

Their hard work, sacrifice, and diligence have earned them national distinction, and I join their family and friends in applauding their efforts. These students are our Nation's future leaders, and they someday may be seated on this floor as Senators. Please join me in recognizing them for they are a source of pride, not only for their school and their home State, but also for our Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO FRED KOCHER

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Fred Kocher of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on being honored as the 2001 Journalist of the Year by the Small Business Administration.

Fred has been the host of New Hampshire's Business for eight years. Every week he reports on the local, regional and national business environment analyzing companies, business trends and economic indicators.

Fred has enhanced the awareness of the issues that face business owners in our state, region and country. He has worked diligently to benefit the business community and has also been a strong advocate on behalf of small business entrepreneurs in New Hampshire.

He is a former small business owner who helped create the New Hampshire International Trade Resource Center in Portsmouth. Fred is currently the Director of Corporate Communications and Investor Relations for NEON Communications, Inc.

Fred has been a contributor to his community serving as president of the New Hampshire High Technology Council and he also served as president of the New Hampshire International Trade Association. Fred is the creator and chairman of the "Politics & Eggs" statewide breakfast series that allows members of the business community to hear directly from presidential candidates every four years.

Fred Kocher has served the citizens of New Hampshire with selfless dedication. I commend him for his contributions to the business community of our state. It is an honor and a privilege to represent him in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO MARIE MEUNIER-BOUCHARD

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Marie Meunier-Bouchard of Conway, New Hampshire, on being honored as the 2001 Small Business Exporter of the Year by the Small Business Administration.

Marie is the owner of Wild Things, Inc. which designs and manufactures state-of-the-art lightweight climbing equipment and clothing for expedition and mountain climbing. The business sells its products domestically and has also increased export sales to over \$3 million. The largest overseas accounts

for Wild Things, Inc. includes companies in Korea, Singapore and Hong Kong.

Marie has worked with selfless dedication to the success of her business. She has provided quality products to both the domestic and international markets resulting in impressive financial achievement for the company.

She is a native of France and graduate of the University of Geneva in Switzerland, and is an accomplished mountain climber. Her company was founded in 1981 and sales have grown to \$4 million in 2001. Wild Things, Inc. has 15 employees in North Conway and Gorham, and contracts other manufacturing jobs in Chatham and Silver Lake, New Hampshire.

Marie is a proven business leader in the New Hampshire community. I commend her for her selfless dedication to the betterment of her company and the business community in our state. It is an honor and a privilege to represent her in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES W. KELLER

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Charles W. Keller of Meredith, New Hampshire, for the honor of receiving the 2001 New Hampshire Small Business Person of the Year Award from the Small Business Administration.

Charles is the president and CEO of C.W. Keller & Associates, Inc., of Plaistow, New Hampshire. His firm manufactures high-end retail display fixtures and executive office furnishings.

He started his business in his garage in the early 1970's as a one-person business. Since then, his firm has experienced steady growth and now employs 35 people, grosses more than \$5 million annually, and has expanded its operation projects in Boston, New York, Washington, Los Angeles and the Middle East.

Charles has been recognized by the Small Business Administration as an outstanding business owner who has worked diligently and successfully at building his firm. His talented staff and quality products have attributed to the success of C.W. Keller & Associates, Inc.

Charles has been a strong supporter of the community at large and has served as a director with the New England Chapter of the Architectural Woodwork Institute, for five years. He is also a member of the National Association of Store Fixture Manufacturers. His company contributes to many charitable organizations including the American Cancer Society and the Diabetes Foundation.

Charles Keller has served the citizens of New Hampshire with dedication and charity. I commend him for his success in his business and for his generosity to the charitable organizations in our state. It is an honor and a privilege to represent him in the United States Senate.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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.)

REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 22

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:

Pursuant to section 204(b) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(b) (IEEPA), and section 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1631, I hereby report that I have exercised my statutory authority to expand the scope of an existing national emergency in response to the unusual and extraordinary threat posed to the foreign policy of the United States by the Government of Liberia's complicity in the illicit trade in diamonds from Sierra Leone by the insurgent Revolutionary United Front of Sierra Leone (RUF) and by the Government of Liberia's other forms of support for the RUF. I also have exercised my statutory authority to issue an Executive Order that prohibits the importation into the United States of all rough diamonds from Liberia, whether or not such diamonds originated in Liberia. These actions are mandated in part by United Nations Security Council Resolution 1343 of March 7, 2001.

The Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, is authorized to issue regulations in exercise of my authorities under the IEEPA and the United Nations Participation Act, 22 U.S.C. 287c, to implement this prohibition. All Federal agencies are also directed to take actions within their authority to carry out the provisions of the Executive Order.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued. The Order was effective at 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on May 23, 2001.

