

of his constant aggressiveness in the brutal conditions of the jungle POW camps. He verbally berated his guards, daring them to confront him man-to-man. On one of his three unsuccessful escape attempts, a Viet Cong soldier almost bit off SSG Bennett's finger as he punched the guard. Driven by dedication to duty, personal honor, and his religious faith, the enemy could not break him. In June of 1965, the Communist National Liberation Front announced that they had executed SSG Harold G. Bennett, reportedly in reprisal for actions of the South Vietnamese government; he was the "first" American soldier to be executed in Vietnam. Ranger Bennett's exemplary boldness, complete disregard for his own safety, and his deep concern for his fellow fighting men at the risk of his own life, reflects the highest traditions of the United States Army; his actions are the embodiment of the Ranger Spirit.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEMPLE BENJAMIN

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the past and present leaders and congregation of Temple Benjamin as they celebrate 50 years of service, learning, and faith on June 25, 2005. This milestone provides the perfect opportunity to reflect on the rich history of this institution and to remember the many individuals who played an integral part in its success.

In 1955 Rabbi Joseph Kratzenstein, who escaped Nazi persecution and ultimately settled in Bay City, inspired the original idea for Temple Benjamin through his efforts to educate children in the Mount Pleasant community. Upon arriving in Michigan, Rabbi Kratzenstein frequently visited the Mount Pleasant area, drawing attention to the need for religious education for local children. The rabbi's call was answered by Harry Goldberg, Leo Simon, Ben Traines, and Dr. Phil Silvert, who raised the necessary seed money to establish the temple we enjoy today.

Within 2 months of laying the first stone, the temple was completed and families began to use the services it provided. Temple Benjamin is one of the first Jewish community and religious centers to be established in the Central Michigan area and began with 10 families, some of whom would travel more than 50 miles for services. Today, the temple serves more than 50 families and has continued to grow and embrace the surrounding community.

The founding mission of education, originally developed by Gene Traines, has remained a bedrock tenet of Temple Benjamin through the years. Many notable community leaders, including Rose Traines, Mildred Goldberg, and Helen Klein, have helped to shape Temple Benjamin's instructional elements and to promote community outreach.

In addition to its work with children in Michigan, Temple Benjamin has contributed to the overall welfare and safety of our Nation through the dedi-

cated service of many in the congregation. There are many in the congregation who served in our Armed Forces, including Robert Klein, Charles Muskowitz, Arnie Bransdorfer, Joe Simon, and Carvel Wolfson, who served with distinction during WWII.

Through the years, those associated with Temple Benjamin have embodied the values of community spirit, faith, and leadership. I know my Senate colleagues join me in congratulating the members of Temple Benjamin for their service to the community and in wishing them many more years of success in the future.●

SAMUEL NASSIE, 2005 EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise to share with my colleagues the outstanding accomplishment of one of my constituents, Samuel Nassie of Paradise, CA. I am so proud to announce that in May 2005, Samuel was named the American Legion's national "2005 Eagle Scout of the Year."

The title of Eagle Scout represents the highest rank a Boy Scout can achieve. It takes years of hard work, dedication, leadership and community service to earn this honor that only 4 percent of all Boy Scouts achieve. Therefore, to be selected as the American Legion's Eagle Scout of the Year from hundreds of other highly qualified Eagle Scouts across the Nation is an extraordinary achievement and I am very proud of Samuel for his accomplishments that led to this meritorious honor.

Samuel's list of awards and accomplishments are too numerous to list today, but I would like to share with you some of his work that proves Samuel's dedication to his community is second to none. He was the first Boy Scout in Northern California to receive the William T. Hornaday Award, the oldest conservation award in the history of this country, with only 1,000 recipients in its 94-year history. Because of his service to the community, Samuel earned the Medal of Merit Award and the Congressional Youth Award in Bronze, Silver, and Gold. At the age of 13, Samuel achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He was chosen as Eagle Scout of the Year for both California and the United States by the Sons of the American Revolution. The Veterans of Foreign Wars also chose him as Eagle Scout of the Year for California and awarded him second place in the United States. He is a member of the Boy Scout Honor Society, and a life member of the National Eagle Scout Association. Samuel remains active in the Boy Scouts of America by teaching at Boy Scout camps and serving as a Junior Scoutmaster for his local Boy Scout troop.

I would like to highlight two of Samuel's community projects that are particularly noteworthy. In his first community service project, "Veterans Honor," Samuel created a program to

locate, identify, plot and record the location of every veteran at his local cemetery. Another community service project, "Buckets Full of Batteries," created an environmental program to recycle household batteries. Four years ago, he implemented this program in two school districts and over 20 businesses in Paradise, and is now working with 4 other cities to expand his program.

Samuel maintains a 4.0 GPA, and plans to attend college and study American History Education and Business. Samuel has selflessly given years of his time and energy to the community.

Samuel Nassie brings a great deal of pride to California. He has accomplished more in his 17 years than most of us will in our entire lives. His community, State, and country are fortunate to have a citizen of his caliber. I have no doubt that his future will be a bright and fulfilling one.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 1:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1812. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a demonstration grant program to provide patient navigator services to reduce barriers and improve health care outcomes, and for other purposes.

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

At 3:41 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. 3010. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3010. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

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-2737. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting,