

costly that the company went bankrupt before it began to mine salt. Fortunately, the company quickly rebounded and completed its first mining shaft in 1910. The mine has passed through many hands over the years but is currently operated by the Detroit Salt Company, which has owned it since 1997.

Today, the Detroit Salt Company solely produces highway deicing salt, the salt that is used to melt the ice that covers roadways during the winter. It provides this salt not only for Michigan roadways but for other roads throughout the Midwest. Without this valuable product, our roadways would be repeatedly crippled during the winter months, causing massive and regular shutdowns of schools and businesses.

It is also important to recognize the Detroit Salt Company's efforts to keep its mine safe for its many workers. The Mine Health and Safety Administration has recognized the Detroit Salt Company for its excellent safety standards with the Sentinel of Safety Award for 3 of the last 6 years. Additionally, the company is part of the Detroit Local Emergency Planning Committee, taking an active role in keeping not only its employees, but also the citizens of its community safe and secure.

I know my colleagues join me in recognizing the historical significance of the Detroit Salt Mine and congratulate all of those who have contributed to its success.●

HONORING ALABAMA'S PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I commend four students from my home State of Alabama who have been named members of the 42nd class of Presidential scholars. Since its creation in 1964, the Presidential Scholars Program has honored over 5,000 graduating high school seniors for academic excellence, artistic accomplishments, and civic contributions. These remarkable young people have proven to meet rigorous standards of academic excellence and leadership. This year, I am proud to announce that Alabama has three Presidential scholars and one Presidential scholar in the arts.

Students designated as Presidential scholars are among only 121 selected for this high honor out of over 2,700 applicants invited to apply. Alabama students selected this year include Amanda R. Long of Oxford High School in Anniston, AL; Adam M. Trettel of Briarwood Christian School in Birmingham, AL; and, Kelly M. McConnaughey of Virgil I. Grissom High School in Huntsville, AL.

I am also very pleased to share that Sarah C. Campbell, of the Alabama School of Fine Arts in Birmingham, AL, has been named one of only 20 Presidential scholars in the arts. These recipients are selected from a pool of over 6,500 students for accomplishments in the visual, literary, and per-

forming arts, in addition to their scholarship, leadership, and public service.

The Presidential Scholars Program not only seeks to honor Our Nation's finest students but also recognizes the teachers who have been influential in these students' lives. Each student had the opportunity to nominate one exceptional teacher to receive the program's Teacher Recognition Award. Teachers play an essential role in our society and give of themselves selflessly in aiding the development of these students. I applaud the work of these fine teachers: Mrs. Angela L. Dickert, nominated by Amanda R. Long; Mr. Barry Walker, nominated by Adam M. Trettel; Ms. Suzanne Bailey, nominated by Kelly M. McConnaughey; and, Mr. D. Bradford Hill, nominated by Sarah C. Campbell.

It is fitting and appropriate that we recognize these fine students for their accomplishments and to recognize the teachers that have meant so much to their success.●

HONORING MARY HAND AND PHILIP HOLLEY

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I would like to make some remarks today about two remarkable educators, Mary Hand and Philip Holley, recipients of the 2005 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. This is the Nation's highest honor for teaching in mathematics and science. Only 100 7th to 12th grade teachers across the Nation are chosen for this remarkable award, which was established by Congress in 1983.

Ms. Mary Hand, mathematics teacher at Liberty Middle School in Madison, AL, aims to make students comfortable in her classroom and encourages them to work in groups. Ms. Hand establishes a classroom environment that is optimal for student learning, and she aims to equip her students with teamwork skills that are essential in the workplace.

Mr. Philip Holley, science teacher at Mountain Brook Junior High School in Birmingham, AL, strives to let students experience science and apply what they learn. He uses real-world examples to bring science to life in his classroom, which undoubtedly motivates his students and enhances their understanding of the importance of science.

As a former educator and the father of three children, I realize the important role teachers play in our society. I am proud to know that teachers such as Ms. Hand and Mr. Holley are striving to develop students' math and science abilities. These skills will surely take students far in the workplace where math and science are increasingly in demand.

I commend Ms. Hand and Mr. Holley for their leadership and professional excellence in education. Their work has impacted the lives of many students, and their influence will surely spread for years to come.●

HONORING MARK LEVIN

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Mark Levin, who is celebrating his 25th year with the NCSJ.

In his time with NCSJ, Mark Levin has accomplished a great deal. A consummate professional, Mark has spent 25 years moving through the ranks from a professional staffer all the way to executive director.

As the mandated central coordinating agency of the organized Jewish community on behalf of the estimated 1.5 million Jews of the former Soviet Union, the NCSJ comprises nearly 50 national organizations and over 300 local federations, community councils, and committees.

