

miles with the general under Montana's big sky. We run and talk, laugh and share family stories.

As I reflect on the years I have been fortunate to know MG Gene Prendergast, I am reminded of the plaque which hangs in his office that his wife, Kathy, had made for him, the long-distance runner:

"The race is not always to the swift, but those who keep on running." Around the world in 22 years—running 25,000 miles—June 1978–August 2000.

For my friend, MG Gene Prendergast, the race has only just begun. You are a soldier's soldier. I salute you for your outstanding service to our State and to this Nation.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:22 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4613. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

At 12:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, 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. 4226. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to make certain conforming changes to provisions governing the registration of aircraft and the recordation of instruments in order to implement the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment, known as the "Cape Town Treaty".

H.R. 4372. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the carryforward of \$500 of unused benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements for dependent care assistance.

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. 13. Concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of blues music, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 56. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that States should require candidates for driver's licenses to demonstrate an ability to exercise greatly increased caution when driving in the proximity of a potentially visually impaired individual.

H. Con. Res. 449. Concurrent resolution honoring the life and accomplishments of Ray Charles, recognizing his contributions to the Nation, and extending condolences to his family on his death.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1848. An act to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell the Bend

Pine Nursery Administration Site in the State of Oregon.

S. 2238. An act to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reduce losses to properties for which repetitive flood insurance claim payments have been made.

H.R. 3378. An act to assist in the conservation of marine turtles and the nesting habitats of marine turtles in foreign countries.

H.R. 3504. An act to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to redesignate the American Indian Education Foundation as the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education.

H.R. 4322. An act to provide for the transfer of the Nebraska Avenue Naval Complex in the District of Columbia to facilitate the establishment of the headquarters for the Department of Homeland Security, to provide for the acquisition by the Department of the Navy of suitable replacement facilities, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 5:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4635. An act to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 6:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4589. An act to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4226. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to make certain conforming changes to provisions governing the registration of aircraft and the recordation of instruments in order to implement the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment, known as the "Cape Town Treaty"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4372. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the carryforward of \$500 of unused benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements for dependent care assistance; to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 13. Concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of blues music, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 56. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that States should require candidates for driver's licenses to demonstrate an ability to exercise greatly increased caution when driving in the proximity of a potentially visually impaired individual; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4613. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and placed on the calendar:

H. Con. Res. 449. Concurrent resolution honoring the life and accomplishments of Ray Charles, recognizing his contributions to the Nation, and extending condolences to his family on his death.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, June 23, 2004, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 1848. An act to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell the Bend Pine Nursery Administration Site in the State of Oregon.

S. 2238. An act to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reduce losses to properties for which repetitive flood insurance claim payments have been made.

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-8092. A communication from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Report to Congress on Minority Small Business and Capital Ownership Development for fiscal year 2003; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-8093. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's 2003 Annual Report; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-8094. A communication from the Chairman, Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Fiscal Year 2003 Annual Report; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-8095. A communication from the Vice Chair, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Request; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-8096. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change of Effective Date of Rule Adding a Disease Associate With Exposure to Certain Herbicide Agents: Type 2 Diabetes" (RIN2900-AL93) received on June 22, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.