taxpayers. She is simply a true professional civil servant that we are fortunate to have in government.

Finally, Heideh is a quick study, adaptable, very good at working with others, and cool under pressure. She also is a person of absolute integrity, honor, and loyalty. To their credit, the leadership at the Department of Transportation has recognized her accomplishments and skills and will be giving her new challenges and opportunities. Her departure is a great loss to the Appropriations Committee and to my office in particular. She will be missed. I strongly commend Heideh for her service to me and the U.S. Senate and, while she is leaving us, she will always be part of the Bond office team. I personally wish Heideh, her husband Torrance, and her son Corey all the best.

**ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS**

**HONORING KENT “OZ” C. NELSON**

- Mr. ISAKSON. Madam President, today I wish to acknowledge a very special occasion. It has come to my attention that on May 9, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the CDC Foundation in Atlanta will be honoring Kent “Oz” C. Nelson, retired chair and CEO of UPS, for his unselfish and untiring work on behalf of CDC and public health around the globe. They will be dedicating CDC’s main auditorium as the Kent “Oz” C. Nelson Auditorium. This is a great honor for a man who truly deserves it.

As elected officials, we naturally and rightfully expect to hear from interested constituents and from the leaders of our governmental institutions about programmatic and capital needs. It is much more unusual to hear about such needs from a CEO-level leader of a global company like UPS. But over the past 8 years, Oz and many other CEO’s like him, including Bernie Marcus, Phil Jacobs and Christine Jacobs, have regularly written, called and visited Washington, DC to remind us of the importance of upgrading CDC’s Atlanta-based labs and facilities to ensure that the world’s best scientists are equipped with world-class facilities to support their work.

During a tour of CDC in the fall of 1999, Oz, Bernie and Phil were troubled by the condition of CDC labs and its negative impact on CDC’s ability to recruit top scientists and to protect all Americans from a host of threats ranging from SARS, anthrax and pandemic flu to obesity and environmental toxins. Scientists were working in overcrowded World War II Quonset huts and cinder block labs with frayed wiring and poor ventilation.

Oz could have just written a letter. He could have written off CDC’s problems as the government’s problem. Instead, he helped organize a coordinated effort to highlight the problem and encourage a solution. In the last 8 years, Congress has appropriated $1.6 billion needed to complete CDC’s master facilities plan. One needs only tour CDC’s campus and visit with the scientists there to see the amazing results.

As elected officials, we learn early to appreciate people like Oz Nelson. People who are never too busy to care, never to busy to identify and help solve problems. Since “retiring,” and I use that term loosely in Oz’s case, he has chaired the Annie Casey Foundation, served on the Board of the Carter Center in Atlanta, served on the board of the United Way of America and chaired its national fundraising campaign, chaired the board of the CDC Foundation and been instrumental in starting and supporting an Atlanta-based Museum of Patriotism that celebrates the American spirit. And these are just a few of his many nonprofit interests. Oz Nelson is, himself, a patriot who embodies the very best of the American spirit. And I know that those of you who know and have had the honor of joining with Oz today in congratulating him on the dedication of the new Kent “Oz” C. Nelson Auditorium at CDC.

**MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE**

At 12:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions:

- H. Con. Res. 95. Concurrent resolution honoring the career and research accomplishments of Frances E. Allen, the 2006 recipient of the A.M. Turing Award; to the Committee on Appropriations.
- H. Con. Res. 112. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideas of a National Child Care Worthy Wage Day; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**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-1711. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account”; to the Committee on Armed Services.
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- EC-1713. A communication from the Chairperson, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of (7) officers authorized as warrant officers; to the Committee on Armed Services.
- EC-1714. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving exports to Ghana, and supporting an Atlanta-based Museum of Patriotism that celebrates the American spirit. And these are just a few of his many nonprofit interests.

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