

Valley State University are putting the skills they learn in the classroom to even greater use in the surrounding community and are learning to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

I am pleased to acknowledge the great work that is done each day at Fort Valley State University, and I appreciate the vision of Dr. Rivers and his team to ensure students receive the highest quality education possible.●

RECOGNIZING HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

● Mr. KAUFMAN. Mr. President, I wish to honor Howard High School of Technology in Wilmington, which is celebrating its 140th anniversary this month. This institution was the only high school for African Americans in my home State of Delaware until the 1920s and played an important role in the historic Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board of Education*.

Howard High School was founded in 1869 as a four-room elementary school, which eventually began to graduate high school students in 1893. Today, the school boasts 860 students in grades 9 through 12. Graduates earn both a high school diploma and a certificate of competency in one of 13 programs. Howard was a Blue Ribbon school in 1997 and 1999 as a result of its students' academic success. It has also been a National Service Learning Leader School since 2000, receiving grants to engage students in service activities linked to academic achievement and civic responsibility.

In April 2005, Howard High School was designated as a national landmark because of its significance in the 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* case, which struck down the "separate but equal" doctrine and ended the segregation of public schools. Howard graduate Louis Redding worked with a team of lawyers, led by Thurgood Marshall, to win the landmark ruling. Delaware's specific case, *Belton v. Gebhart*, challenged the inferior conditions of two schools designated for African-American children. In the suburb of Claymont, African-American children were prohibited from attending the area's local high school. Instead, they had to ride a school bus for nearly an hour to attend Howard High.

I congratulate Howard High School of Technology on its anniversary and wish its students, teachers, and administrators much success as it continues to serve as one of Wilmington's pre-eminent schools, open to all and fostering achievement in a number of academic fields.●

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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:46 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 59. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of senior caregiving and affordability.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 59. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of senior caregiving and affordability; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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-2916. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery; State Waters Exemption" (RIN0648-AX54) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2917. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XQ72) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2918. A communication from the Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XQ76) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2919. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off

West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial and Recreational Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3" (RIN0648-XQ50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2920. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Non-American Fisheries Act Crab Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Inshore Component in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XR04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2921. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XQ26) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2922. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery; Closure of the Limited Access General Category Scallop Fishery to Individual Fishing Quota Scallop Vessels" (RIN0648-XQ36) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2923. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Closure" (RIN0648-XQ35) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2924. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel Lottery in Areas 542 and 543" (RIN0648-XQ93) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2925. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Total Allowable Catch (TAC) Harvested for Loligo Squid Trimester II" (RIN0648-XQ73) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2926. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Digital Flight Data