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Dr. Sanders has extensive experience as a member of the Department's senior executive service. Before coming to the Missile Defense Agency, she was the Director for Test, Systems Engineering and Evaluation in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, responsible for ensuring the integration of all engineering disciplines into the system acquisition process, providing technical risk assessments and oversight of developmental test and evaluation for many of the weapon systems used by our Armed Forces today.

Dr. Sanders held numerous positions within the Missile Defense Agency and its predecessor organization, the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization. She came to the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization in 1999 to be the Deputy for Test, Simulation and Evaluation. In this position, she was also the senior technical advisor to the Director. She served in this capacity until the Secretary of Defense gave the missile defense program a new direction.

In early 2002, the start of one of the most dynamic periods in the Agency's history, and shortly after the Missile Defense Agency was established, Dr. Sanders was appointed the Deputy Director for Ballistic Missile Defense System Integration. She played a critical role in managing the development and fielding of an integrated missile defense system. Dr. Sanders played an instrumental role in developing the concept for the Ballistic Missile Defense System and advising Department leaders on the authorities and responsibilities required to develop and field an effective missile defense system.

As Executive Director, a role she assumed in 2005, Dr. Sanders advised the Director on issues related to Agency management and operations. She also took on numerous tasks delegated by the Director such as directing the development of strategic communications campaign plans. Perhaps the most striking example of this came in the U.S. Government's European Site Initiative, where her vision for and guidance to this endeavor contributed to the development of a broad consensus among national leaders, combatant commanders, and the international communities on the growing need to establish a long-range missile defense capability in Europe. Dr. Sanders also helped to realize important cooperative agreements with Japan and Israel, which today are helping contribute to a truly worldwide ballistic missile defense capability.

During North Korea's provocative missile launches in July 2006, Dr. Sand-

ers coordinated the Agency's actions during this crisis and established a dedicated crisis action team of highly trained staff to provide situation awareness to the President, combatant commanders, and the entire missile defense developer community. She educated senior military and civilian decisionmakers on the capabilities afforded by the deployed elements of the system so that the Nation's plans to deal with the crisis were based on accurate and timely information.

As the Agency's senior leader dealing with operational and management functions, Dr. Sanders impacted the Agency's operations on a daily basis. She served as a senior interlocutor with all external defense agencies, the Services, and Members of Congress. The Agency's senior civilian, she was also the final arbiter of all issues related to personnel administration and development, directing and managing a diverse staff spanning seventeen time zones. In just the last 2 years, the Agency underwent a conversion to the new National Security Personnel System and made plans to execute a Base Realignment to Huntsville, AL, by 2011. To help the Agency weather this challenging period, Dr. Sanders instituted several major efforts in strategic human capital planning. She restructured the Agency's strategic mission planning and communications activity, directing a much-needed overhaul of long-range congressional and public affairs strategies. She also created and chaired a Base Realignment and Closure Panel to develop strategies for the transition to Huntsville and established working relationships with local officials in northern Alabama and with the Tennessee Valley Association. As a direct result of her leadership, the Agency has received more volunteers for relocation than anticipated.

For many years now Dr. Sanders has been a fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and, at one point, served as chair of AIAA's Flight Test Technical Committee. She is a past president of the International Test and Evaluation Association and has served on the board of directors for the Military Operations Research Society. She also has devoted significant time to mentoring future Defense Department civilian leaders. Throughout her career, Dr. Sanders has been a champion of diversity and has been dedicated to recruitment and retention of young professionals in the Federal Government. She has been a dedicated mentor to women in the engineering field and has been a role model and pathfinder for women in defense. In addition, while at MDA, Dr. Sanders instituted a mentoring program for defense acquisition professionals, established an active career intern program and a Presidential management fellowship program.

Dr. Patricia Sanders has consistently exemplified the finest attributes of a senior executive dedicated to public service. Her contributions, leadership,

and service are well known throughout the Department. I am honored and proud to enter this tribute to Dr. Patricia Sanders into the official record. On behalf of all my colleagues, and with deep gratitude in my heart, I wish her the best as she embarks on the next journey in her life.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS DECLARED ON MARCH 15, 1995, WITH RESPECT TO IRAN—PM 41

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

The crisis between the United States and Iran constituted by the actions and policies of the Government of Iran that led to the declaration of a national emergency on March 15, 1995, has not been resolved. The actions and policies of the Government of Iran are contrary to the interests of the United States in the region and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Iran remains the world's most active state sponsor of terrorism, and continues to provide lethal support to Lebanese Hizballah, HAMAS, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and numerous other terrorist organizations in the region, as well as to the Taliban in Afghanistan and various Iraqi militant groups. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to Iran and maintain in force comprehensive sanctions against Iran to respond to this threat.

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. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice