indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601.

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. William G. Webster, Jr., 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Mark J. MacCarley, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Michael A. Giorgione, 0000

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY’S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN391 ARMY nominations (2) beginning

THOMAS S. ANDERSON, and ending DANIEL S. ZULLI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2007.

PN406 ARMY nomination of David J. Carrell, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 28, 2007.

PN407 ARMY nomination of James G. Wolf, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 28, 2007.

PN408 ARMY nomination of Craig L. Allen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 28, 2007.

PN409 ARMY nominations (5) beginning BRIAN L. EVANS, and ending DUNCAN D. SMITH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 29, 2007.

PN410 ARMY nominations (6) beginning ROBERT W. BEADLE, and ending BRENT S. MILLER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 29, 2007.

IN THE NAVY

PN392 ARMY nominations (11) beginning

MARK W. CRUMPTON, and ending D060629, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 11, 2007.

PN411 NAVY nomination of Stanley R. Instituto, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 29, 2007.

PN412 NAVY nominations (11) beginning

PETER J. HOLLAND, and ending RICHARD V. TIMME, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 11, 2007.

IN THE NAVAL AIR FORCE

PN393–1 MARINE CORPS nominations (399) beginning EDUARDO A. ABISELLAN, and ending JOSEPH J. ZARBA JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 22, 2007.

PN394 MARINE CORPS nominations (665) beginning AARON D. ABDULLAH, and ending SCOTT W. ZIMMERMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 22, 2007.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN395 MARINE CORPS nomination of Jason K. Fettig, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 11, 2007.

IN THE NAVY

PN396 NAVY nomination of Brian D. Petersen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 15, 2007.

PN413 NAVY nomination of Stanley R. Richardson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 29, 2007.

PN414 NAVY nominations (60) beginning

JAMES F. BECK, and ending KEVIN S. BOLAND, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 11, 2007.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

JOINT REFERRAL OF NOMINATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the nomination of R. Lyle Laverty, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, sent to the Senate by the President on March 26, 2007, be referred jointly to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

HONORING THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 174.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:


There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I am pleased to support during National Small Business Week a bipartisan Senate resolution honoring the entrepreneurial spirit of small business owners throughout the United States. I am privileged to work every day with ranking member, Senator SNOWE and other members of my committee on behalf of small businesses and I am gratified to introduce this legislation with them here today.

Twenty-six million small businesses are currently operating in the United States. They represent 99.7 percent of all employers and account for two-thirds of all new jobs created each year. In addition, they contribute over 50 percent of the Nation’s nonfarm gross domestic product. Small businesses are the Nation’s innovators, producing 13 to 14 more patents per employee than large businesses, and they account for 97 percent of all exporters. I am pleased to report that small businesses are a powerful force in the economic vitality that makes America strong, and small businesses would not have this success...