

to all those who made this important day possible. As students enter the classrooms of this institution, they can hold their heads high knowing that their school bears the name of such a wonderful model of courage, dignity and integrity. ●

CONGRATULATING THE STATE OF OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

● Mr. VOINOVICH. Madam President, I rise today on behalf of the people of the State of Ohio to congratulate Ohio Attorney General Betty Montgomery and her staff for being selected to receive the 2002 American Bar Association, ABA, Pro Bono Publico Award.

In May 2000, Betty Montgomery unveiled an office-wide Pro Bono Initiative to provide legal assistance for low-income seniors and hospice patients across Ohio. Through this program, participating staff attorneys offer their time and talents to provide legal assistance to those who can't afford it. Once training is completed, attorneys are allowed to provide their services at no charge for up to 40 hours a year. Services provided by assistant attorneys general include wills, general powers of attorney, durable powers of attorney for health care, and other "end-of-life" legal issues.

Since the program's inception, 125 assistant attorneys general, 20 paralegals, and 15 secretaries have answered the call to help underserved Ohioans handle their legal matters. To date, the office has served 625 clients by providing them with 1,235 healthcare powers of attorney, living wills, powers of attorney, and wills.

This year, the Attorney General's office is one of five recipients of the ABA Pro Bono Publico Awards. The Pro Bono Publico Awards were established by the ABA in 1984 and are presented annually by the ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service to recognize lawyers, law firms and corporate law departments for extraordinarily noteworthy contributions in extending legal services to the poor and disadvantaged.

This is not the first time that the Attorney General's office has been honored for these services. In 2001, the Columbia Bar Foundation and Association recognized the program with its award for Outstanding Pro Bono Service by a Governmental Agency. In addition, the Ohio Legal assistance Foundation and the Ohio Bar Association presented the Attorney General's office with the 2001 Presidential Award for Pro Bono Service.

I am proud to have worked with my friend, Betty Montgomery, when I was Governor of Ohio. Her unwavering commitment to serving the people of Ohio through pro bono services is vital towards maintaining a justice system that is meaningful to all segments of society. This program serves as a testament to our founding fathers' belief in a system of equal justice for all.

I believe that every lawyer has an ethical and professional obligation to provide pro bono services. It is my hope that this sets a challenge for lawyers statewide and sends the message that participating in pro bono programs is an ideal that is embraced by leaders in the legal community. Betty Montgomery has certainly led the way in this endeavor. I am proud of her accomplishment and I congratulate Attorney General Montgomery and her staff on their dedication to providing pro bono services to all of Ohio's citizens. ●

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 and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 2, 2002, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 3009. An act to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that act, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the enrolled bills were signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) on August 2, 2002.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 7, 2002, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 223. An act to amend the Clear Creek County, Colorado, Public Lands Transfer Act of 1993 to provide additional time for Clear Creek County to dispose of certain lands transferred to the county under the act.

H.R. 309. An act to provide for the determination of withholding tax rates under the Guam income tax.

H.R. 601. An act to redesignate certain lands within Craters of the Moon National Monument, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1384. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route in Arizona and New Mexico which the Navajo

and Mescalero Apache Indian tribes were forced to walk in 1863 and 1864, for study for potential addition to the National Trails System.

H.R. 1456. An act to expand the boundary of the Booker T. Washington National Monument, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1576. An act to designate the James Peak Wilderness and Protection Area in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2068. An act to revise, codify, and enact without substantive change certain general and permanent laws, related to public buildings, property, and works, as title 40, United States Code, "Public Buildings, Property, and Works."

H.R. 2234. An act to revise the boundary of the Tumacacori National Historical Park in the State of Arizona.

H.R. 2440. An act to rename Wolf Trap Farm Park as "Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts," and for other purposes.

H.R. 2441. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to redesignate a facility as the National Hansen's Disease Programs Center, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2643. An act to authorize the acquisition of additional lands for inclusion in the Fort Clatsop National Memorial in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3343. An act to amend title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3380. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines within the boundary of Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Under the authority of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the enrolled bills were signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) on August 8, 2002.

MEASURE REFERRED

The following measure, having been reported from the Committee on Indian Affairs, was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, pursuant to the order of May 27, 1988, for a period of not to exceed 60 days:

S. 1210. A bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996.

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-8413. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) employees who were assigned to congressional committees as of July 22, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8414. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Historical Park Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8415. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury,