

to the preservation of Chinese music, to the introduction of Chinese music to people in the United States, and to the overall interconnection of the music world. His work attempts to take people past the conventional shapes and forms of Western music, helping them appreciate the universality of art. He hopes that such cross-cultural music will build a deeper connection between the East and West, and inspire people to love all music.

And finally, I would like to introduce Bonnie Nortz, a 17-year old young woman with superior achievement in the area of literature. Bonnie's portfolio, *Run and Run and Run*, explores relationships, identity, materialism, oppression and emotion, and covers topics as broad as tourism, grammar, dreams, cartography, winter and even pre-calculus. Her goal was to find the extraordinary in the mundane, the pure in the imperfect, and to describe that moment of awakening when everything is just the way it should be. Bonnie hopes to teach others how to go through life with an everlasting energy and curiosity and to appreciate the fantastic emotional and intellectual complexity that comprises our human existence.

I have long said that America's gifted and talented students possess remarkable potential for our great Nation. These 18 young individuals have demonstrated more than potential. They have already made significant contributions to their fields and our society in their short lives and one can scarcely begin to imagine how much they will contribute to their fields and society in the years to come, thanks in no small part to the encouragement of the Davidson Institute as well as their family, friends, and mentors. These young men and women are an inspiration and a reminder that if we fully support our most talented young people, we can look forward to a bright future.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING MILLS AND MILLS LAW OFFICE

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I recognize Mills and Mills Law Office, a small family-owned law firm that has provided vital legal services to the people of western Maine for 100 years.

The Mills family name has long been synonymous with the Farmington area. Sumner Mills began a small law firm there in May of 1911, after moving his family from the coastal town of Stonington, where he had previously opened a small law practice in 1904. Throughout the years, Mills and Mills has offered its customers a wide range of legal services, and at present primarily focuses on estate planning, business issues, and real estate. The company has previously offered fire and casualty insurance. The firm currently has nine staff members, includ-

ing Paul Mills, the grandson of the founder, who joined the firm in 1977 and is now a senior attorney.

On August 26, 150 members of the Farmington community gathered at the law office to celebrate its 100th anniversary. The date was selected because it marked what would have been the 100th birthday of Peter Mills, Sumner's son and longtime attorney at Mills and Mills. Attendees reminisced about the law firm's storied history, and the event provided an opportunity to look forward to the office's future of helping the residents of western Maine.

Today, I also recognize the long-standing commitment and vast contributions of the Mills family to public service in the State of Maine. Peter, who joined Mills and Mills in 1940, was a member of the Maine House of Representatives for three terms, as well as the State senate for two terms. He also served as a municipal court judge, and was later U.S. attorney for Maine for 16 years under three Presidents. His father had been a State legislator in Hancock County before moving to Farmington.

Many of Peter's children have gone on to follow in their father's and grandfather's footsteps. Janet Mills served in the Maine House of Representatives, and later became our State's first female attorney general. Peter Mills III, a former State senator from Somerset County and twice a candidate for Governor, now serves as executive director of the Maine Turnpike Authority. And Doctor Dora Anne Mills is the former director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Three generations of the Mills family have worked tirelessly to serve the community in Franklin County and throughout western Maine. With a passion for the law and a dedication to public service, the Mills family has left an indelible mark on Maine history. Mills and Mills remains a tribute to the critical work begun 100 years ago by Sumner Mills. I thank the entire Mills family for all of their efforts, and wish them and everyone at Mills and Mills success in their future endeavors.●

##### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:09 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1343. An act to return unused or reclaimed funds made available for broadband awards in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to the Treasury of the United States.

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE) announced that on today, October 6, 2011, he had signed the following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 771. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

1081 Elbel Road in Schertz, Texas, as the "Schertz Veterans Post Office".

H.R. 1632. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5014 Gary Avenue in Lubbock, Texas, as the "Sergeant Chris Davis Post Office".

##### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1343. An act to return unused or reclaimed funds made available for broadband awards in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to the Treasury of the United States; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

##### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 1660. A bill to provide tax relief for American workers and businesses, to put workers back on the job while rebuilding and modernizing America, and to provide pathways back to work for Americans looking for jobs.

##### 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-3438. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a technical assistance license agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Norway and Canada for the service life extension of the P-3 aircraft in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3439. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Japan for the export and assembly of the Vertical Launch ASROC (Anti-Submarine Rocket) (VLA) system in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3440. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing license agreement to include the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to the United Kingdom for manufacture, assembly, modification, integration, repair and overhaul of Vertical Gyros, Rate Gyros, Attitude Heading Reference Systems, Compass Systems, Azimuth Gyros and Attitude Indicators; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3441. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing license agreement to include the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Australia