

to all those who made this important day possible. As students enter the classrooms of this institution, they can hold their heads high knowing that their school bears the name of such a wonderful model of courage, dignity and integrity. ●

CONGRATULATING THE STATE OF OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

● Mr. VOINOVICH. Madam President, I rise today on behalf of the people of the State of Ohio to congratulate Ohio Attorney General Betty Montgomery and her staff for being selected to receive the 2002 American Bar Association, ABA, Pro Bono Publico Award.

In May 2000, Betty Montgomery unveiled an office-wide Pro Bono Initiative to provide legal assistance for low-income seniors and hospice patients across Ohio. Through this program, participating staff attorneys offer their time and talents to provide legal assistance to those who can't afford it. Once training is completed, attorneys are allowed to provide their services at no charge for up to 40 hours a year. Services provided by assistant attorneys general include wills, general powers of attorney, durable powers of attorney for health care, and other "end-of-life" legal issues.

Since the program's inception, 125 assistant attorneys general, 20 paralegals, and 15 secretaries have answered the call to help underserved Ohioans handle their legal matters. To date, the office has served 625 clients by providing them with 1,235 healthcare powers of attorney, living wills, powers of attorney, and wills.

This year, the Attorney General's office is one of five recipients of the ABA Pro Bono Publico Awards. The Pro Bono Publico Awards were established by the ABA in 1984 and are presented annually by the ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service to recognize lawyers, law firms and corporate law departments for extraordinarily noteworthy contributions in extending legal services to the poor and disadvantaged.

This is not the first time that the Attorney General's office has been honored for these services. In 2001, the Columbia Bar Foundation and Association recognized the program with its award for Outstanding Pro Bono Service by a Governmental Agency. In addition, the Ohio Legal assistance Foundation and the Ohio Bar Association presented the Attorney General's office with the 2001 Presidential Award for Pro Bono Service.

I am proud to have worked with my friend, Betty Montgomery, when I was Governor of Ohio. Her unwavering commitment to serving the people of Ohio through pro bono services is vital towards maintaining a justice system that is meaningful to all segments of society. This program serves as a testament to our founding fathers' belief in a system of equal justice for all.

I believe that every lawyer has an ethical and professional obligation to provide pro bono services. It is my hope that this sets a challenge for lawyers statewide and sends the message that participating in pro bono programs is an ideal that is embraced by leaders in the legal community. Betty Montgomery has certainly led the way in this endeavor. I am proud of her accomplishment and I congratulate Attorney General Montgomery and her staff on their dedication to providing pro bono services to all of Ohio's citizens. ●

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 and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 2, 2002, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 3009. An act to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that act, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the enrolled bills were signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) on August 2, 2002.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 7, 2002, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 223. An act to amend the Clear Creek County, Colorado, Public Lands Transfer Act of 1993 to provide additional time for Clear Creek County to dispose of certain lands transferred to the county under the act.

H.R. 309. An act to provide for the determination of withholding tax rates under the Guam income tax.

H.R. 601. An act to redesignate certain lands within Craters of the Moon National Monument, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1384. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route in Arizona and New Mexico which the Navajo

and Mescalero Apache Indian tribes were forced to walk in 1863 and 1864, for study for potential addition to the National Trails System.

H.R. 1456. An act to expand the boundary of the Booker T. Washington National Monument, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1576. An act to designate the James Peak Wilderness and Protection Area in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2068. An act to revise, codify, and enact without substantive change certain general and permanent laws, related to public buildings, property, and works, as title 40, United States Code, "Public Buildings, Property, and Works."

H.R. 2234. An act to revise the boundary of the Tumacacori National Historical Park in the State of Arizona.

H.R. 2440. An act to rename Wolf Trap Farm Park as "Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts," and for other purposes.

H.R. 2441. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to redesignate a facility as the National Hansen's Disease Programs Center, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2643. An act to authorize the acquisition of additional lands for inclusion in the Fort Clatsop National Memorial in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3343. An act to amend title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3380. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines within the boundary of Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Under the authority of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the enrolled bills were signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) on August 8, 2002.

