

commitment of the people of Haverhill is reflected in part by their record of service in defense of our Nation.

Some of Haverhill's most notable residents have included U.S. Senator and New Hampshire Governor, Henry W. Keyes; U.S. Congressmen Noah Davis and Jonathan H. Rowell; and professional baseball players Chad Paranto and Bob Smith.

As sturdy and resilient as the people who built it, Haverhill is home to the Haverhill-Bath Covered Bridge. Completed in 1829, it is the oldest Town Lattice Truss Saltbox covered bridge in the United States.

Haverhill is also home to the Museum of American Weather. This unique institution chronicles the history of four unique New England weather events.

Haverhill is a place that has contributed much to the life and spirit of the State of New Hampshire. I am pleased to extend my warm regards to the people of Haverhill as they celebrate the town's 250th anniversary. ●

TRIBUTE TO BETSY BROUN

● Mr. BLUNT. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Betsy Broun, the Director of the Smithsonian Art Museum. Betsy will be honored Thursday evening at the Frederic E. Church Award Gala in New York for "transforming the perception of American Art."

Betsy and I became friends years ago over—you guessed it—American Art. She has always been more than gracious with her time, her great stories, and her expertise. I am an American History teacher by trade, but Betsy has taught me a great deal about the intersection of American Art and American History.

Under Betsy Broun's leadership, the Smithsonian American Art Museum has undergone a \$250 million renovation. She has taken the Smithsonian's work far afield through new media, distance learning, and her lectures. And there is nothing better than a walk through a Betsy-curated exhibit.

Despite all of her professional and academic success, Betsy has never lost touch with her native Kansas, and she and I have had a lot of fun over the years talking about Thomas Hart Benton, a native Missouri artist and the great nephew of the first Senator from Missouri, and discussing other "middle America" artists.

My wife Abby and I are so grateful for Betsy's friendship, and we congratulate her on the Frederic E. Church Award—an honor she will no doubt receive Thursday with her typical Midwestern humility, but one we know she deserves. ●

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT CHARLES HARRIS

● Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor an American hero—SGT Charles Harris of the U.S. Army

2nd Infantry 3rd Brigade. This May 30, just 3 days after our Nation's Memorial Day salute to America's fallen heroes, Sergeant Harris will observe the 1-year anniversary of his "Alive Day." That is the inspiring way our wounded warriors describe the day they were injured—wounded but alive, they celebrate their second chance at life.

It was on May 30, 2012, that Sergeant Harris lost his legs and almost his life in an IED explosion in Afghanistan. And over the past year, he has come so far and so fast in his recovery at Walter Reed Army Hospital, where I first met him. With the help of his family and his devoted mother Lisa, who has been at his side throughout his recovery, he has come back from the dead. Family and loved ones are the unsung heroes in all of America's wars—and the best medicine for a faster recovery.

Charles has a dream, and it is coming true: He is building a home in West Virginia, and he will live the rest of his life there, in what he calls almost Heaven. We are honored that such a great American has chosen to make his home in our beautiful State. He will be welcomed warmly to one of the most patriotic States in our Nation.

To celebrate Sergeant Harris's "coming home" to a place he has never been before and to honor his heroism, sacrifice, and determination, I ask that a poem written by Albert Caswell of West Virginia be printed in the RECORD.

Mr. President, I urge all my Senate colleagues to take time to read this warm tribute to such an inspiring hero and to congratulate him on the anniversary of his "Alive Day."

And may God grant him, his mother, and all of his friends many more anniversaries in the years ahead.

There being no objection, the material was printed in the RECORD, as follows:

2nd TO NONE

2nd . . .
 2nd to none . . .
 The 2nd Infantry are how our wars
 are won . . .
 2nd ID, Men of iron and might,
 who all out in times of war their fine souls
 do so ignite!

But for The Greater Good,
 all in what they so could!
 Who so lock and load,
 and so live by such a code!
 Of Strength In Honor,
 as do all of those!

The 2nd Infantry,
 as they so make history!
 Wherever they so go!
 The ones who love our Nation so!
 With Boots on the ground!
 As they kick all of those doors down!
 As their most valiant hearts so explode!
 One fine fighting machine!
 Who so heroically come upon the battle
 scene!

With Boots on the ground!
 As where they will be found!
 As one and all,
 as their brave hearts so sound!
 As we hear their great hearts pound!
 The grunts on the ground!
 Who shall not let our Nation down!
 Where would this our Nation so be,

if but not for all of these?
 And one such fine son of liberty,
 his name is Sargent Charles Harris . . . he!
 Is part of that magnificent 2nd Infantry!
 From that golden state,
 when he could not so wait to serve his Country
 Tis of Thee!

