year after earning the Silver Star, Staff Sergeant Cenna joined Tech Sergeant Harding and Staff Sergeant Watson displaying sheer courage under fire and unadulterated, unselfish dedication to their duty, their country and their brothers in arms.

The very next month, on August 8 and 9, 2012, Captain Keen, Master Sergeant Moore and Staff Sergeant Cenna were operating in support of Marines in Alpha Company, 2d Reconnaissance Battalion, near Urmuz, Afghanistan. The operation was called Lion's Den. It was during this operation that Sergeant Cenna earned his second Bronze Star with Valor. Captain Keen led the insertion and extraction of the Marines into unexplored enemy tunnel networks, while combating small arms fire, heavy machine gun engagements, mortar attacks and improvised explosive devices. While conducting their primary mission, Captain Keen's dismounted patrol was engaged by the enemy, isolating one member of his patrol. After observing the enemy firing position was in close proximity to women and children, he maneuvered 75 meters to another position, preventing civilian causalities while simultaneously eliminating threats. Sergeant Moore was also performing his duties of lowering and recovering Marines into tunnel systems in order to destroy enemy lethal aide. While moving to an objective through a known concentration of improvised explosive devices, a supporting tank struck such a device. Without regard for his own safety, Sergeant Moore maneuvered with his team's vehicle to rescue the tank crew. He treated the tank crew, and soon after his own vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device and began receiving enemy mortar fire. Despite the dire situation, Sergeant Moore maintained security and safeguarded the disabled tank crew, enabling the success of the operation.

For their actions in the summer of 2012, all five of these men have been awarded the Bronze Star with Valor. I wish to thank these great men for their selfless service and dedication to our nation. They are all my heroes.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. PIERMARIA ODDONE

● Mr. KIRK. Mr. President, I stand today to honor Dr. Piermaria Oddone as he retires after 8 years of exemplary leadership as director of the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, also known as Fermilab.

As America's premier particle physics laboratory, Fermilab is a point of pride for Illinois. For over 45 years it has supported thousands of scientists across the country whose research is a priceless contribution to the world's understanding of matter, energy, space, and time. With the appointment of Pier Oddone as director in 2005, Fermilab was placed under the leadership of a visionary who ensured that the United States would remain a producer of groundbreaking research in particle physics.

Under the direction of Dr. Oddone, Fermilab entered a period of unparalleled scientific progress. The laboratory launched a new era of research in high-intensity particle beams, and experimentation on muons and neutrinos. It advanced our understanding of dark matter and led the Pierre Auger Observatory project to study ultra-high-energy cosmic rays. Fermilab, in partnership with the State of Illinois, constructed the Illinois Accelerator Research Center. It concluded a 28-year run for the Tevatron collider that discovered the quark. It contributed invaluable resources to the groundbreaking discovery of the Higgs boson. Most importantly, however, Fermilab has provided state-of-the-art facilities for over 4,000 researchers each year so that they can continue their work for the advancement of science and society.

Dr. Oddone's contributions to the scientific community outside of his leadership at Fermilab are no less impressive. Born in Peru, he received his Ph.D. in physics from Princeton before joining the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. He quickly rose to become the laboratory's deputy director and was responsible for the scientific development that contributed to many of the lab's successes. As an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences in both the United States and Peru, Dr. Oddone has received numerous awards for his work, including fellowships from the American Physical Society and American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is a recipient of the Panofsky Award for his invention of the Asymmetric B-Factory particle collider, and is known for his role in the SLAC BaBar collaboration that helped to discover matter-antimatter asymmetry in B mesons.

As my friend Dr. Piermaria Oddone retires from Fermilab, I ask that you join me in honoring an individual who embodies the spirit of discovery through a shining example of scientific excellence. Thank you for your leadership.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:56 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 251. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes.

H.R. 723. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 993. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land to the city of Fruit Heights, Utah.

H.R. 1157. An act to ensure public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for educational, recreational, historical scientific, cultural, and other purposes.

H.R. 1158. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

The message also announced that the Clerk of the House be directed to request the Senate to return to the House of Representatives the bill (H.R. 2217) to make appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, the Clerk of the House reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Dr. Sharon Leon of Fairfax, Virginia.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 993. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land to the city of Fruit Heights, Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1157. An act to ensure public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for educational, recreational, historical, scientific, cultural, and other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1158. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered returned to the House pursuant to the request of the House of June 11, 2013:

H.R. 2217. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for