

to keep this provision in the final version of the supplemental conference report.

I also want to point out that a humanitarian disaster continues to exist in Liberia, where thousands are without food, shelter, or basic medical care. Even after emergency needs are addressed, Liberia will require substantial amounts of additional assistance, as three-fourths of its citizens are impoverished, the unemployment rate is 85 percent, and seven out of ten of combatants involved in recent fighting in Liberia are child soldiers.

I am worried that the world's attention is focused elsewhere and we will simply forget about the plight of Liberia's people. In the coming weeks, I hope that we can find some money in this supplemental to address these critical needs. Even a tiny percentage of the more than \$87 billion in this bill would save many lives.

#### REMEMBERING MOTHER TERESA

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, Mother Teresa will soon be beatified by Pope John Paul II in Rome, and I would like to take this opportunity to honor the model that she was for the world by promoting love and respect for all.

We in Congress often get overwhelmed with the amount of work and issues that we are faced with each day, but Mother Teresa put into perspective our mission when she said, "We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean, but the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."

Mother Teresa embodied the ultimate spirit of public service by giving a 100 percent of herself to her constituents: the poor, the hungry, the homeless and, most of all, the unloved. Her determination to make the world a better place has left its mark on history and humanity.

"It is not how much we do, but how much love we put into doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving," said Mother Teresa. Let us not forget this valuable wisdom as the world honors Mother Teresa next month.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEWARK LIBERTY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

• Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate Newark Liberty International Airport's 75th Anniversary. On October 1, 1928, the New York metropolitan region's first major airport was built by the great city of Newark on 68 acres of marshland just 16 miles from midtown Manhattan. Soon those 68 acres became the world's busiest commercial airport. The U.S. Army Air Corps operated the Airport during WWII, and in 1948, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey assumed

control of it. The Port Authority has operated this airport ever since.

Today, some 30 million passengers use the airport annually. And international airlines offer direct service to many destinations around the world from Newark Liberty. It is also one of only two truly intermodal air-rail connections in the country. Passengers can take a train from any city on the Northeast corridor and transfer at the airport for a flight. In some cases, they can even book the entire air/rail trip all at once. This should serve as a shining example of how our national transportation system can work.

Over 24,000 people are employed at the Newark Liberty International Airport. The airport contributes \$11.3 billion in economic activity to the New York/New Jersey metropolitan region, including \$3.3 billion in wages for some 110,000 jobs resulting from airport activity. In addition, the original 68 acres of marshland has grown to more than 2,000 acres.

Newark Liberty International Airport's 75th birthday deserves more than just a brief nod. As a former Port Authority Commissioner, I am pleased to point out that the airport has been a leader in aviation technology. Newark, for instance, was the site of our great Nation's first air traffic control tower. The very same airport had the first paved runway, the first runway with lighting, which permitted nighttime operations, and the Nation's first airport weather station.

So, today I congratulate the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Chairman Anthony Coscia, Executive Director Joseph Seymour, Mayor of Newark Sharpe James, Aviation Director Bill DeCota, Airport General Manager Susan Baer, her staff, and all others who have made Newark Liberty International Airport the world class facility it is today, and I look forward to celebrating 75 more years of safe, efficient operations.●

#### REMEMBERING RED PURSLEY

• Mr. MILLER. Mr. President, I rise today to note with deep regret the passing of a true American hero, entrepreneur, and fellow serviceman, Lewis "Red" Pursley.

Red Pursley's journey through life came to a quiet and peaceful end on September 30, 2003, at a hospice facility near his home in Douglasville, GA. A veteran of World War II and of the battlefields of corporate commerce, as well as a loving father and pillar of his local community, Mr. Pursley embodied the virtues that define the term American citizen.

As a young man in Clover, SC, Red Pursley heeded his country's call when he was needed most, like so many others of what history would later call the "greatest generation." Entering into active service in late 1942, Mr. Pursley and his comrades knew the dangerous nature of their duty, but attacked it with the confidence that their services

were necessary to the allied effort and conducted in the name of a righteous cause.

A flight engineer and top turret gunner on a B-17 bomber crew based in England with the 8th Army Air Corps, Sergeant Pursley and the other 9 members of his crew flew 14 successful missions over Northern Europe before being shot down while on a mission over Frankfurt on January 29, 1944. Of the 10 crewmembers onboard, four died in the air and two escaped capture, but Sergeant Pursley and three others were taken prisoner by the Germans.

For the next 16 months, Sergeant Pursley, along with thousands of his fellow servicemen, endured long marches, malnutrition, and despair in a number of Nazi prison camps, before he was liberated on May 6, 1945, just four days shy of the end of the European Campaign. Though his health suffered throughout the heroic ordeal, Sergeant Pursley's sense of pride in his service and faith in his cause never wavered.

For his service, Mr. Pursley earned numerous decorations including the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. Upon his return from Europe and separation from the Army Air Corps, Mr. Pursley moved to Georgia and, in 1957, started Redrock Carpet, a commercial carpet company that he has run ever since with his son. Mr. Pursley excelled as a businessman and the products that he manufactured have been used to carpet such notable locales as Air Force One and the private residence quarters in the White House.