As it was out on patrol,
 as when we almost lost this brave soul . . .
 While, in an IED blast . . .
 it looked like he would not so last . . .
 Losing his two legs,
 as he so cheated death on that day!
 But with his light,
 as he so came out of all of that darkness
 somehow!

To recovery . . .
 For when he so awoke,
 and so saw that all that he so had left was
 but hope!

His fine to heart to him so spoke!
 Of being, The Being The Best!
 All in what he must now so invoke,
 all on this his future quest!
 With what he now has so left!
 And with your devoted Mother Lisa by your
 side,

helping you so pass that test!
 For already Charles in your short life,
 you have scaled to the highest of all heights!
 To places where few of us will sight!
 As with your courage our Nation you have so
 blessed!

To So Teach Us!
 To So Beseech Us!
 To So Reach Us,
 all in your most magnificent quest!
 For you are 2nd to none!
 And you are one of America's most brightest
 of all sons!

As you so make the Angels tears so run!
 As your heart would so crest!
 Moments are that we so have!
 To change the world,
 to hearts so grab!
 To make a difference with it all!
 For men of honor like Charles,
 who so hear that most noble call!
 And so go off to war!
 All of our freedoms so insure!
 Who are 2nd to none,
 now that is so for sure!

As up ahead but lies so much more!
 Because, your going almost to Heaven soon!
 to West Virginia to live the rest of your life
 as you like to so croon!
 To live a long and happy live,
 as there you are shooting for the moon!
 And without such inspirational men as you,
 heroes like Charles from of 2nd ID where
 would we all so be?

For one thing is so true,
 there 2nd to none! ●

2013 PRIDE FOUNDATION SCHOLARS

● Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 2013 Pride Foundation Scholars—a remarkable group of 89 students who share incredible perseverance, a strong desire to give back, and a focus on how education can improve their lives and their communities.

Pride Foundation plays a crucial role in encouraging and supporting the next generation of leaders in the LGBT community. Students who have been stigmatized because of their sexual orientation or gender identity sometimes do not receive the support they need from their families and communities, and too often, individuals of great

promise give up on their dreams because they do not believe success is possible.

Over the past 20 years, Pride Foundation has worked to lift up future leaders by giving over \$3 million in educational scholarships to LGBT and allied students in Washington, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, and Oregon. They have provided these students with financial support, mentorship opportunities, and a community that focuses on generosity, encouragement, and acceptance. As Pride Foundation marks the 20th anniversary of their scholarship program and honors these students at the 2013 Scholarship Celebration Reception, I wish to congratulate this year's scholars on all their achievements.

Pride Foundation's longstanding determination to help students succeed mirrors the LGBT community's tireless efforts in the fight for equality. And as we commemorate this year's Pride Month, we should look back and celebrate the tremendous strides that we have made toward equality in Washington State and across the Northwest.

I join with many in Washington State in congratulating this year's Pride Foundation Scholars on all they have achieved so far. I look forward to seeing all they will accomplish as leaders in their communities. Although we have a long way to go to move our country in the right direction, working together we have accomplished so much. I am proud to stand up and fight for the LGBT community, and I will continue to make sure that your stories are heard in the Senate. Again, congratulations to the 2013 Pride Foundation Scholars. I look forward to seeing all you will accomplish in the years to come.●

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 messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13303 OF MAY 22, 2003, WITH RESPECT TO THE STABILIZATION OF IRAQ, RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON MAY 17, 2013—PM 10

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message

from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2013.

Obstacles to the continued reconstruction of Iraq, the restoration and maintenance of peace and security in the country, and the development of political, administrative, and economic institutions in Iraq continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Accordingly, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 17, 2013.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Mr. Cicilline of Rhode Island.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913 and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Mr. Wolf of Virginia, Mr. Pittenger of North Carolina, and Mr. Meadows of North Carolina.

At 6:43 p.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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 45. An act to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.

H.R. 1062. An act to improve the consideration by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the costs and benefits of its regulations and orders.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1062. An act to improve the consideration by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the costs and benefits of its regulations and orders; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CRUZ, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 988. A bill to provide for an accounting of total United States contributions to the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHATZ:

S. 989. A bill to eliminate the prerequisite of direct appropriations relating to collection of health data and to modify standards for measuring sexual orientation and gender identity; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 990. A bill to extend the Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Programs by 1 year; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 991. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent the avoidance of tax by insurance companies through reinsurance with non-taxed affiliates; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. Res. 149. A resolution designating the week of May 19 through May 25, 2013, as "National Public Works Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 116

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 116, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 119

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 119, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign non-governmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance