

achievements as a cofounder and director of the Sun Valley Center for the Arts and service as director of the Fort Worth Art Center Museum, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Wright Art Gallery at UCLA, Armand Hammer Museum of Art and Cultural Center and on the National Advisory Board of the Boise Art Museum are commendable. Henry has also been honored for his unparalleled influence and impact on the arts in Idaho. Henry Hopkins forged a legacy of accomplishments in the arts. His inspiration has helped fuel the expansion of the arts and artistic achievement.

The Honorable Senator James A. McClure and Mrs. Louise McClure are the recipients of the "Lifetime Achievement" award for their substantial support of the arts. Louise and Jim have dedicated significant time and effort to fostering the arts and are being recognized for Louise's service on the National Council on the Arts and Jim's service on the board of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. They have also been long-time supporters of the University of Idaho Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival and have demonstrated tireless support of the arts in Idaho and throughout the Nation. The McClures' commitment to Idaho and the arts is inspirational and commendable, and it is an honor to join in recognizing the contribution of these two great Idahoans.

All of those being honored through the 2010 Governor's Awards in the Arts are making our communities stronger through their participation in and encouragement of artistic expression. They add fresh perspective and deepen our understanding of each other and the world around us. It is a great privilege to help recognize the immense artistic talent throughout Idaho. These recipients, who are utilizing a variety of art forms, are not only contributing to their crafts, but also they are fostering the growth of artistic achievement through teaching others. For this, I thank all of the award recipients and commend Governor Otter and the Idaho Commission on the Arts for the 40th anniversary of the awards and their roles in these achievements.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. ALBERT STARR

● Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, this week marks the 50th anniversary of one of the most remarkable innovations in modern medicine. On September 21, 1960, at the University of Oregon Medical School, Dr. Albert Starr successfully implanted the first prosthetic mechanical heart valve. In 1958, Lowell Edwards, a retired mechanical engineer, approached Dr. Starr about the possibility of creating an artificial heart. Believing artificial heart technology to be a bit premature, Starr encouraged Edwards to consider valve replacement surgery. The valve they designed—a ball and cage mechanical valve—was successfully implanted in

its first patient just 2 years later. For this achievement, Dr. Starr was the co-recipient of the Albert Lasker Award, for Clinical Medical Research in 2007.

Dr. Starr continues to contribute to the development of medical science as the director emeritus of Providence Heart and Vascular Institute, medical director of the Albert Starr Academic Center, and director of bioscience research and development for Providence Health & Services in Oregon.

Since the valve's first use in 1960, heart valve replacement surgery has saved millions of lives, giving hope to those with heart disease. Today, life saving heart valve replacement surgery is performed 300,000 times each year around the globe, with more than 90,000 of those operations taking place in the U.S.

Dr. Starr says he considers his legacy to be about the people he has trained and his patients. For him, the human interaction has been the most important aspect of his lifetime of achievements. I am grateful for his passion to help people and to help advance medical science.

It is an honor for me to recognize Dr. Albert Starr for his contributions to medical innovation and I am proud to have him call Oregon his home.●

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 3813. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal renewable electricity standard, and for other purposes.

S. 3815. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce oil consumption and improve energy security, and for other purposes.

S. 3816. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create American jobs and to prevent the offshoring of such jobs overseas.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on September 21, 2010, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 3656. An act to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to improve the reporting on sales of livestock and dairy products, 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-7405. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 10-076, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7406. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 10-058, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7407. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 10-064, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7408. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 10-095, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7409. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Cooperative Threat Reduction Programs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7410. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John F. Kimmons, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7411. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's purchases from foreign entities for Fiscal Year 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7412. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TRICARE: TRICARE Delivery of Health Care in Alaska" (RIN0720-AB29) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7413. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TRICARE: Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP)" (RIN0720-AB34) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7414. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TRICARE: Non-Physician Referrals for Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Therapy" (RIN0720-AB36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7415. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to