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ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

THE RETIREMENT OF REVEREND EDDIE K. EDWARDS

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I want to pay tribute to a remarkable person from my home State of Michigan, the Reverend Eddie K. Edwards, who celebrates his retirement as CEO of Joy of Jesus, Inc. on Friday, June 22. Reverend Edwards, has received national acclamations, for having developed and implemented a strategy that served to revitalize the Ravendale Community, one of Detroit's most distressed and underserved areas. He has embodied the work of his ministry and fulfilled his mission of providing positive direction and opportunities for those in need of such guidance.

In 1976, Reverend Edwards established Joy of Jesus, Inc. a nonprofit organizations which set as its primary goal, the task of promoting positive values and healthy lifestyles as a means to help underprivileged youth become responsible citizens who can make a meaningful contribution to society. For this work, he has received national attention: a Points of Light Award and was featured in a national award-winning TV documentary entitled, "A Neighborhood Redeemed." Reverend Edwards serves on the board of numerous community and civic organizations, all of which he devotes an inordinate amount of time. He is in frequent demand as a speaker on the topics of church empowerment, collaboration of churches, neighborhood revitalization, and various other community issues. He has repeatedly demonstrated his expertise in developing non-traditional partnerships and collaboratives which have had significant impact on his community and in particular, the lives of our younger generation. And, in spite of his commitment and involvement in community, he is a devoted husband and father of six adult children.

I can only hope that in Reverend Edward's retirement he finds future endeavors are as successful and fulfilling as the previous ones. For certain, he will remain active in his many church and community activities, but will have more time to dedicate to his favorite hobbies—golfing and jogging. I am pleased to join his colleagues and friends in offering my thanks for all he has accomplished in making his community a better place.

Reverend Eddie K. Edwards can take pride in his long career of service and dedication to Church, Community and

Family. I invite my colleagues to join me in saluting Reverend Edwards' work, and in wishing him well in the years ahead.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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 1:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, 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. 819. An act to designate the Federal building located at 143 West Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio, as the "Donald J. Pease Federal Building".

H.R. 1291. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of educational benefits for veterans under the Montgomery GI Bill.

H.R. 1753. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 419 Rutherford Avenue, N.E., in Roanoke, Virginia, as the "M. Caldwell Butler Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 154. A concurrent resolution honoring the continued commitment of the Army National Guard combat units deployed in support of Army operations in Bosnia, recognizing the sacrifices made by the members of those units while away from their jobs and families during those deployments, recognizing the important role of all National Guard and Reserve personnel at home and abroad to the national security of the United States, and acknowledging, honoring, and expressing appreciation for the critical support by employers of the Guard and Reserve.

H. Con. Res. 163. A concurrent resolution recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day and expressing the sense of Congress that history be regarded as a means of understanding the past and solving the challenges of the future.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1029. An act to clarify the authority of the Department of Housing and Urban Development with respect to the use of fees during fiscal year 2001 for the manufactured housing program.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 41. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the National Book Festival.

The message further announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 4703, the majority leader appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation: Mr. STUMP of Arizona.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 303(a) of Public Law 106-286, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mr. BERUTER of Nebraska, co-Chairman; Mr. LEACH of Iowa, Mr. DREIER of California; Mr. WOLF of Virginia; and Mr. PITTS of Pennsylvania.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 819. An act to designate the Federal building located at 143 West Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio, as the "Donald J. Pease Federal Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1291. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of educational benefits for veterans under the Montgomery GI Bill; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1753. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 419 Rutherford Avenue, N.E., in Roanoke, Virginia, as the "M. Caldwell Butler Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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H. Con. Res. 163. Concurrent resolution recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day and expressing the sense of Congress that history be regarded as a means of understanding the past and solving the challenges of the future; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2521. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2002 and 2003"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.