I have authorized these measures in furtherance of Executive Order 13194 of January 18, 2001, and in response to the Government of Liberia's continuing facilitation of and participation in the

RUF's illicit trade in diamonds from Sierra Leone and its other forms of support for the RUF. The Government of Liberia's actions in this regard constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States because they directly challenge United States foreign policy objectives in the region and the rule-based international order that is crucial to the peace and prosperity of the United States.

In Executive Order 13194, President Clinton responded to the RUF's illicit arms-for-diamonds trade that fuels the brutal, decade-long civil war in Sierra Leone by declaring a national emergency and, consistent with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1306, by prohibiting the importation into the United States of all rough diamonds from Sierra Leone except for those importations controlled through the certificate of origin regime of the Government of Sierra Leone. In a report issued on December 14, 2000, the United Nations Panel of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1306 found that diamonds represent a major and primary source of income for the RUF to sustain and advance its military activities; that the bulk of the RUF diamonds leaves Sierra Leone through Liberia; and that such illicit trade cannot be conducted without the permission and involvement of Liberian government officials at the highest levels. The Panel recommended, among other things, a complete embargo on all diamonds from Liberia until Liberia demonstrates convincingly that it is no longer involved in the trafficking of arms to, or diamonds from, Sierra Leone.

On March 7, 2001, the Security Council unanimously adopted resolution 1343 to impose sanctions against the Government of Liberia. The resolution determined that the Government of Liberia's active support for the RUF in Sierra Leone and other armed rebel groups in neighboring countries constitutes a threat to international peace and security in the region and decided that all states shall impose an immediate arms embargo on Liberia and also shall impose travel and diamond bans on Liberia on May 7, 2001, unless the Council determined before that date that the Government of Liberia had ceased its support for the RUF and for other armed rebel groups and, in particular, had taken a number of concrete steps identified in the resolution. In furtherance of this resolution, the Secretaries of State, Commerce, and Defense have taken steps, under their respective authorities, to implement the arms embargo.

With regard to the travel ban and diamond embargo, the Government of Liberia has failed, notwithstanding the two-month implementation period granted by resolution 1343, to honor its commitments to cease its support for the RUF and other armed rebel groups. As a result, the Security Council did not determine that Liberia has complied with the demands of the Council.

In Proclamation 7359 of October 10, 2000, President Clinton suspended the entry as immigrants and non-immigrants of persons who plan, engage in, or benefit from activities that support the RUF or that otherwise impede the peace process in Sierra Leone. The application of that Proclamation implements the travel ban imposed by resolution 1343.

Finally, for the reasons discussed above and in the enclosed Executive Order, I also have found that the Government of Liberia's continuing facilitation of and participation in the RUF's illicit trade in diamonds from Sierra Leone and its other forms of support for the RUF contribute to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States described in Executive Order 13194 with respect to which the President declared a national emergency. In order to deal with that threat, and consistent with resolution 1343 and this finding, I have taken action to prohibit the importation into the United States of all rough diamonds from Liberia, whether or not such diamonds originated there, in order to contribute to the international effort to bring a prompt end to the illicit arms-for-diamonds trade by which the RUF perpetuates the tragic conflict in Sierra Leone. This action, as well as those discussed above, also expresses our outrage at the Government of Liberia's ongoing contribution to human suffering in Sierra Leone and other neighboring countries, as well as its continuing failure to abide by international norms and the rule of law.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 23, 2001.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1946. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Under Secretary of the Navy; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1947. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Policy; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1948. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Secretary of the Air Force; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1949. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Tech-

nology and Logistics; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1950. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to establishing and adjusting schedules of compensation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1951. A communication from the Secretary of the Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appliance Labeling Rule" (RIN3084-AA74) received on May 16, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1952. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Two-Step Stock Acquisitions" (Rev. Ruls. 2001-26, -23) received on May 15, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1953. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense, Force Management Policy, received on May 17, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1954. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a cost comparison of the Personnel Computer Support function at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1955. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, a report relative to a cost comparison to reduce the cost of Heat Plant function at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1956. A communication from the Director of the Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of Status for Certain Syrian Nationals Granted Asylum in the United States" (RIN115-AG17) received on May 17, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1957. A communication from the General Counsel of the United States Marshal Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to United States Marshals Service Fees for Services" (RIN1105-AA64) received on May 17, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1958. A communication from the Secretary of the Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Federal Courts Improvement Act of 2001" received on May 10, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1959. A communication from the Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "International Broadcasting Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2002 and 2003" received on April 25, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1960. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the National Defense Authorization Act for calendar year 1999; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1961. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs,