Napa County. By providing the highest quality medical and dental services, Clinic Ole has become an essential part of the health and well-being of Napa County residents.

In the early 1970s, 13 percent of Napa County's population was Mexican American but few had health insurance or access to adequate medical care. At a meeting of Napa Valley Latinos, a farmworker named Plácido Garcia asked, "Why don't we have a health clinic in Napa?" Inspired by this question, a committed group of community members began working together and, just a few months later, Clinic Ole opened its doors for the first time on September 17, 1972, in a small building in Rutherford. It was the first clinic in the county to provide healthcare to the local and migrant agricultural workers of the Napa Valley community.

The clinic has since grown by leaps and bounds. It began with only a few volunteer staff and physicians, but today has over 115 employees providing the highest quality medical and dental care to over 20,000 patients annually in the Napa Valley. They remain committed to their original goal of providing affordable healthcare and, although 70 percent of their patients earn incomes below the Federal poverty level, they are proud to say that no one is denied care at the clinic because of an inability to pay.

Madam Speaker, it is fitting at this time that we thank the Community Health Clinic Ole for their tireless efforts to ensure that high quality healthcare is accessible to all members of our community. Its growth from a small clinic to a pillar of the Latino community is a testament to the talents and dedication of the staff and volunteers, and I look forward to seeing it continue to thrive for many years to come.

HONORING NATIONAL
GRANDPARENTS DAY**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of National Grandparents Day, which was celebrated on September 9, 2007. Grandparents Day, although a relatively recent holi-

day, is a day that truly deserves more recognition. As influential anthropologist Margaret Mead once said, "Nobody has ever before asked the nuclear family to live all by itself in a box the way we do. With no relatives, no support, we've put them in an impossible situation." As we observe the 29th anniversary of Congress' proclamation of a National Grandparents Day, it is crucial that we recognize this as a day to first and foremost honor grandparents. National Grandparents Day gives us an opportunity to recognize the countless ways grandparents show love for their children's children, and it helps children become aware of the strength, information, and guidance older people can offer. After all, grandparents are the backbone of every family support system. Grandparents, especially, dedicate numerous hours to the upbringing of their grandchildren, often times receiving little compensation in return.

This is why I, along with my colleague TIM JOHNSON, sponsored The Kinship Caregiver Support Act (RR. 2188). Recent statistics indicate that, as of the year 2000, more than six million children, that is 1 in 12 children, live in households headed by grandparents or other relatives, and this number is steadily rising. In addition, almost one-fifth of grandparents responsible for their grandchildren live in poverty. Currently, Federal financial assistance is available only to foster and adoptive families, with only a few States receiving a waiver to provide subsidized guardianship, with these guidelines sometimes creating financial disincentives to guardianship. Unfortunately, the waiver expired in 2006. This means that if you're from one of the 15 States with existing waivers—that is if you're from Arizona, California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Virginia or Wisconsin—your State risks losing considerable Federal support in the very near future when your existing waivers expire unless legislative action is taken. If you're from one of the other 35 States or DC, you cannot benefit from the program at all unless new legislation is passed.

The Kinship Caregiver Support Act amends part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to authorize all States to opt to enter agreements to provide kinship guardianship assistance payments on behalf of children to grandparents and other relatives who have assumed legal guardianship of children for whom they have committed to care for on a permanent basis. A recent report by the GAO specifically identified subsidized guardianship as a way to address the disproportionate percentage of African-American children in foster care. The GAO found that African-American children also stay in foster care longer because of difficulties in recruiting adoptive parents and a greater reliance on relatives to provide foster care who may be unwilling to terminate the parental rights of the child's parent as

required by adoption. As an alternative to adoption, subsidized guardianship is considered particularly promising for helping African-American children exit from foster care. The Kinship Caregiver bill also supplies grants to eligible entities to pay for the Federal share of the cost of carrying out kinship navigator programs.