MEASURE REFERRED

The following measure, having been reported from the Committee on Indian Affairs, was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, pursuant to the order of May 27, 1988, for a period of not to exceed 60 days:

S. 1210. A bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996.

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-8413. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) employees who were assigned to congressional committees as of July 22, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8414. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Historical Park Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8415. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury,

transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Customs user fee statute, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8416. A communication from the Acting Chief of Staff, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 to revise the fee cap on National Indian Gaming Commission funding and to make such other technical amendments as are required; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-8417. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certification of Size and Weight Enforcement" (RIN2125-AC60) received on July 30, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8418. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans Reinstatement of Redesignation of Area for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Kentucky Portion of the Cincinnati-Hamilton Area" (FRL7252-8) received on July 31, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8419. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans: North Carolina: Permitting, Rules and Other Miscellaneous Revisions" (FRL7254-2) received on July 31, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8420. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Completeness Status of Oxides of Nitrogen Regulations Submission of a Complete Plan by the State of Ohio" (FRL7255-3) received on July 31, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8421. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Michigan: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL7252-4) received on July 31, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8422. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Hague Agreement Implementation Act"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8423. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Anti-Drug Smuggling Concealment Act"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8424. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "National Science Foundation Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 and 2004"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8425. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Federal Employees"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8426. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to authorize the United States participation

in and appropriations for the United States contribution to the thirteenth replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8427. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to authorize the President to agree to amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States Concerning the Establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8428. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Federal Railroad Safety Improvement Act"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8429. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations; Hackensack River, NJ" (RIN2115-AE47)(2002-0073) received on July 30, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8430. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; Port Valdez and Valdez Narrows, Valdez, Alaska (COTP Prince Williams Sound 02-011)" (RIN2115-AA97)(2002-0171) received on July 30, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8431. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; Vessel Launches, Bath Iron Works, Kennebec River, Bath, Maine" (RIN2115-AA97)(2002-0169) received on July 30, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8432. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; Captain of the Port of Milwaukee None, Lake Michigan" (RIN2115-AA97)(2002-0170) received on July 30, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8433. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; North Pacific Ocean, Gulf of Farallones, Offshore of San Francisco, CA" (RIN2115-AA97)(2002-0168) received on July 30, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8434. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations; Flagler Memorial, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, FL" (RIN2115-AE47)(2002-0074) received on July 30, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8435. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security

Zone Regulations; Fireworks Display, Columbia River, Astoria, Oregon" (RIN2115-AA97)(2002-0165) received on July 30, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8436. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regatta Regulations; Prospect Bay, Kent Island Narrows" (RIN2115-AE46)(2002-0027) received on July 30, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8437. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Areas; Lower Mississippi River Mile 529.8 to 532.3, Greenville, Mississippi" (RIN2115-AE84)(2002-0011) received on July 30, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8438. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (33); Amendment No. 3014" (RIN2120-AA65)(2002-0041) received on July 23, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8439. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transition to an All Stage 3 Fleet Operating in the 48 Contiguous United States and the District of Columbia" (RIN2120-AH41) received on July 23, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8440. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Rolls Royce plc. Tay Model 650-15 and 651-54 Turbofan Engines; Correction" (RIN2120-AA64)(2002-0321) received on July 23, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8441. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Air Tractor Inc. Models AT-300, 3001, 302, 400, and 400A" (RIN2120-AA64)(2002-0324) received on July 23, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8442. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Honeywell International Inc., TPE331-11U, -12B, -12UA, -12UAR, and -12UHR Series Turbo-prop Engines" (RIN2120-AA64)(2002-0322) received on July 23, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8443. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 767-200 Series Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64)(2002-0323) received on July 23, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8444. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directive: Boeing Model 737-600, 700, 700C and 800 Series Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64)(2002-0319) received

