Senior Legislature, and the conversion of Fort Ord Army Base into California State University Monterey Bay. A particular highlight in his career, Senator Mello cosponsored the Mello-Roos Act, which established tax-exempt bonds and special districts for school construction and other public improvements.

Senator Mello was proud of his Portuguese heritage, and regularly traveled to Washington, DC to advocate for increased foreign aid to Portugal. The King of Portugal knighted Senator Mello for his efforts. In his spare time, Senator Mello was also an avid deep-sea fisherman and jazz pianist. In 2002, Senator Mello played with the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra at the performing arts center in Watsonville that is named after him—the Henry J. Mello Center for the Performing Arts.

Senator Mello was a deeply loved member of both the California State legislature and the central coast community, and a strong, tenacious man who championed the causes of those he represented. He will be missed by all who knew him. We take comfort in knowing that future generations will benefit from his spirit, his vision, and his leadership.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DISHA PANCHOLI

- Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to and congratulate Disha Pancholi of Louisville, KY, on being admitted and qualified as an attorney and counselor to the Supreme Court. After leaving the ATA in the mid-1990s, he remained in the Reserves and retired as a Captain in the United States Army National Guard.

Ms. Pancholi was one of 181 applicants nationwide to receive one of these scholarships. NSEP administered within the National Defense University in the Department of Defense. It funds outstanding U.S. students to study critical languages and world regions in exchange for a commitment to seek employment with the Federal Government in the arena of national security.

Ms. Pancholi has been studying Arabic and will spend her fall term in Egypt. She attends the University of Louisville and is majoring in biology and political science.

Senator Comlish should be proud to have a woman such as Disha Pancholi in their community. Her example of dedication and hard work should be an inspiration to the entire Commonwealth. She has my most sincere admiration for this work and I look forward to her continued service to the United States.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1658) to amend the Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate all conveyances of certain lands in the State of California that form part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolution, without amendment:

- S. 1301. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit video voyeurism in maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 41. Joint resolution commending the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

- H.R. 2966. An act to preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on the continental railway, and for other purposes.

- S. 1301. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Castle Nugent Farms located on St. Croix, Virgin Islands, as a unit of the National Park System and for other purposes.