Mark has represented NCSJ at conventions, summits, and also here in the Halls of Congress.

A distinguished scholar and policy expert, Mark is unmatched in his knowledge of the Soviet Jewry, and he was instrumental in restructuring NCSJ's tactics following the breakup of the Soviet Union.

But while Mark's résumé is overflowing with remarkable accomplishments, it is the relationships that he has forged over the years that are his finest achievements.

For 25 years, Mark has been more than an advocate—he has been a friend.

It is those friendships that have made his time with NCSJ special. They are what have taken him from merely influencing policy to significantly impacting people's lives.

And it is those friendships that have brought us all together to honor Mark for 25 outstanding years of service.

With that, I would like to thank NCSJ for an opportunity to speak on behalf of Mark, and I would like to offer my thanks and my congratulations to an outstanding colleague and an even better friend, Mark Levin.●

RECOGNIZING HOWARD E. LEFEVRE

● Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the life and achievements of Howard E. LeFevre, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and the founder of The Works: Ohio Center for History Art & Technology in Newark, Ohio.

Founded in 1996, The Works is a remarkable center of discovery that helped introduce an appreciation for industry, innovation, and the creative process for students and learners of all ages, including the 45,000 who visited the facilities last year alone. Through a unique blend of traditional museum programs, computer labs, art galleries, craft demonstration areas, and interactive classrooms, The Works strives to stimulate analytical thinking and enhance the quality life in Licking County and beyond.

Through Mr. LeFevre's leadership, The Works has been a catalyst for restoration of downtown Newark, rescuing

in its first decade four historic buildings that formed the heart of Newark's oldest manufacturing area. The Works has been an invaluable resource for students of Licking County and the community as a whole.

Mr. LeFevre has been an exemplary leader in his community. He is a past president of Newark Area and Licking County Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Newark Rotary Club, past chairman of the United Way Annual Campaign, and past president of the board of directors of the Licking County United Way. Mr. LeFevre is trustee emeritus of and past chairman of Governing Committee of Licking County Foundation. He is director of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and a former member of the Ohio State Development Advisory Council.

He was honored by a Distinguished Service Award at the Ohio State university in 1976 for his efforts in connection with establishing the Newark campus of the university. He was also honored by Licking Memorial Hospital with their Lifetime Achievement Award in 1990. In 2002, Mr. LeFevre was awarded the "Man of the Century" by the city of Newark during its 2002-2003 bicentennial summer festivities.

Mr. President, thanks to LeFevre's dedication, The Works will celebrate its 10th anniversary on June 17, 2006.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and commending Howard E. LeFevre on his lifetime of commitment to the residents of Licking County as well as people all over the State of Ohio.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, 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. 5252. An act to promote the deployment of broadband networks and services.

H.R. 5522. An act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 5252. An act to promote the deployment of broadband networks and services; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 5522. An act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, 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-7051. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Income Attributable to Domestic Production Activities" ((RIN1545-BE33) (TD 9263)) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7052. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Computer Software Under Section 199(c)(5)(B)" ((RIN1545-BF57) (TD 9262)) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7053. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Necessary to Facilitate Electronic Filing and Burden Reduction" ((RIN1545-BF26) (TD 9264)) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7054. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores—March 2006" (Rev. Rul. 2006-28) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7055. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified NMWHFIT Exception Extension" (Notice 2006-30) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7056. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Announcement of Rules to be Included in Final Regulations Under Sections 897(d) and (e) of the Code" (Notice 2006-46) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7057. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure to Eliminate Impediments to e-filing Consolidated Returns and Reduce Reporting Requirements" (Rev. Proc. 2006-21) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7058. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Methods of Determining W-2 Wages for Purposes of the Section 199(b)(1) Limitation on the Section 199 Deduction for Income Attributable to Domestic Production Activities" (Rev. Proc. 2006-22) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7059. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to information for 2005 on the country of origin and the sellers of uranium and uranium enrichment services purchased by owners and operators of U.S. civilian nuclear power reactors; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7060. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2005 Annual Report for the Department of the Interior's Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7061. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Sixteenth Annual Report to Congress relative to the health and safety activities relating to the Department of Energy's defense nuclear facilities during calendar year 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7062. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Energy's annual report to Congress concerning operations at Naval Petroleum Reserves; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7063. A communication from the Deputy CHCO/Director, OHCM, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7064. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities" (Order No. 676) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7065. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, 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; Determination of Status for 12 Species of Picture Wing Flies From the Hawaiian Islands" (RIN1018-AG23) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7066. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Preparation for Sale" (RIN1004-AD70) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7067. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Utah Regulatory Program" (UT-043-FOR) received on June 5, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7068. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Missouri Regulatory Program" (MO-038-FOR) received on June 5, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7069. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Director, Office of Federal Housing