I urge the recognition of grandparents not just on this day but every day, and I also urge Congress to take action to provide kinship caregivers, oftentimes grandparents, with the necessary resources to address their children's needs. Consequently, The Kinship Caregiver Support Act deserves your support because it is distinctly crafted to address and minimize the unique challenges these kinship caregivers face. The ultimate goal of this legislation is to assist in the reunification of these families.

RECOGNIZING THE 709TH U.S.
ARMY BATTALION**HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to a gathering this fall in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania acknowledging the dedication of an outstanding group of men. This group of brave individuals served in the 709th United States Army Battalion during World War II. Their courageous efforts helped defend and preserve our country's ideals of freedom and liberty during a complex time in history.

The efforts and accomplishments of these heroic individuals are numerous. They fought along side their brothers in arms at Utah Beach on D-Day, July 11th, 1944 to help liberate Europe from the suffering brought on by tyranny and oppression. The Battalion was distinguished for participating in all five European campaigns in addition, it was given the honor of a Presidential Unit Citation within the army for their services conducted in the Hurtgen Forest in November, 1944.

Special recognition is also needed for the 100 comrades of the Battalion whose lives were lost during combat. Collectively, the Battalion has received numerous distinguishing honors which include Bronze Stars, Silver Stars, Purple Hearts, the Distinguished Service Cross, the British Military Cross, and the Croix de Guerre.

The Battalion has courageously defended our country and helped promote the ideals and foundations of our government. I commend these men on their fearlessness and efforts and greatly acknowledge the honors they have received.

Thank you Madam Speaker.

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Senate

Chamber Action

Measures Reported:

H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–155)

Senate met at 9:45:48 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 9:46:15 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 2007.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 3525–3538; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 209; and H. Res. 649 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 444, supporting the goals and ideals of National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day, honoring the invaluable contributions of Charles Edward Taylor, regarded as the father of aviation maintenance, and recognizing the essential role of aviation maintenance technicians in ensuring the safety and security of civil and military aircraft (H. Rept. 110–323);

H. Res. 549, recognizing the importance of America's Waterway Watch program (H. Rept. 110–324);

H. Res. 592, supporting first responders in the United States in their efforts to prepare for and respond to natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters, and affirming the goals and ideals of National First Responder Appreciation Day (H. Rept. 110–325);

H.R. 2671, to designate the United States courthouse located at 301 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida, as the "C. Clyde Atkins United States Courthouse" (H. Rept. 110–326);

H.R. 2728, to designate the station of the United States Border Patrol located at 25762 Madison Avenue in Murrieta, California, as the "Theodore L. Newton, Jr. and George F. Azrak Border Patrol Station" (H. Rept. 110–327); and

H.R. 3068, to prohibit the award of contracts to provide guard services under the contract security guard program of the Federal Protective Service to a business concern that is owned, controlled, or operated by an individual who has been convicted of a felony, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–328).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Sarbanes to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, President, St. Luke Institute, Silver Spring, Maryland.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency declared with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–57).

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Committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Paul E. Gillmor—Appointment: The Chair

announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Paul E. Gillmor: Representatives Regula, Boehner, and Blunt; The members of the Ohio Delegation: Representatives Kaptur, Hobson, Pryce, Chabot, LaTourette, Kucinich, Jones, Tiberi, Turner, Ryan, Schmidt, Jordan, Space, Sutton, and Wilson; and Representatives Lewis (CA), Petri, Hall (TX), Barton (TX), Kanjorski, Upton, McNulty, Stearns, Tanner, Bachus, Mica, Watt, Ehlers, LaHood, Shadegg, Wicker, Emerson, Aderholt, Biggert, Moore (KS), Reynolds, Schakowsky, Walden (OR), Pence, Ross, Forbes, Boozman, Wilson (SC), Cole (OK) Gingrey, King (IA), Chandler, Inglis (SC), Conaway, Dent, and Price (GA).

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H10368.

Senate Referrals: S. 1692 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls__Votes: There were no Yea-and-Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Program for Monday: To be announced.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, September 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, September 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3:00 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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