

Vanessa Short Bull is an extraordinary woman who richly deserves this distinguished recognition. I strongly commend her years of hard work and dedication, and I am very pleased that her substantial efforts are being publicly honored and celebrated. I wish her the best at the Miss America competition, and it is with great honor that I share her impressive accomplishments with my colleagues.●

CHARACTER COUNTS AND ALBUQUERQUE'S SEPTEMBER 11 COMMEMORATION

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise today to highlight the contributions of a community, dedicated to the spirit of the Character Counts education movement, in its commemoration of the first anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks on our Nation.

The Nation as a whole this week took time to honor the victims, salute our military men and women fighting the war on terrorism, and reaffirm our faith and belief in our great Nation. New Mexico communities joined in this effort, not least among them our largest city, Albuquerque.

I rise today to highlight Albuquerque's tribute because it fused the nearly decade-long effort to build character education into the day-to-day life of the city with the community's desire to commemorate September 11.

This week, some 4,200 Albuquerque school children simultaneously released helium-filled balloons as part of a "Character Counts Soaring Spirits Salute" to commemorate September 11. This balloon launch gave the students a chance to honor the people who lost their lives in last year's terrorist attacks.

But the Character Counts rally had a second purpose. We designed this balloon launch to lead into the celebration of National Character Week. Supporters of the Character Counts initiative hope this will become a yearly observance built around September 11, and the purpose of the week is to celebrate the acts of kindness and courage we see in our communities every single day.

The Character Counts Soaring Spirits Salute involved some outstanding New Mexico community leaders and business owners who worked together to make this event happen, and serve as evidence of a community working together to improve itself by promoting the tenets of good character. I am proud to say these are people who routinely rally behind our youth.

I believe some deserve to be singled out, including: the New Mexico State Fair; Excel Staffing Companies; MCI; Albuquerque Public Schools, (APS); KISS-FM; Public Service Company of New Mexico; Valley Distributing; Greg Cook Productions; Dave Garduño of Garduño's Restaurants; as well as the men and women of the 58th Special Operations Wing and the New Mexico National Guard of Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque.

A measure of gratitude is also owed to a number of individuals, including: Gabe Garcia and Chris Montaño of Duranes Elementary School; Judi Preston of Video Wizard; Eric Hampleman of Simmons Media; Steve Stucker of KOB-TV; Bill Wood of KRQE-TV; Bruce Bortner and Ed O'Leary of the Albuquerque Character Counts Leadership Council; Carole Smith of APS; Terry Eisenbart of Southwest Airlines, who sponsored State Fair festivities for the day.

I am very fortunate to represent a community like Albuquerque where I know we can always count on daily acts of Respect, Responsibility, Trustworthiness, Citizenship, Fairness and Caring. Those are the pillars of Character Counts, and it's why today I congratulate and I deeply thank my neighbors in New Mexico for their daily acts of kindness, courage, and character as we mark our progress as a nation and a united community a year after the terrible attacks on our Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHNNY UNITAS

● Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, it is with sadness that I rise today to pay tribute to a man who passed away too soon, the Man with the Golden Arm, the great Baltimore Colt, Hall of Famer Johnny Unitas. He was known to many as the greatest quarterback to ever play in the National Football League. Yet to those of us in Baltimore and Maryland, he was our own Johnny U. He was the man who put professional football on the national map, who embodied the strong spirit of our city and State.

Johnny Unitas was born in Pittsburgh, but he spent most of his life in Baltimore. He was as much a part of the fabric of the city as crab cakes and Cal Ripken.

After high school, he wanted to play football in college at the University of Notre Dame. Yet the coaches there told him he was too small to play football. Johnny wound up playing at the University of Louisville, and was drafted in 1955 by his hometown Pittsburgh Steelers. The Steelers promptly cut him from the team before the 1955 season started, telling him that he wasn't smart enough to be a quarterback.

Pittsburgh's loss was Baltimore's gain. The Baltimore Colts signed him in 1956, and the rest is history. In 1958, he led the Colts to an improbable victory in the NFL Championship Game against the New York Giants, a game that is now referred to as "The Greatest Ever Played." Unitas engineered the famous 80-yard game-tying drive with less than 2 minutes to play in regulation, then led the Colts to victory in overtime. This was the first overtime game ever played in the NFL. The legend of Johnny Unitas was soon born.

His trademark crew-cut and black high-top cleats were copied by boys all over Baltimore, Maryland, and the entire country. Every kid wanted to be number 19.

His toughness was legendary. Many times he played with broken bones, through unbearable pain. The words he said to his teammates before every game embodied his spirit: "Talk is cheap, let's go play."

