

part of the International Security Assistance Force;

Whereas Bulgaria has stood firmly by the United States in the cause of advancing freedom worldwide during its tenure as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council;

Whereas Bulgaria met each request of the United States relating to overflight and basing rights as well as transit of United States and coalition forces, and deployed a 500-man infantry battalion as part of a stabilization force in Iraq;

Whereas in November 2002, Bulgaria was invited to accession talks with NATO and has shown determination in enacting the continued reforms necessary to be a productive, contributing member of the Alliance;

Whereas Bulgaria strongly supports the strengthening of trans-Atlantic relations and considers the relations to be a basis for NATO unity and cooperation in countering new threats to global security; and

Whereas in May 2003, the Senate gave its consent with 96 votes to 0 for the ratification of the accession protocols of Bulgaria and 6 other aspirant countries from Central and Eastern Europe to NATO, thereby welcoming their contribution to common trans-Atlantic security: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the 100 years of diplomatic relations between the United States and Bulgaria;

(2) commends the Republic of Bulgaria for developing increasingly friendly and broadly based relations with the United States, which are now the most favorable in the history of United States-Bulgaria relations;

(3) recognizes Bulgaria's continued contributions towards bringing peace, stability, and prosperity to the region of southeastern Europe, including the contributions of Bulgaria to regional security and democratic stability;

(4) salutes Bulgaria's willing cooperation and increasingly vital role as a valuable ally in the war against international terrorism;

(5) highlights the importance of Bulgaria's active participation in regional initiatives such as the Stability Pact for Southeast Europe, the Southeast Europe Cooperative Initiative, and the Southeast Europe Cooperation Process, and the various projects of those initiatives, which are focused on fighting crime and corruption, increasing trade, improving the investment climate, and generally preparing Bulgaria and Southeast Europe as a whole for eventual membership in the European Union; and

(6) encourages opportunities for greater cooperation between the United States and Bulgaria in the political, military, economic, and cultural spheres.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF LAWRENCE EUGENE "LARRY" DOBY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 235 which was received from the House and is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 235) celebrating the life and achievements of Lawrence Eugene "Larry" Doby.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, the Senate is poised to pass H. Con. Res. 235, a measure that pays tribute to a legendary American pioneer and a long-time friend of mine, Larry Doby, who died on June 18. I appreciate the willingness of the majority and minority leaders to expedite Senate consideration of this measure, and I applaud the efforts of Congressman BILL PASCRELL of my home State of New Jersey, who introduced it in the House of Representatives.

I first met Larry when we were thirteen or fourteen. We went to school together at Eastside High in my hometown, Paterson, NJ. The first time I saw him, he was running track, doing the broad jump. And he was amazing. We stayed in touch over the many years that have passed since then.

Larry Doby was an exceptional athlete—one of our very best—and an exciting player to watch on the field. But he was much more than that; he was a great man and he was also a good man. He had so much dignity. Though Larry Doby has died, the path he blazed for African-Americans remains.

Few people realize that Larry began his groundbreaking athletic career in 1943—at the age of 18—as the first African-American to play in the American Basketball League for the Paterson Panthers. He then moved on to baseball, playing for the Newark Eagles of the Negro National League. After returning from his service to the Navy for 2 years, Larry hit .414 with 14 home runs in his final season in Newark.

It was on July 5, 1947, just 11 weeks after Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in major league baseball, that Larry Doby signed a contract with the Cleveland Indians of the American league. He was the first African-American player in the American League. Larry had no intention or desire to become part of history. When Indians owner Bill Veeck predicted to Larry that he would "be part of history," Larry replied, "I had no notions about that. I just wanted to play baseball."

And play baseball he did, and quite well. Larry was an All-Star seven times in his 13-year career. In the 1948 World Series between Cleveland and the Boston Braves, his home run in Game 4 broke a 1-1 tie; Cleveland won 2-1 and went on to win the Series in six games. He hit at least 20 home runs in eight straight seasons and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1998.

Larry became the second African-American manager of a major league team when he took over as skipper of the Chicago White Sox in 1978. He was also the director of community relations for the New Jersey Nets in the late 1970s, encouraging the development of youth programs in urban New Jersey.

Larry was a superb athlete, but things didn't come easy for him. When he joined the Indians, he was harassed by opposing players and fans. He was forced to eat in separate restaurants,

to sleep in separate hotels. Some of his own teammates wouldn't even shake his hand. But he pressed on, and we're a better country for it.

At the memorial service for Larry, Newark Star-Ledger sports columnist Jerry Izenberg recalled the day that Larry entered the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. The two of them paused in front of a large photo snapped immediately after Game 4 of the 1948 World Series—the game Larry won with his home run. The photo showed Larry and winning pitcher Steve Gromek hugging each other. Larry reminisced that the photo appeared on the front pages of a lot of newspapers the next day and said to Jerry, "That was the first time you could see a black and white person embrace on the first page of papers." "At the time," Jerry said, "America needed that picture. And Larry was so proud to have played a part in giving America what it needed."