Red Pursley was a man we all should admire, as it was efforts of men like him that helped forge our present greatness. He took an active part in the last half century as a soldier and a citizen, as a community leader and a businessman, and as a living link to our past. His distinguished career, both in the service of his country and in the private sector, is a demonstration of the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and patriotism.

Red died on the morning of September 30, 2003, at the age of 82 after succumbing to a long bout with cancer. He leaves behind his loving wife and partner of nearly 61 years, Catherine Robinson Pursley, two children, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Red also leaves behind an indelible mark on his Douglasville, GA community and on the lives of all of those that he touched. He will be missed, but as long as the legacy of the greatest generation lives on, so too will he.●

#### MID-MISSOURI ENERGY

• Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the upcoming groundbreaking on Saturday, October 4, 2003, for construction of Missouri's third farmer-owned ethanol plant, Mid-Missouri Energy Ethanol Plant, which will be located in Malta Bend, MO.

Mid-Missouri Energy, the farmer-owned cooperative that is building the

plant, began its grassroots efforts in early 2002 and has since added over 720 farmer-investors. This plant will process 15 million bushels of corn each year, producing 40 million gallons of ethanol annually, creating more than 35 new jobs in Saline County. It will boost the value of locally grown corn and generate revenue for the farmers who have invested in the cooperative. In addition, the site preparation and construction of the plant will provide a boost to the area's economy. This plant is being built at a cost of \$60 million, and it is expected to be in operation by Spring 2005.

The technology for ethanol-blended fuel will only get better as the distribution network continues to grow. Ethanol is already marketed in a number of places at the same price as gasoline, and its increased use will reduce our dependence on foreign oil and help agricultural producers. There are currently 73 ethanol plants in the country, with the capacity to produce 2.9 billion gallons annually. The Malta Bend plant is one of 13 new plants under construction, which represent more than 400 million gallons per year of new ethanol production. I am confident the energy bill that emerges from the Congress will retain the Renewable Fuels Standard, which will double the production and use of ethanol over the next ten years.

I am proud of the hard work and commitment that the farmers of Mid-Missouri Energy have shown in getting this plant built. Their efforts are crucial to helping our agricultural industry in Missouri and providing jobs and growth for the Missouri economy. I am pleased to congratulate them, as well as the farmer-investors of Missouri's two operative ethanol plants, Northeast Missouri Grain, LLC and General Triangle Energy Cooperative, for all that they have done to support Missouri job creation and economic growth.●

#### 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.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of September 30, 2003, the Secretary of the

Senate, on September 30, 2003, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3146. An act to extend the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program, and certain tax and trade programs, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of September 30, 2003, the enrolled bill was subsequently signed by (Mr. TALENT).

At 11:44 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 570. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 with respect to the qualifications of foreign schools.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1882. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, Florida, as the "Arthur 'Pappy' Kennedy Post Office".

H.R. 2075. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1905 West Blue Heron Boulevard in West Palm Beach, Florida, as the "Judge Edward Rodgers Post Office Building".

H.R. 2086. An act to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

H.R. 3011. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 East Olive Avenue in Burbank, California, as the "Bob Hope Post Office building".

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 159. Concurrent resolution declaring Emporia, Kansas, to be the founding city of the Veterans Day holiday and recognizing the contributions of Alvin J. King and Representative Ed Rees to the enactment into law of the observance of Veterans Day.

H. Con. Res. 282. Concurrent resolution honoring the life of Johnny Cash.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3146) to extend the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program, and certain tax and trade programs, and for other purposes."

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1882. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, Florida, as the "Arthur 'Pappy' Kennedy Post Office"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2075. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1905 West Blue Heron Boulevard in West Palm Beach, Florida, as the "Judge Edward Rodgers Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2086. An act to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3011. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 East Olive Avenue in Burbank, California, as the "Bob Hope Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 159. Concurrent resolution declaring Emporia, Kansas, to be the founding city of the Veterans Day holiday and recognizing the contributions of Alvin J. King and Representative Ed Rees to the enactment into law of the observance of Veterans Day; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following concurrent resolution was read, and placed on the calendar:

H. Con. Res. 282. Concurrent resolution honoring the life of Johnny Cash.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4485. A communication from the Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Farm Bill Regulations—Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)—Allocation of Administrative Funds" (RIN0584-AD33) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4486. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Denomination of Customer Funds and Location of Depositories" (RIN3038-AB31) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4487. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. and the Intercontinental Exchange, Inc., Petitions for Treatment of Floor Brokers and Floor Traders as Eligible Commercial Entities Pursuant to Section 1a(1)(C) of the Commodity Exchange Act" received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4488. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Performance Data and Disclosure for Commodity Trading Advisors" (RIN3038-AB39) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4489. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Futures and Foreign Options Transactions" received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4490. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Futures and Options Transactions" received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.