

to the members of Big Brothers Big Sisters for their years of dedication and service to the community.

Big Brothers Big Sisters volunteers provide stability for area youth by mentoring children and organizing exciting activities. The tools of warmth, human interest, and personal friendship are used to improve the health, education, and personal welfare of participants. The nonsectarian, multiracial agency holds an annual Easter egg hunt, Halloween and Christmas parties, as well as a variety of community enrichment activities in the Saginaw Bay area.

In 1952, 18 individuals united to form the board of directors for Big Brothers after receiving a grant from the Optimist Club of Saginaw. With the opening of a new office in Bay City in 1973, the organization officially changed its name to Big Brothers of Saginaw Bay Area, Inc.

In 1966, the Woman's Council of Saginaw recognized the need for a Big Sisters program. The following year the Altrusa Club, a community service organization, sponsored and organized the project, and soon after, a local Big Sisters program was established. The two organizations joined forces on September 1, 1982, to form Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saginaw Bay Area, Inc., saving an estimated \$15,000 to \$20,000 in operating expenses annually. This money is used to enrich the lives of approximately 725 young people in Saginaw and Bay Counties.

I take great pride in recognizing the efforts of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saginaw Bay Area as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. I have no doubt that this organization will continue to enrich the lives of local children. I know my Senate colleagues will join me in saluting the accomplishments of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saginaw Bay Area and in wishing the group continued success in the future.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. BILL MADIA

● Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the achievements of Dr. Bill Madia, President and CEO of UT-Battelle, and Director of Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee. Bill will be stepping down in August to take on the new position of Executive Vice President of Laboratory Operations at Battelle headquarters in Columbus, OH. Over the past three years Dr. Madia has contributed greatly to the Lab's many successes, and I would like to thank him for his leadership and commitment to our State.

ORNL is the largest of the Department of Energy's, Office of Science multi-program laboratories and to run a facility of its size is no simple task. Bill joined ORNL with more than 25 years of international experience in research and research management, including 15 years leading public and private research labs. He became the director of ORNL on April 1, 2000 and since then has continued the tradition of excellence at Oak Ridge.

Bill Madia is a visionary who delivers results. Under his leadership, construction of the Spallation Neutron Source was initiated. The SNS will produce the most intense pulsed neutron beams in the world and will be completed as expected in 2006. It is under Bill's direction that this project is progressing both on schedule and within budget.

Dr. Madia is also responsible for a major renewal of the Laboratory through his modernization plan. He has enabled the private capitalization of several new buildings that will house the Laboratory's advanced computing assets. Bill also has been instrumental in building the Laboratory's nanotechnology initiative, and the first of the DOE's Nanoscience centers, the Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences, had its groundbreaking earlier this month.

Oak Ridge has an extensive history of linking with universities and with Bill's guidance has expanded the use of these partnerships. Just recently, researchers of Oak Ridge, North Carolina State University, and University of Tennessee discovered how to tune the atomic-level zone of semi-conductor devices, the building blocks of computing chips. Additionally, he captured a leadership role in DOE's computational science initiative for Oak Ridge by building a partnership with industry to develop the next generation machine and attracting private sector financing to rapidly build a new facility necessary to operate world-class supercomputers.

Bill understands the importance of science and the role that science development plays in our lives and in the future. He has continually taken the initiative to push forth all projects that Oak Ridge takes on. Our investments in science driven technology contribute greatly to the economic growth of this country, and during his tenure the UT-Battelle team has helped with the creation of 30 new companies through the ORNL technology transfer program.

Outside of the laboratory in the Oak Ridge community, Bill Madia has done an outstanding job in promoting economic sustainability and has been a vigorous promoter of education. In fact, he has remained a strong supporter of funding for high school science laboratories and the University of Tennessee's Academy for Math and Science.

The people of Oak Ridge Tennessee and this Nation have benefited from all his hard work and will continue to benefit from Bill Madia's dedication as he continues his excellence as a member of the UT-Battelle Board of Directors. Although, he will be missed dearly in Tennessee, I am confident that he will continue to make a difference in the community. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.●

#### MEASURES HELD OVER/UNDER RULE

The following resolution was read, and held over, under the rule.

S. Res. 207. A resolution amending the Standing Rules of the Senate to provide that it is not in order in a committee to ask questions regarding a presidential nominee's religious affiliation.

#### 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-3518. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "To Amend Sections 7D, 16(i)(2), and 19 of the United States Grain Standards Act to Authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to Recover Through User Fees the Costs of Standardization Activities"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3519. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations and Environment, Department of the Navy, transmitting, a report relative to studying certain functions performed by military and civilian personnel in the Department of the Navy for possible performance by private contractors; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3520. A communication from the Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Enuretic Devices, Breast Reconstructive Surgery, PFPWD Valid Authorization Period, Early Intervention Services" (RIN0720-AA70) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3521. A communication from the Assistant General for Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards: Smoke Alarms" (RIN2502-AH48) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3522. A communication from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's 2002 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3523. A communication from the President of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an Executive Order relative to sanctions against Burma; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3524. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Milford IA (Doc. No. 03-ACE-07)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3525. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Muscatine, IA (Doc. No. 03-ACE-39)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3526. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Pratt, KS (Doc. No. 03-ACE-36)" (RIN2120-AA66) received on July 28, 2003; to