

given in the inpatient setting a few short years ago. Oncology nurses are involved in the care of a cancer patient from the beginning through the end of treatment, and they are the front line providers of care by administering chemotherapy, managing patient therapies and side effects, working with insurance companies to ensure that patients receive the appropriate treatment, provide counseling to patients and family members, in addition to many other daily acts on behalf of cancer patients.

I thank all oncology nurses for their dedication to our Nation's cancer patients, and commend the Oncology Nursing Society for all of its efforts and leadership over the last 30 years. They have contributed immensely to the quality and accessibility of care for all cancer patients and their families, and I urge my colleagues to support them in their important endeavors.●

#### HONORING DANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

● Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, it is with the greatest pleasure that I rise today to honor Danville High School which was recently selected to receive the 2005 GRAMMY Signature School Enterprise Award. The GRAMMY Signature School Program recognizes the top public high schools in the Nation that have made an outstanding commitment to music education during the school year. The GRAMMY Foundation will award Danville High School \$20,000 to benefit its music program.

I commend the Danville Music Department personnel—Alana Smith, head band director and department head; Julianna Sommers, choir/elementary director; and Julie Rutherford, assistant band director, for their vision, but most of all for their commitment to provide such a quality music education to the young people of Danville.

I would also like to recognize the following students for their contributions to the Danville High School Music Program: Jessica Harris, Dana Mendoza, Jasimen Fedison, Jessica Bryant, Patrice Davis, Marlene Mendoza, Yvette Huerta, Daniel Melton, Aaron Sanders, Devon Essman, Nicholas Patterson, Joe Claudio, Baillie Villareal, Anna Garza, Jose Ojeda, Mayra Iracheta, Tiffaney Small, Ashley Hancock, Samantha Turner, Heather Gooch, Akoshua Davis, Janet Claudio, Jorge Mendoza, Vikki Xayadeth, and Margarita Dominguez.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Danville High School and these outstanding teachers and students on receiving this well-deserved honor.●

#### IN RECOGNITION OF RACHEL SIMON

● Mr. CARPER. Mr. President. I rise today in recognition of Rachel Simon and her extraordinary book, *Riding the*

*Bus with my Sister*. The book chronicles the time her developmentally disabled sister Beth spends riding the bus. It brings to light the world of adults with developmental disabilities, finds unlikely heroes in everyday life, and discovers unrealized inner strength.

Rachel Simon was born in 1959 in Newark, NJ, the second of four children. Her family moved around New Jersey and Pennsylvania several times when she was a child, and Rachel, who was always a very social, creative person, wrote mountains of letters to keep up with all her distant friends. She also wrote short stories, novels, and plays, which she enjoyed sharing with others.

Rachel graduated from Solebury School, a boarding school in New Hope, PA, in 1977. She then went on to Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania. During her years in college, she discovered the secrets of discipline and time management. She was also captivated by her courses in anthropology and graduated in 1981.

After college, Rachel moved to Philadelphia, where she spent the next 5 years at a variety of jobs, including paralegal, administrative assistant, and research supervisor for a television study. At 26, she entered a graduate program in creative writing.

In the next several years, Rachel wrote the story collection *Little Nightmares*, *Little Dreams* and the novel *The Magic Touch*. From her house in Abington, PA, she began teaching private classes in creative writing. In 1995, Rachel took a job running events at the Barnes & Noble in Princeton, NJ, and eventually moving to that area.

Around that time, Rachel also began writing commentary for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and teaching at Bryn Mawr College, in addition to continuing with her private classes. In 1997, she published *The Writer's Survival Guide* and then worked on some long pieces of fiction.

As readers of *Riding the Bus with my Sister* know, Rachel's life changed when she wrote an article about her sister Beth's unusual lifestyle of riding the buses in the city where she lives. Over the course of riding with Beth for the next year, Rachel came to leave most of her jobs behind, found her way back to her sister, and rediscovered her friendships.

In May 2005, *Riding the Bus with my Sister* will be televised as a Hallmark Hall of Fame movie on CBS. Rosie O'Donnell is starring as Beth, Andie MacDowell is starring as Rachel, and Anjelica Huston is directing.