on July 23, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8445. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Rotax GmbH 914 F Series Reciprocating Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2002-0320)) received on July 23, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8446. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Model CL600-2C10 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2002-0318)) received on July 23, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8447. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Model CL 215 1A10 and CL 215 6B11 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2002-0327)) received on July 23, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8448. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Teledyne Continental C-1215, C-145, O-300, IO-360, and LTSIO-520 A Series Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2002-0326)) received on July 23, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8449. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Eurocopter France Model SA330F, G, J, and AS332C, L, and L1 Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2002-0325)) received on July 23, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8450. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Model BO-105A, 105 C2, 105 CB4, 105S, 105 CS-2, 105 CBS 2, 105 CBS 4, and 105LS A-1 Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2002-0328)) received on July 23, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8451. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Chester and Westwood, California)" (MM Docket No. 02-42) received on July 29, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8452. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Mason, Texas)" (MM Docket No. 01-133) received on July 29, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8453. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Fremont and Sunnyvale, California)" (MM Docket No. 01-322) received on July 29, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8454. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Alberta, Virginia; Whitakers, North Carolina; Dinwiddie, Virginia; and Garysburg, North Carolina)" (MM Docket No. 00-245) received on July 29, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8455. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Memphis, Tennessee; Olive Branch and Horn Lake, Mississippi)" (MM Doc. No. 02-31) received on July 29, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8456. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Custer, Michigan)" (MM Docket No. 01-186) received on July 29, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8457. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Paducah, Texas; Paulden, Arizona)" (MM Doc. No. 01-156) received on July 29, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8458. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Parker, Arizona)" (MM Docket No. 01-69) received on July 29, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8459. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rule Concerning Disclosures Regarding Energy Consumption and Water Use of Certain Home Appliances and Other Products Required Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act ("Appliance Labeling Rule")—Dishwater Ranges" (RIN3084-AA74) received on July 31, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-279. A resolution adopted by the House of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to designating the September 11, 2001, United Airlines Flight 93 crash site in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, as a National Historic Battlefield; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 455

Whereas, The 40 innocent civilian passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93 were viciously attacked by hostile foreign terrorists; and

Whereas, Suicide hijackers used the airliner as an instrument of terror and mass destruction against the people and property of the United States; and

Whereas, Certain passengers and crew, after communicating with loved ones and au-

thorities on the ground, heroically resisted the terrorists in an effort to regain control of United Airlines Flight 93; and

Whereas, The insurrection by these innocents and their ultimate sacrifice preempted further catastrophic destruction and loss of life on September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania soil was again consecrated that day as our nation entered the war against terrorism; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania petition the Congress of the United States to enact legislation designating the September 11, 2001, United Airlines Flight 93 crash site in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, as a National Historic Battlefield; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each House of Congress, to the members of Congress from Pennsylvania and to Governor Mark S. Schweiker.

POM-280. A resolution adopted by the House of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to Yucca Mountain, Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 454

Whereas, In order to secure a safe and prosperous future for its citizens, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania must maintain a broad portfolio of energy supply options to hedge against fuel price fluctuations, fuel shortages and import disruptions; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania's nine nuclear power reactors have proven to be reliable sources of electricity to Pennsylvania citizens and businesses, producing 36% of the electricity generated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, Nuclear power prevents the release of millions of tons of air pollutants and greenhouse gasses, thus being critical for compliance with air quality laws and regulations; and

Whereas, Congress enacted the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 and directed the Department of Energy to establish a program for the management of the nation's high-level waste, including used nuclear fuel, and for its permanent disposal in a deep geologic repository; and

Whereas, More than \$7 billion has been spent on scientific testing and studies of Yucca Mountain, Nevada, showing that the proposed site is an ideal repository to safely contain the nation's used nuclear fuel, with a capacity sufficient to meet all foreseeable storage needs; and

Whereas, Studies of Yucca Mountain have yielded the scientific information necessary for a decision by the United States Secretary of Energy that there are no technical or scientific issues to prevent Yucca Mountain from serving as a permanent repository and clearly support the recommendation by the Secretary to the President of the United States to proceed on licensing a permanent repository at Yucca Mountain; and

Whereas, Since 1983, consumers of electricity from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have committed nearly \$1.5 billion to the Federal Nuclear Waste Fund to finance site assessment and nuclear waste management; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge Congress to sustain the President's affirmative decision on Yucca Mountain's suitability as a permanent Federal repository for used nuclear fuel; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President and Vice President of the United States, to be Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania and to the United States Secretary of Energy.