

# IN RECOGNITION OF FERN BELLMORE

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, it is with great pride that I pay tribute to an extraordinary American who has shown great commitment to furthering the democratic process. On September 13, Fern Bellmore will be presented with the Daune Weiss award at the Northern Michigan County Democratic Party Dinner, also known as the "Bash." Fern has worked tirelessly, raised a family, been actively involved in her community, and made great contributions in the political arena throughout her life and continues to do so to this day.

In November, Fern and her husband, Robert, will celebrate 52 years of marriage surrounded by their 5 children, 11 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. In addition to raising a family, Fern also worked for 22 years at Cadillac Products in Alpena, MI. While working at Cadillac Products, Fern was pivotal in the unionization of the shop for the United Steelworkers and continued to be an active union member after her retirement.

Fern's commitment to her community is evident through her continued involvement with several organizations. For many years she has been an active den mother for Cub Scouts, working with area youth to inspire and influence the future generations of this country. She has also worked closely with the American Cancer Society, Hospice, and The American Red Cross. Locally, Fern has served for many years, some as chair, on the Presque Isle County Board of Canvassers and is currently on the Board of Social Service for Presque Isle County.

Fern has been active in the Democratic Party for over 20 years. During the majority of this time she was the Chair of the Presque Isle County Democratic Party. She helped establish the "Bash" in her determination to increase participation in elections for State representatives for Presque Isle County. Fern has also worked on numerous campaigns for local, State, and national candidates.

Fern's unwavering support of her community and continued dedication to the democratic process has benefited citizens throughout northern Michigan and the entire State. Her commitment as a community leader and grassroots political activist has been a true inspiration to others around her. I am pleased to congratulate her on receiving the Daune Weiss award and salute Fern Bellmore for her service to the community as an outstanding citizen.●

## JOSEPH AND VIVIAN SAFRANEK 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Joseph and Vivian Safranek, long-time residents of Wisconsin, on their 60th wedding anniversary. Joseph and Vivian met at the Pine Mountain Ski tournament in 1942

when Joseph offered Vivian a ride in his convertible. It was the beginning of an incredible journey.

The couple was married at Kingsford's Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on September 18, 1943. After living in the Upper Peninsula, Joseph and Vivian moved to Milwaukee in 1950. Life wasn't always easy; money was tight, and they had four children to raise. But from the beginning, they persisted by supporting each other with lasting love and devotion.

Joseph worked for over 30 years as a route salesman, first at Milwaukee Cheese Company, then at Continental Baking. He knew my dad, and remembers me as "one of Max's boys."

Today, many years later, their story continues. Their four children have grown up to be successful adults themselves, providing Joseph and Vivian with seven grandchildren and soon, their first great-grandchild. Their legacy is one of hard-work, determination, and a strong family.

I join their many friends and their family in celebration as we honor Joseph and Vivian Safranek on their 60th wedding anniversary. They are the very best Wisconsin has to offer, and I wish them continued joy and happiness.●

## MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 RELATIVE TO THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE TERRORIST ATTACKS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001—PM 48

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. Consistent with this provi-

sion, 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 an additional year.

The terrorist threat that led to the declaration on September 14, 2001, of a national emergency continues. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect after September 14, 2003, the national emergency with respect to the terrorist threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 10, 2003.

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:59 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2765. An act making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

At 7:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2989. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2555) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. WOLF, Mr. WAMP, Mr. LATHAM, Mrs. EMERSON, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. SHERWOOD, Mr. SABO, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. BERRY, Mr. MOLLOHAN, and Mr. OBEY.

## MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

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