His accomplishments are too numerous to mention, but among them are these: 3-time Player of the Year; 3-time NFL Champion; first quarterback to pass for over 40,000 yards; a touchdown pass in 47 consecutive games, a feat which is compared to Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak; 10 Pro Bowl selections; Player of the Decade for the 1960's; Greatest Player in the First 50 Years of the NFL; NFL 75th Anniversary Team; and Hall of Fame Inductee, 1979. When he retired in 1973, Johnny Unitas held 22 NFL records.

It is not just his accomplishments on the field that endeared him to the fans in Baltimore. He was an unassuming superstar, a reluctant hero, a regular guy who happened to be a tremendous athlete. He understood that a smile or a handshake or an autograph could make a fan's day.

He was generous with charities, too, even as he fell upon difficult financial times. He established the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, and supported various organizations dedicated to children's causes, cancer research, and victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Johnny Unitas was the underdog who became the greatest quarterback in the history of the National Football League. Yet beyond that, he was a fine person who will be sorely missed, not only in Baltimore and Maryland, but across the country. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, his friends, and his many, many fans.●

EXPULSION OF THE ACADIANS

● Mr. BREAUX. Mr. President, I rise today to address the injustices the British Crown inflicted upon the Acadian people over 200 years ago. Due to their refusal to take an oath of loyalty to the King of Great Britain that would require them to bear arms against their French ancestors, the British governor exiled them from their homes and confiscated their property in Eastern Canada beginning in 1755.

This action caused great suffering among the Acadian people as they struggled to find a new home. Forced from their homes, many left for the American colonies. Ultimately, a small group of Acadians found their way to the Spanish colony of Louisiana in 1764. In the next twenty-five years, over 2,600 made the journey to Louisiana.

These refugees ultimately settled in Louisiana and created the Cajun culture which has so richly influenced Louisiana since that time. While Louisiana culture benefited greatly from the Acadian expulsion, the suffering of the Acadian people must never be forgotten.

Great Britain is one of our closest allies. We have a long history of cooperation and friendship. It is for this very reason I believe and hope the British government would acknowledge this tragic incident and the difficulties it caused for thousands of my Cajun ancestors.●

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.)

NOTICE STATING THAT THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 IS TO CONTINUE IN EFFECT BEYOND SEPTEMBER 14, 2002—PM 107

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, 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* the enclosed notice, stating that the emergency declared with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001, is to continue in effect for 1 year. Proclamation 7463, Declaration of National Emergency by Reason of Certain Terrorist Attacks, was published in the *Federal Register* on September 18, 2001 (66 Fed. Reg. 48199).

The terrorist threat that led to the declaration on September 4, 2001, of a national emergency continues. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect after September 14, 2002, the national emergency with respect to the terrorist threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 12, 2002.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the Secretary of the Senate, on September 11, 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. 3287. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 900 Brentwood Road, NE, in Washington, D.C., as the "Joseph Curseen, Jr. and Thomas Morris, Jr. Processing and Distribution Center".

H.R. 3917. An act to authorize a national memorial to commemorate the passengers and crew of Flight 93 who, on September 11, 2001, courageously gave their lives thereby thwarting a planned attack on our Nation's Capital, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5207. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6101 West Old Shakopee Road in Bloomington, Minnesota, as the "Thomas E. Burnett, Jr. Post Office Building".

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 2924. A bill to authorize the President to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93 in the aftermath of the terrorist attack on the United States on September 11, 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-8910. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report covering defense articles and services that were licensed for export under section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act during Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8911. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8912. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Report to Congress: U.S. Department of Transportation Research and Development, Competitive Merit Review Selection and Performance Measurement Evaluation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8913. A communication from the Secretary, Postal Rate Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Commissioner, received on September 9, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8914. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inmate Central Records System" received on August 15, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8915. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative

Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Report on the Administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act for the period July 1, 2002 through December 31, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8916. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acceleration of Periodic Report Filing Dates and Disclosure Concerning Website Access to Reports" (RIN3235-AI33) received on September 9, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8917. A communication from the Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Budget Request for the Office of the Inspector General for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8918. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8919. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Tannat as a Grape Variety Name for American Wines" (RIN1512-AC50) received on September 9, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8920. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "T.D. ATF-482, Expansion of the Lodi Viticultural Area" (RIN1512-AC92) received on September 9, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8921. 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 "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update Notice" (Notice 2002-61) received on September 9, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8922. A communication from the Administrator, Dairy Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluid Milk Promotion Order; Final Rule" (Doc. No. DA-02-02) received on August 15, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8923. A communication from the Administrator, Dairy Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin; Order Amending Marketing Agreement and Order No. 930" (Doc. No. AO-370-A7) received on August 15, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8924. A communication from the Administrator, Dairy Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Change in the Minimum Maturity Requirements for Fresh Grapefruit" (Doc. No. FV02-905-2 IFR) received on August 15, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8925. A communication from the Administrator, Dairy Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hass Avocado Promotion, Research and Information Order" (Doc. No. FV-01-705-FR) received on August 15, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8926. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety