

1952 and served during the Korean conflict as a photographer for intelligence. He continued his service in the Army Reserves for a total of 12 years, with a final rank of staff sergeant. In 1961 he joined the Navy Reserves, leaving after 6 years with a final rank of intelligence specialist senior chief.

Each of these veterans has my thanks for their service and I very much appreciate the staff, volunteers, and supporters of the Honor Flight program who make these trips happen.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DARRELL MUELLER

• Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam President, today I offer my heartfelt thanks to an educator who has been committed to the wellbeing of the children of my State.

At the close of this school year, Darrell Mueller will retire as superintendent of the Andes Central School District, concluding a career in education of over 30 years. After earning his bachelor's degree in elementary school education in 1979, Darrell began teaching elementary school in Nebraska in 1980. In 1982 he moved to Yankton, SD where he served as a teacher and principal at Sacred Heart School. While serving as a principal and teacher, he completed a master's degree in elementary administration at the University of South Dakota in 1984. From 1988 to 2006, Darrell was the principal of Platte Elementary School. He was chosen as a 2004 Milken Educator for his dedication to teaching and his leadership in the field. In 2006, Darrell accepted the position of superintendent of the Andes Central School District.

As superintendent of the Andes Central School District, Darrell has been a strong advocate for the integration of technology in the classroom. The use of technology has enriched and broadened the educational opportunities for students within the school district. Under Darrell's leadership, the district now enjoys a child to laptop ratio of 2 to 1 in grades kindergarten through 6 and 1 to 1 in grades 7 to 12. Darrell has also sought to expand access to quality early childhood education during his tenure as superintendent. Through working with the local Head Start, Andes Central was able to combine services to create a more comprehensive preschool program for its students.

While serving as superintendent of Andes Central, Darrell implemented a system to monitor student progress using curriculum-based measurement. When the South Dakota Department of Education began developing a new statewide accountability model for measuring student achievement, it sought Darrell's expertise. He has made valuable contributions to this effort as a member of the Next Generation Accountability Council.

Darrell is currently serving as the president of the Impacted Schools of

South Dakota. As a leader within our State's Impact Aid community, Darrell and I have met on many occasions, and I have appreciated his insights related to public policy and funding for the Impact Aid program.

Darrell's passion for his community extends far beyond the classroom. He serves as the vice president of the Charles Mix County Lake Restoration Organization, a nonprofit group formed to restore the condition of Lake Andes. Through the work of concerned local citizens like Darrell, they hope to improve and preserve the beauty of Lake Andes for many generations to come. The local economy, the area's environment and wildlife, and the recreational opportunities for the surrounding community have been improved by these efforts.

Darrell is regularly known to say, "It's all about what's right for the kids." This motto represents one of Darrell's guiding principles and has served as words of advice for the many educators, administrators, and school personnel who Darrell has mentored over the years. Darrell will leave a lasting legacy within the Andes Central School District and in the lives of countless young people. On the occasion of his retirement, I congratulate and thank Darrell for his service to his community and selfless dedication to students in South Dakota. I wish him, his wife Diane, and their family a happy and healthy retirement.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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 messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 680. A bill to rescind amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense for the Medium Extended Air Defense System, and for other purposes.

S. 691. A bill to regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices.

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-944. A joint communication from the Acting Principal Secretary of the Navy (En-

ergy, Installations and Environment) and the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Land Interchange of Federal Jurisdiction Between USDA Forest Service and the Department of the Navy"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-945. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, transmitting pursuant to law, the 2012 Packers and Stockyards Program Annual Report; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-946. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Live Birds and Poultry, Poultry Meat, and Poultry Products From a Region in the European Union" (RIN0579-AD45) (Docket No. APHIS-2009-0094) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-947. A communication from the Director of the Policy Issuances Division, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Ingredients and Sources of Radiation Listed and Approved for Use in the Production of Meat and Poultry Products" (RIN0583-AD05) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 27, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-948. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Abamectin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9379-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-949. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Banda de Lupinus albus doce (BLAD); Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9380-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-950. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emamectin Benzoate; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 9381-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-951. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiamethoxam; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 937-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-952. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clothianidin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9378-6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 26, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-953. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Castor Oil, Polymer with Adipic