Larry said it best in a speech he gave after his career had ended. He said, "We can see that baseball helped make this a better country. We hope baseball has given (children) some idea of what it is to live together and how you can get along, whether you are black or white."

By this resolution Congress is showing its appreciation on behalf of all Americans to Larry Doby for his role in breaking down racial barriers in baseball and in America. I'll say here what I said at his memorial service: "When we stand every day for the things we believe in, we'll be standing for Larry Doby." His family will miss him. I will miss him. America will miss him.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, without intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 235) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 49

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 49 which was just received from the House is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the title of the bill for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 49) to permanently extend the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Freedom Act, and for other purposes.

Mr. McCONNELL. I now ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

The bill will be read the second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 18, 2003

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, September 18. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 2691, the Interior appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. McCONNELL. For the information of all Senators, tomorrow the Senate will resume debate on H.R. 2691, the Interior appropriations bill. As announced by the majority leader, there will be no rollcall votes tomorrow but Senators are encouraged to come to the floor to offer and debate further amendments to this bill. The Senate will not be in session on Friday. Therefore, any votes ordered during tomorrow's session will be stacked to occur on Monday.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. McCONNELL. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:32 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, September 18, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate September 17, 2003:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WILLIAM CABANISS, OF ALABAMA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC.

LOUISE V. OLIVER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE THIRTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION.

LOUISE V. OLIVER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HER TENURE OF SERVICE AS THE UNITED STATES PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION.

RODERICK R. PAIGE, OF TEXAS, TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE THIRTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

GERILYN A. POSNER, 0000

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

GREGORY S. JOHNSON, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO

THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

TIMOTHY C. KELLY, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

PAUL D. HARRELL, 0000
WILLIAM S. LEE, 0000

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

ROBERT E. STONE, 0000
JAMES A. GOODBOW, 0000
JAMES M. HATCH, 0000
LEE W. HELLWIG, 0000
WILLIAM J. HOLIMAN JR., 0000
TIMOTHY J. JANNING, 0000
JOHN T. JOHNS, 0000
MYUNG B. KIM, 0000
STEPHEN M. LEE, 0000
KARL A. M. LINDBLAD, 0000
DANIEL E. LINK, 0000
DAVID L. MCBETH, 0000
CHRISTOPHER MERRIS, 0000
WILLIAM P. NEIS, 0000
MUHIYYALDIN M. M. NOEL JR., 0000
JOHN B. OWEN, 0000
CHARLES M. PUMPHREY, 0000
RONALD P. STAKE, 0000
MARK W. TEWS, 0000
RICHARD J. VIDRINE, 0000
JAMES E. WEST, 0000
MICHAEL D. WILLIAMS, 0000
RANDY E. WILLIAMS, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant commander

MICHAEL S. AGABEGI, 0000
MARTIN J. ANERINO, 0000
MATTHEW C. BYARS, 0000
WILLIE S. CHAO, 0000
MATTHEW E. COLES, 0000
JERRY M. COOK, 0000
DAVID M. CRAIG, 0000
MICHAEL J. DOHERTY, 0000
SEAN P. DONOVAN, 0000
RAYNESE S. FIKES, 0000
GRETCHEN S. FOLK, 0000
ROBERT B. FOLK, 0000
SAMAN R. GHARIB, 0000
HEATHER L. GNAU, 0000
JULIE A. HALL, 0000
STEVEN P. HERNANDEZ, 0000
THOMAS B. JORDAN, 0000
CARL R. KRIEBEL JR., 0000
KWANGMYUNG S. LEE, 0000
PAUL I. LIM, 0000
FRANK X. MAC, 0000
RYAN P. MATHERNE, 0000
GARY D. MATT, 0000
JAMES B. MAZOCK, 0000
IVO A. MILLER, 0000
ROBERT D. PAVEL, 0000
NICOLE B. PRUITT, 0000
CHRISTOPHER O. REGISTER, 0000
SHERMA R. SAIF, 0000
RAOUL H. SANTOS, 0000
AARON P. SARATHY, 0000
MARTHA S. SCOTTY, 0000
SHAYESTER SHAFIE, 0000
SHEPHERD A. SITTASON, 0000
RACHELLE M. SMITH, 0000
ROSS E. STAUFFER, 0000
NICHOLAS J. TOSCANO, 0000
CHARLES C. TRUNCALE, 0000
JAMES M. TYNECKI, 0000
JENNIFER K. WALLACE, 0000
SUSAN M. WELLMAN, 0000
BENJAMIN D. WESTON, 0000
WALTER H. WILLIAMS, 0000
REID J. WINKLER, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant commander

JOHN R. ANDERSON, 0000
MATTHEW J. ANDERSON, 0000
RICHARD D. ANDERSON III, 0000
ROBERT J. BALLISTER JR., 0000
KEITH R. BARKEY, 0000
KEITH W. BARTON, 0000
CHRISTOPHER L. BRADNER, 0000
CHAD M. BROOKS, 0000
DONALD R. BRUS, 0000
STEVEN C. BUKOSKI, 0000
FRANK C. CERVASIO, 0000
SCOTT O. CLOYD, 0000
MICHAEL L. COE, 0000
THERON C. COLBERT, 0000
ANDREW B. CRIGLER, 0000
ROLAND V. J. DEGUZMAN, 0000

