

Harambee Ombudsman Program, and the Children's Performing Arts Group that has evolved into the renowned Ko Thi Dance Company.

Reuben has also been an outstanding advocate for our African-American community in Milwaukee. He has written forewords for several books about African-American history in Milwaukee. He voluntarily conducts tours of Black Milwaukee, which brings a real-life perspective to his work in African-American history. A multitude of African-American programs and organizations are indebted to his service including the NTU African Rites of Passage Program, the Aseantu Adult Rites of Passage Institute, the Black Holocaust Museum, and the Milwaukee 100 Black Men Group. In fact, it was on Reuben's invitation to a gathering that I met with Martin Luther King, Jr., during one of his few visits to Milwaukee many years ago.

Even after retirement, he continues to be a great leader in the community. Most notably, he joined the Helen Bader Foundation. Through this he is able to help programs and centers secure the funds they need to function and more successfully serve the community.

The work he has done for Milwaukee continues to grow as the many people he has inspired are starting to follow in his footsteps. I would like to specifically note the Volunteer Reading Tutoring Program at the UWM Reading Clinic. A truly great person is one who not only does great works but also inspires other to do so as well.

I am proud to call Reuben a fellow Wisconsinite and a dear friend. I wish him and his lovely wife Mildred good health, happiness, and many more years to come.●

CONGRATULATING EILEEN COLLINS

● Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Mr. President, I would like to add to the RECORD my most heartfelt congratulations to Eileen Collins for her recent induction into the National Aviation Hall of Fame. As an Elmira, NY, native, Eileen is the first female pilot and commander of a NASA shuttle. She has orbited the Earth 573 times. As a child, Eileen was inspired to be a pilot by watching the planes over the Elmira-Corning Regional Airport and the Harris Hill glider field. She joined the Air Force in 1978 and was recruited to join NASA as one of its earliest female pilots in 1990. The communities of New York's Southern Tier are so proud of Eileen's historic achievements.

As the first female pilot and shuttle commander, Eileen Collins is an inspiration and true role model to girls and young women nationwide. Her achievements prove that women everywhere can, and should, reach for the stars.●

CONGRATULATING ABBY WAMBACH

● Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Mr. President, I would like to add to the RECORD my most heartfelt congratulations to Abby Wambach for her history making 100th goal. This achievement is only the fifth in women's USA soccer history that 100 goals have been scored by one player. As this goal is felt throughout the USA and worldwide soccer community, I especially want to recognize how much Abby and her remarkable achievement mean to the Rochester community. As seen by the cheering in her game on July 19, there is no more fitting place to achieve this momentous goal and Rochester could not be prouder.

Abby Wambach has made a lasting impression on the women's USA soccer team and has inspired generations of young women throughout New York and the Nation. She has helped her team win Olympic gold in Athens and countless World Cup matches. I applaud her tremendous achievement and it is my hope that her accomplishment will inspire countless generations of our youth to strive for excellence.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution:

H.R. 509. An act to reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004, and for other purposes.

H.R. 556. An act to establish a program of research, recovery, and other activities to provide for the recovery of the southern sea otter.

H.R. 1035. An act to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Stewart L. Udall, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1293. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount payable by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans for improvements and structural alterations furnished as part of home health services.

H.R. 1803. An act to amend the Small Business Act to establish a Veterans Business Center program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1807. An act to provide distance learning to potential and existing entrepreneurs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3325. An act to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize for 1 year the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance program and the Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security program.

H.J. Res. 44. Joint Resolution recognizing the service, sacrifice, honor, and professionalism of the Noncommissioned Officers of the United States Army.

At 2:25 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following act, without amendment:

S. 1513. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills and joint resolution were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 509. An act to reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 556. An act to establish a program of research, recovery, and other activities to provide for the recovery of the southern sea otter; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1293. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount payable by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans for improvements and structural alterations furnished as part of home health services; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1803. An act to amend the Small Business Act to establish a Veterans Business Center program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 1807. An act to provide distance learning to potential and existing entrepreneurs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 3325. An act to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize for 1 year the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance program and the Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security program; to the Committee on Finance.

H.J. Res. 44. Joint resolution recognizing the service, sacrifice, honor, and professionalism of the Noncommissioned Officers of the United States Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2505. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles to Israel for equipment installation and support services related to the Digital Army Program on behalf of the Israeli Ministry of Defense in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.