

by 20 years. He was also instrumental in the formation of the Vermont State College system and he authored a fair dismissal bill for educators.

Although Graham Newell was a Vermont delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1956 and 1964, he was one of the great practitioners of a long Vermont tradition of non-partisan politics. He became involved in government reform, serving on the Little Hoover Commission that reorganized Vermont's State agencies, and he was appointed by President Kennedy to the National Advisory Commission on Inter-Governmental Relations. A founding member of the American Civil Liberties Union of Vermont, he championed a strict separation of church and State by opposing public busing for parochial schools.

As the resident Vermont historian at Lyndon State, he was responsible for naming all of its buildings after notable Vermonters. And, in a wonderful instance of turnabout is fair play, St. Johnsbury Academy recently honored him by renaming its foreign languages building Newell Hall.

Above all he valued equality and equal opportunity, principles that no doubt derived from his Vermont upbringing, his long study and admiration for Roman history and from his work in education.

Graham Newell taught Latin at St. Johnsbury Academy well into his nineties, long after he retired from his professorship at Lyndon State College. The indelible mark he made on the communities of St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville will not soon be forgotten. These communities need only look to the countless students whose lives he touched to see the effect he had on them.

Mr. Newell earned countless awards as an outstanding educator, historian and model citizen, including being named the Vermont Chamber of Commerce's Man of the Year in 2005.

It is exemplary citizens such as Graham Newell who have earned Vermont its reputation for civic leadership and principled politics, for sound reasoning in government, and for rising above partisan labels. Today, we honor his memory by recognizing his great commitments: to responsible citizenship, to superior education for all, to teaching, and to public service, and to shaping a future that will be worthy of our past.●

#### RETIREMENT OF GENERAL RICHARD CODY

● Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, after 36 years of service to our Nation, GEN Dick Cody will conclude his military career on August 1. I salute his leadership and honor his lovely wife Vicki, for her invaluable support of her husband and our soldiers.

Dick Cody began his service more than 40 years ago, leaving his family's car dealership in Vermont and reporting to West Point.

He has served our Nation on battlefields and bases around the world, commanding our soldiers, including the famed Screaming Eagles of our 101st Airborne Division.

General Cody's service as operations officer and later vice chief of staff, reminds me of GEN George C. Marshall's service as our Army's Chief of Staff during World War II. Marshall noted that before the war, he had "time" to prepare the Army, but "no money."

After France fell to the Nazis, Marshall said he had "money, but no time." Dick Cody faced similar circumstances and deserves our gratitude for preparing our soldiers to fight the war against terrorism.

Our Army entered this war with significant equipment shortages. Our forces were organized to fight the Cold War rather than the vastly different global war on terror.

Since September 11, 2001, with funds provided by Congress, Cody has directed the fielding of 94 new Army equipment programs worth over \$100 billion. He orchestrated the Army's largest restationing and construction program in 70 years. He directed the most sweeping transformation of our Army since the dawn of mechanized warfare.

He oversaw the conversion of our Reserve components to a critical part of our operational forces, and supervised the addition of 65,000 new soldiers to our forces. He has also been instrumental in ensuring our wounded soldiers receive the treatment and care which they deserve.

Vicki Cody supported her husband, and his soldiers, throughout their 33 years of marriage. She cared for our military families during training missions and deployments, often while her own husband was serving far from his family.

Dick and Vicki raised two sons, Clint and Tyler, both U.S. Army captains, with six combat deployments between them. When young Dick Cody left Vermont, and Cody Chevrolet, he truly started a new "family business."

Our Nation is grateful for his leadership, and we wish him and Vicki all the best as they begin a new chapter of their lives.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

#### ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 5:53 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOYER) has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 93. Joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

The joint resolution was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3344. A bill to defend against child exploitation and child pornography through improved Internet Crimes Against Children task forces and enhanced tools to block illegal images, and to eliminate the unwarranted release of convicted sex offenders.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3348. A bill to provide for the investigation of certain unsolved civil rights crimes, and for other purposes.

#### 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-7253. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the rule "17 CFR Parts 36 and 40 (73 FR 8599, February 14, 2008), Amendments Pertinent to Registered Entities and Exempt Commercial Markets" (RIN3038-AC39) received on July 24, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7254. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral John G. Cotton, United States Navy Reserve, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7255. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Charles E. Croom, Jr., United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7256. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John F. Goodman, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7257. A communication from the Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the transaction involving exports to Ghana; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7258. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary rule (Closure of the Trimester II Directed Fishery for Loligo Squid)" (RIN0648-XJ06) received on July 24, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7259. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Mexico" (RIN0648-XJ09) received on July 24, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7260. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department