MICHAEL P. DOYLE, 0000
AHMED FERGUSON, 0000
RALPH H. FIELD, 0000
DAVID C. GARCIA, 0000
THOMAS M. HUNT, 0000
KEVIN K. JUNTUNEN, 0000
ERIK J. KARLSON, 0000
JEFFREY J. KILIAN, 0000
PHILLIP KNAUSS, 0000
AARON E. KOTTAS, 0000
CHRISTOPHER J. KRUS, 0000
KIRK A. LAGERQUIST, 0000
LANCE A. LEE, 0000
LEONARD E. MARSHALL, 0000
DAVID H. MCALISTER, 0000
ROBERT D. MCCLELLAN, 0000
PATRICK D. MEAGHER, 0000
KEITH W. MIERTSCHIN, 0000
JOHN D. MILLINOR, 0000
MATTHEW C. MOTSKO, 0000
ALBERTO J. NIETO, 0000
KEVIN M. NORTON, 0000
MICHAEL L. OBERMILLER, 0000
DORIAN R. PARKER, 0000
TABITHA D. PIERZCHALA, 0000
SCOTT P. RAYMOND, 0000
WHITLEY H. ROBINSON, 0000
MIKHAEEL H. SER, 0000
JONATHAN B. SIEGEL, 0000
WILLIAM A. SIEMER, 0000
WILLIAM J. SIMPKINS, 0000
WILLIAM A. SPRAUER JR., 0000
DEMETRIOS N. TASHEURAS, 0000
RONALD G. TERRELL, 0000
MICHAEL A. THORNTON, 0000
RYAN M. TIBBETTS, 0000
ROD W. TRIBBLE, 0000
MATTHEW P. TUCKER, 0000
VICTOR V. VELASCO, 0000
BRIAN L. WEINSTEIN, 0000
NICOLAS D. I. YAMODIS, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant commander

ALAN L. ADAMS, 0000
PAUL D. ALLEN, 0000
BRYAN C. BOST, 0000
STEPHEN P. BROMBEREK, 0000
KIRK L. BUKER, 0000
WALTER S. CARL, 0000
MICHAEL D. CASSADY, 0000
PAUL R. CAUCHON, 0000
KENNETH E. CHRISTOPHER, 0000
DOUGLAS H. DUMAS, 0000
LISA M. FINLAYSON, 0000
DOUGLAS W. FLETCHER, 0000
KEITH R. GIVENS, 0000
ROBERT C. GLINCOSKY, 0000
DEBORAH L. GODWIN, 0000
JOSEPH P. GOULARTE, 0000
LOUIS V. GUARNO, 0000
JACK T. GULBRANSON, 0000
CAROL GUZEWICZ, 0000
LEROY W. HARRIS JR., 0000
MARK E. HEIM, 0000
JOE D. HERRE, 0000
DENISE L. HOFFMAN, 0000
WILLIAM D. HOLDER, 0000
THOMAS C. HUGHES, 0000
KEITH L. HUTCHINS JR., 0000
CHRISTINE M. JOHANNESSEN, 0000
SHANNON J. JOHNSON, 0000
MICHAEL S. KAVANAUGH, 0000
KEVIN F. KELLEY, 0000
JOHN P. KENDRICK, 0000
BRADLEY J. KILLENBECK, 0000
DAVID J. LASH, 0000
MARK G. LIBB, 0000
MICHAEL A. LOWE, 0000
CHRISTOPHER G. LYNCH, 0000
SCOTT A. MCKENZIE, 0000
CHERYL E. MILLER, 0000
DENISE E. MILTON, 0000
STEVEN M. MINER, 0000
CHAD A. MITCHELL, 0000
JUNG H. MOON, 0000
DAVID E. NIEVES, 0000
SAMUEL B. PALMER, 0000
JOE T. PATTERSON III, 0000
JAY J. PELLOQUIN, 0000
ROBERT D. POERSSCHMANN, 0000
PAUL W. PRUDEN, 0000
DOUGLAS E. PUTTHOFF, 0000
CYRUS N. RAD, 0000
DANIEL S. RATTAN, 0000
SHAWN A. RICKLEFS, 0000
VALERIE J. RICE, 0000
SHARON J. ROBERTS, 0000
DEBORAH E. ROBINSON, 0000
SCOTT P. ROSSI, 0000
THOMAS SCHLATER, 0000
FREDERICK K. SCHMIDT, 0000
DAVID L. SCHOO, 0000
RANDY M. SMARCIASSI, 0000
BENNETT J. SOLBERG, 0000
JASON S. SPILLMAN, 0000
RAYMOND D. STIFF, 0000
WILLIAM A. SUGGS III, 0000
MATTHEW J. SWIERGOSZ, 0000
EDWARD G. VONBERG, 0000
SHANNON P. VOSS, 0000
GARY D. WEST, 0000
RICHARD L. WILHOITE, 0000
ANTHONY S. WILLIAMS, 0000