

Marc's passion for aviation continued after his Air Force retirement when he accepted a position on the Utah Aerospace Heritage Foundation board, which helped fund projects for the Hill Aerospace Museum located near Hill Air Force Base. He eventually became its chairman and served a total of 26 years on the board. Marc worked tirelessly in the community to raise funds and searched around the world to obtain aircraft displays to enhance Utah's great Air Force museum. Through Marc's efforts, the museum added two additional hangars and it continued as one of Utah's top visitor attractions. Marc was also a regular fixture at the local Ogden Airport where he kept his airplanes and loved swapping flying stories with his fellow "airport bums." He enjoyed flying friends and family around the local area and never missed the annual flight back to Oshkosh, WI for the aviation celebration at Oshkosh.

Marc was the consummate gentleman and servant/leader who was loved by everyone who knew and worked with him. His gift was his extraordinary generosity and natural ability to make people feel important.

Marc is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Ellie, six children: Pam Chatelein, Barbara Reynolds, Scott Reynolds, Lisa Oelke, Kristan Ingebretsen, and Karine Kucej, 15 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren. The family wishes to pass on a hearty thanks to the caregivers at Gentiva Hospice Health Care, McKay-Dee Hospital, and the George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home, who took very good care of Marc in his time of need.

I wanted to personally highlight this great man's achievements, his service to our country and our freedoms, and his devotion to his family and his community.

It was my honor to have known Marc and to make tribute to yet another remarkable patriot that we are so proud of.●

TRIBUTE TO MERL PAAVERUD

● Ms. HEITKAMP. Mr. President, I wish to honor Merl Paaverud, who is retiring later this year after serving the State of North Dakota for the past 31 years. Merl has dedicated his life and career to documenting and preserving our State's history, and it is only fitting that his retirement culminates as North Dakota celebrates its 125th anniversary.

In 1983, Merl began his career with the State of North Dakota as supervisor for the Fort Totten State Historic Site where he had the challenge of managing the upkeep of the 1867 military post. After his service at Fort Totten, Merl was the grants administrator in the Office of Intergovernmental Assistance. From 1993 to 2001, he served as director of the North Dakota Archaeology and Historic Preservation Division.

Merl understands the importance of documenting and preserving the lives

and stories of our State and its people for future generations. For the past 13 years, Merl has served as the director of the North Dakota State Historical Society. In this position, he led a significant expansion and renovation of the North Dakota Heritage Center and State Museum. Under his leadership, the center has become the "Smithsonian of the Plains." In addition, he has played a pivotal role in the purchase of the boyhood home of Lawrence Welk, which will highlight the region's strong German-Russian heritage along with the important role of agriculture in our State.

Merl's passion and commitment to public service has been demonstrated through his service to our country during his time in the U.S. Air Force and in every position he has held throughout his years with the State of North Dakota. This dedication has not gone unnoticed by his peers or the public. His ever present smile and steady leadership will be missed. I want to thank Merl for his years of public service to the people of North Dakota, current and past, and wish him a happy and full retirement.●

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

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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3212) to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction by countries with which the United States enjoys reciprocal obligations, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 517. An act to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, and for other purposes.

S. 653. An act to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 1104. An act to measure the progress of recovery and development efforts in Haiti

following the earthquake of January 12, 2010, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3393. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to consolidate certain tax benefits for educational expenses, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make improvements to the child tax credit, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4984. An act to amend the loan counseling requirements under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5081. An act to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to enable State child protective services systems to improve the identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5111. An act to improve the response to victims of child sex trafficking.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 103. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

H. Con. Res. 105. Concurrent resolution prohibiting the President from deploying or maintaining United States Armed Forces in a sustained combat role in Iraq without specific, subsequent statutory authorization.

H. Con. Res. 106. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to award Congressional Gold Medals in honor of the men and women who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 3:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 517. An act to promote consumer choice and wireless competition by permitting consumers to unlock mobile wireless devices, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3212. An act to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction by countries with which the United States enjoys reciprocal obligations, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4984. An act to amend the loan counseling requirements under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 5081. An act to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to enable State child protective services systems to improve the identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 5111. An act to improve the response to victims of child sex trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.