

Howard, Jr., and daughters Melissa Gentsch, Rosslyn Howard, and Denicia Howard; and four grandchildren. I was also pleased to meet his brother Steve Howard, 6 years younger, who also volunteered at age 17. In an annual event, Steve was able to serve with his brother on one of his tours in Vietnam. It was wonderfully clear to one how much affection and respect Steve had for his big brother.

So, Madam President, it is my honor to pay tribute to this great Alabamian and, most of all, this great American. He, like so many today, went into harm's way, a courageous patriot, to effect the decided military positions of the United States. It is on the actions of such men that our liberty and prosperity depend. I am humbled to have the opportunity to express my appreciation for Colonel Howard's heroic and superb service to this country.●

#### RECOGNIZING GRANT COUNTY, OREGON

● Mr. WYDEN. Madam President, I would like to take a moment to praise the courage and commitment of a small community in Oregon.

Grant County is home to just 7,500 people. It is located in rural eastern Oregon. The county is larger than some States. With majestic mountains, rivers, and valleys, its beauty is unprecedented. Those who live there are proud of their home. They work hard and they watch out for each other. Last month, they proved it in a way that should make everyone proud to be an American.

A few weeks ago, a man came to town calling himself the national director of the Aryan Nations, one of the most infamous hate groups in America. He declared that he was looking for a place for a national headquarters and that Grant County would be perfect. Amazingly, he said the values of his organization and the values of Grant County were the same.

He couldn't have been more wrong.

Since the local newspaper, the Blue Mountain Eagle, reported on his visit, Grant County has risen as one to show this man that there is no way that their home is going to be the headquarters for hate.

To express their outrage, the residents of Grant County stood on street corners in the city of John Day waving flags and holding signs making it clear that the Aryan Nations was not welcome. The people of Grant County stood together in supporting diversity and tolerance in their community. All over the county, green ribbons symbolizing their support for equality streamed from car antennas, hung from fences, and pinned proudly to their clothes. Signs are in businesses and homes. Cars are emblazoned with messages of support for their community and opposition to hatred.

More than 1,000 people jammed into two public meetings held on February 26. They were there to learn how to

make sure the Aryan Nations would not succeed. There were so many that the meeting room couldn't hold them all. You know there is something special going on when one out of every six residents of a small rural county comes, to learn how to protect their community from a group who would destroy it. Since then, the Grant County Human Rights Coalition has been formed. It is a remarkable group of people, all working to make their home a better place.

The people of Grant County have shown us all what a community looks like. As an Oregonian and as their U.S. Senator, I could not be more proud of them.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 8:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1299. An act to make technical corrections to the laws affecting certain administrative authorities of the United States Capitol Police, and for other purposes.

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

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 9:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4691. An act to provide a temporary extension of certain programs, and for other purposes.

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

#### 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-4826. A communication from the Regulatory Analyst, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Registration, Five Year Terms" (RIN0580-AB03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 23, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4827. A communication from the Chief of Research and Analysis, Food and Nutrition Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Stamp Program: Eligibility and Certification Provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002" (RIN0584-AD30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4828. A communication from the Acting Director of the Legislative Affairs Division, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Service Provider Assistance" ((7 CFR Part 652) (RIN0578-AA48)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4829. A communication from the Acting Director of the Legislative Affairs Division, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Healthy Forests Reserve Program" ((7 CFR Part 652) (RIN0578-AA52)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4830. A communication from the Acting Director of the Legislative Affairs Division, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act" ((7 CFR Part 650) (RIN0578-AA55)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4831. A communication from the Acting Director of the Legislative Affairs Division, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Agricultural Management Assistance Program" ((7 CFR Part 1465) (RIN0578-AA50)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4832. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trichoderma asperellum strain ICC 012; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8800-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4833. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1,2,3-Propanetriol, Homopolymer Diisooctadecanoate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8813-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4834. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the assignment of women to submarines; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4835. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import