Both Rachel and her sister Beth are amazing women, and I rise today to honor them.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:25 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. 6. An act to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy.

#### 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-1932. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Fiscal Year 2003 Annual Report in accordance with the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1933. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals Settlement Guidelines: Domestic Abusive Trust Schemes" (UIL: 671.00-00) received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1934. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule" (RIN3084-AB00) received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1935. A communication from the Director, Executive Secretariat, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conforming Amendments to Implement the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001" (RIN1076-AE54) received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1936. A communication from the Director, Executive Secretariat, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act" (RIN1076-AE49) received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1937. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Service, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Regulations—34 CFR Parts 606, 607, 611, 637, 648, 656, 657, 658, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, and 669" received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1938. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Service, Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Professional Development for Arts Educators Program—Notice of Final Priority, Requirements, and Definitions" received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1939. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Service, Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Arts in Education Model Development and Dissemination Program—Notice of Final Priority, Requirements, and Definitions" received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1940. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Service, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Final Requirements and Selection Criteria—Tech-Prep Demonstration

Program" received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1941. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Service, Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Teaching American History—Notice of Final Selection Criteria and Other Application Requirements" received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1942. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Service, Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit Enhancement for Charter School Facilities Program—Final Regulations" received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1943. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Service, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Final Priorities—Comprehensive School Reform Quality Initiative" received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1944. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Service, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Final Priorities, Requirements, Definitions, and Selection Criteria—Smaller Learning Communities Programs—Special Competition" received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1945. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rights-of-Way Under the Federal Land Policy Management Act and Rights-of-Way Under the Mineral Leasing Act" (RIN1004-AC74) received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1946. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Establishment of an Additional Manatee Protection Area in Lee County, Florida" (RIN1018-AT65) received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-56. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine relative to the Togus Veterans Affairs Medical Center; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Togus, Maine, is the oldest facility operated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs in the country, having been operated in 1866; and

Whereas the Togus Veterans Affairs Medical Center provides general medical, surgical and mental health services to our nation's veterans; and

Whereas the Togus Veterans Affairs Medical Center is the only United States Depart-

ment of Veterans Affairs medical center in Maine, a large and rural state; and

Whereas the State of Maine has a large population of military veterans, with more returning from Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere around the globe every day; and

Whereas a cut in funding for the Togus Veterans Affairs Medical Center would be devastating to the medical center's ability to provide basic health care services to our nation's veterans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, your memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the United States Congress support the Togus Veterans Affairs Medical Center as a vital resource in serving our nation's military veterans and providing veterans in Maine with much-needed and deserved health care services accessible from all points in the State; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, to the President of the Senate of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments:

S. 728. A bill to provide for the consideration and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-61).

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 907. An original bill to amend chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, to improve the Nation's public transportation and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on Finance.

\*Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be United States Trade Representative, with rank of Ambassador.

By Mr. CRAIG for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

\*Johnathan Brian Perlin, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a term of four years.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 900. A bill to reinstate the Federal Communications Commission's rules for the description of video programming; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ALLEN:

S. 901. A bill to provide States that meet certain requirements with waivers of the adequate yearly progress provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARTINEZ:

S. 902. A bill to amend the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act to clarify the exemption for recreational vessel support employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 903. A bill to provide for the correction of a certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System map; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 904. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1560 Union Valley Road in West Milford, New Jersey, as the "Brian P. Parrello Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 905. A bill for the relief of Heilit Martinez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 906. A bill to promote wildland firefighter safety; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. 907. An original bill to amend chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, to improve the Nation's public transportation and for other purposes; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. 908. A bill to allow Congress, State legislatures, and regulatory agencies to determine appropriate laws, rules, and regulations to address the problems of weight gain, obesity, and health conditions associated with weight gain or obesity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 909. A bill to expand eligibility for governmental markers for marked graves of veterans at private cemeteries; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 910. A bill to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, and Ms. COLLINS):

S.J. Res. 17. A joint resolution honoring the life and legacy of Frederick William Augustus von Steuben and recognizing his contributions on the 275th anniversary of his birth; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs.