

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2333. An act to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an assessment of the responsibilities, workload, and vacancy rates of Department of Veterans Affairs suicide prevention coordinators, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 98-183, as amended by Public Law 103-419, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individual to the United States Commission on Civil Rights:

Gail Heriot from California.

SCOTTS BLUFF NATIONAL MONUMENT—100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. SMITH of Nebraska asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Scotts Bluff National Monument's official designation.

Having grown up in Gering, Nebraska, I am proud of the monument and the uniquely American story of the role it played in our westward migration. As one of the highest points in Nebraska, dominating the landscape, it stood as an unmistakable part of the Oregon Trail. When I look at the monument, I can't help but think of the brave pioneers of the Oregon Trail.

Stunning sights and Oregon Trail landmarks, such as Scotts Bluff Monument, must have been a source of awe on the arduous journey west. It had to have served as motivation to keep going and a relief to know they were well on their way.

Scotts Bluff was named for Hiram Scott, a fur trader who died nearby in 1828. Just as the monument's name comes from early economic activity in our region, the monument is still important to our regional economy, drawing 150,000 people from across America and around the world each and every year.

I thank the great folks who dedicate their time and hard work to keep the park in great condition so others may enjoy it for generations to come. It is with great pleasure I join with all Nebraskans to celebrate the centennial of this Oregon Trail icon.

STARFISH EQUINE RESCUE

(Mr. VAN DREW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to recognize a nonprofit organization in my district providing a home

and a future for horses who have experienced abuse and neglect. Starfish Equine Rescue works to rehabilitate and ultimately adopt unwanted, abused, and neglected horses.

Since 2012, this organization has been rescuing horses from the most deplorable conditions and giving them a second chance at life. Starfish Equine Rescue works hard to bring these horses back to health and identify caring and supportive homes in south Jersey and in surrounding states.

In addition to rescuing horses from abuse and neglect, Starfish Equine rescues horses that were slated for slaughter and are saved. And this is a practice that I have joined with Representative SCHAKOWSKY and other House colleagues in opposing under H.R. 961, which I hope someday will be the law of the land.

The volunteers at Starfish and the adoptive homes of these once vulnerable horses have provided a great service to south Jersey and into the future. We are proud of them. May God bless them.

IN RECOGNITION OF BO BIGGS OF LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA

(Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today, I am proud to recognize my friend, Mr. Bo Biggs of Lumberton, North Carolina, on the occasion of his ascension to the chairmanship of the Golden LEAF Foundation, and in doing so, to acknowledge the significance to North Carolina of the organization he now leads.

Bo is an indefatigable servant of his community and state in business, professional, and civic leadership. Bo's life of service includes Antioch Baptist Church of Lumberton, the Lumberton Rotary Club, of which he is past president, the Lumberton Area Chamber of Commerce, the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants, the FreeEnterprise Foundation, the Retail Merchants Association, and still others.

Time and again, Bo has invested himself in the State of North Carolina and its citizens, and that is why I am honored to recognize his new role with an organization that is committed to the same. I have seen firsthand the impact of Golden LEAF in North Carolina. It promotes cutting edge agriculture, creates new jobs, and provides scholarships for future leaders.

The Golden LEAF Foundation has a 20-year history of investing in Carolinians with over 60,000 jobs created, \$624 million in new payroll stimulated in economically distressed areas.

IN MEMORY J. DOYLE CORMAN

(Mr. KELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District, I rise to offer our condolences on the passing of former State representative J. Doyle Corman.

Senator Corman represented the 34th senatorial district, including areas within Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District from 1977 to 1998. While in the State Senate, Senator Corman championed lower taxes, transportation issues, local government, and reforming the State's welfare system.

More importantly, Senator Corman was a family man who prided himself on titles other than "senator." Titles like: Public servant, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather. These titles are Senator Corman's lasting achievements. Even more so fitting, as an example for his son, Jake, who ran for and won his Senate seat following his father's retirement and has served as the Pennsylvania State Senate majority leader for the last three legislative sessions.

A family man, community servant, and friend—that is the legacy of Senator J. Doyle Corman.

On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District, I again send our heartfelt condolences to the Corman family for the loss of such a great figure and public servant.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STATE SENATOR CORMAN

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of former Pennsylvania State Senator J. Doyle Corman, who passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 8, at the age of 87. Doyle leaves behind his wife, Becky, with whom he raised five children. He was the proud grandfather of 13 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

A Bellefonte native, Doyle faithfully served the people of Centre County for more than 20 years as State Senator, and 10 years prior to that as county commissioner. He was a man of principle, deeply committed to service and the betterment of his community. He left his mark on Harrisburg by championing critical transportation legislation, helping to make Pennsylvania a safer, more connected Commonwealth.

I can attribute Doyle's mentorship to where I am today, as he convinced me, in 2002, to follow in his footsteps to run for Centre County Republican Party chairman. Through the outpouring support from fellow Pennsylvanians, it is clear Doyle will be sorely missed but his legacy not soon forgotten.

I offer my prayers and deepest condolences to Becky and the entire Corman family.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

(Mr. GUEST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1