

Angeles represent the millions hoping for an end to cancer. I, too, look forward to a day without cancer.●

ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

● Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, today, I rise to speak about the importance of the Asian-Pacific American experience in my home State of Minnesota. During this month, designated Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, we are proud to celebrate the many ways in which the culture of our Asian citizens enriches us as Minnesotans and Americans.

In Minnesota, we celebrate with a myriad of public events throughout the State, including a Burmese cultural exhibition, dance workshops, musical performances, picnics, banquets, flea markets, and festivals. For this year's theme, the Minnesota State Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans has chosen "Experience Freedom," a thread which runs through the stories of so many Asian Americans.

Each generation of immigrants to this country has pursued a freedom not known in their homelands. Chinese, Japanese, and Filipino settlers sought out Minnesota in the late 19th century, hoping to find broad economic opportunities. This same goal motivated Korean and other Asian immigrants who left their countries to find unparalleled opportunities.

More recently, Asians have come to Minnesota seeking refuge from war. Tibetans, Hmong, Vietnamese, and Cambodians escaped from a country ravaged by war and unrest. Here, they found freedom, peace, and new avenues for fulfillment, and achievement. I am especially proud to say that with the recent election of State Representative Cy Thao, Minnesota now has two legislators of Hmong descent.

Thanks to the infusion of Asian-Pacific influences, Minnesota virtually vibrates with new ideas, philosophies, and folkways. Individually and collectively, Asian-Pacific citizens have made significant contributions to their communities, accomplishments which the State Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans recognizes by conferring four Annual Leadership Awards. I am pleased to join in honoring these outstanding individuals and organizations.

Jasmine Dinh has received the Professional Leadership and Community Service Award. Her commitment to public service has led her to cofound Asian Women United of Minnesota, a nonprofit organization devoted to ending violence against Asian women; to create a battered women's shelter in Minneapolis, one of the few focused on Asian American women; to serve on the staff of United States Representative Bill Luther; and to become deeply involved in the Vietnamese Community of Minnesota Organization. Recently, she opened her own business, Jasmine's Coffee and Tea House, while still working full time as a senior pro-

gram manager for the Minnesota Partnership for Action Against Tobacco.

Jodie Tanaka has been recognized with the Professional Leadership Award. The owner, CEO, and president of Tanaka Advertising, a business established by her father, Jodie developed the company into the highly successful entity it is today. Among her clients, she counts other notable Minnesota companies, including U.S. Bank, the Minnesota Twins, Northwest Airlines, and Davanni's. Her hard work and excellence in her field have consistently been acknowledged by awards from Minnesota's community of business professionals.

Dragon Festival Planning Committee is this year's Community Service Award winner. The committee has built on the original Asian American Festival, a lively and popular annual event since 1997. The newly named Dragon Festival has grown to include not only a parade but also a dragon boat race.

Kogen Taiko, players of traditional Japanese drums, have received this year's award for community service and excellence in the arts. The oldest taiko drumming ensemble in Minnesota, Kogen Taiko, preserves Japanese drumming techniques while also incorporating multiple American rhythms. The result is original Japanese-American music. The group's performances have movingly affirmed the sometimes painful Japanese experience in America. In addition, they are extensively involved in the community, having used proceeds from a benefit concert to help pay medical bills for a deceased friend and to establish an education fund for his children.

In addition to these distinguished Leadership Award winners, I would like to pay tribute to two other remarkable people.

Adeel Lari served as president of the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans from 1994 to 2002. Thanks to his leadership, the council has become a driving force in educating the larger community about matters important to Asians in Minnesota. Adeel has also spent the past 28 years at the Minnesota Department of Transportation. His dedication to his community is exemplary.

Minneapolis Police Officer Duy Ngo has served the department honorably for over 5 years and was recently assigned to the Minnesota Gang Strike Force, helping to curb gang membership and violence in our State. In addition, he is a sergeant in the Army Reserves. Officer Ngo is recovering well from injuries received when he was shot while working undercover. Like all Minnesotans, I deeply appreciate the bravery of officers like Duy Ngo who put their lives on the line every day to protect their fellow citizens.

It is entirely appropriate for us to designate a special time to pay tribute to the many contributions of Americans of Asian or Pacific ancestry. At the same time, I wish to emphasize the

value of the many talents, strengths, and unique qualities they consistently bring to us. We welcome and cherish their distinctive gifts and customs.●

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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:04 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 100. An act to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940.

H.R. 766. An act to provide for a National Nanotechnology Research and Development Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 866. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to enhance the security of wastewater treatment works.

H.R. 1609. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Boston Street in Brookfield, Missouri, as the "Admiral Donald Davis 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. 53. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

H. Con. Res. 96. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1238(b) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Public Law 106-398), as amended by division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003, the Speaker reappoints the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States-China Security Review Commission: Mr. Stephen D. Bryen of Maryland for a term to expire December 31, 2005; Ms. June Teufel Dryer of Florida for a term to expire December 31, 2003; Mr. Larry Wortzel of Virginia for a term to expire December 31, 2004.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1238(b) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Public Law 106-398), the Minority Leader appoints the following individual to the

United States-China Security Review Commission: Ms. Carolyn Bartholomew of the District of Columbia, for a term that expires December 31, 2004.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, was signed on today, May 8, 2003 by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

H.R. 289. An act to expand the boundaries of the Ottawa Wildlife Refuge Complex and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 100. An act to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 766. An act to provide for a National Nanotechnology Research and Development Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 866. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to enhance the security of wastewater treatment works; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1609. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Boston Street in Brookfield, Missouri, as the "Admiral Donald Davis Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1009. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to increase assistance to foreign countries seriously affected by HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, and for other purposes.

S. 1019. A bill to amend titles 10 and 18, United States Code, to protect unborn victims of violence.

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-2223. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Distribution of Department of Defense Depot Maintenance Workloads Fiscal Years 2003 and 2007" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2224. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a closing of the Department of Defense commissary at Fort Monroe, VA effective July 31, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2225. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, Depart-

ment of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to a procurement contract for the Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles (FMTV); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2226. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of Secretary of the Navy, received on May 2, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2227. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Department of Energy Activities Relating to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2228. A communication from the Alternate FRLO, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TRICARE: Eligibility and Payment Procedures for CHAMPUS Beneficiaries Age 65 and Over (0720-AA66)" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2229. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense and Director, Office of Personal Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Joint Evaluation by the Department of Defense (DOD) and Office of Personnel Management (OPM) of the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) Demonstration: Second Report to Congress" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2230. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations and Environment, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to analyzing optical fabrication enterprises employing military and civilian personnel for the divestiture to the private sector; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2231. A communication from the Program Manager, Pentagon Renovation Program, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "The Renovation of the Pentagon" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2232. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of legislative initiatives that are part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2233. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change of Address; Technical Amendment" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2234. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Records and Reports Concerning Experience With Approval New Animal Drugs (0910-AC42)" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2235. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Head Start Program (0970-AB54)" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2236. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Fiscal Year 2002 Prescription Drug User Fee

Act of 1992 Financial Report" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2237. A communication from the General Counsel, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule on Antarctic Meteorites, 45 CFR Part 674 (3145-AA40)" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2238. A communication from the President, United States Institute of Peace, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Consolidated Financial Statements and Additional Information for Year ended September 30, 2002 and 2001" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2239. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Deputy Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2240. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Department of Housing and Development's inventory of commercial activities for the year 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2241. A communication from the Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a the USTDA Annual Performance Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2242. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Fiscal Year 2002 Performance Report of the National Endowment for the Humanities; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2243. A communication from the Secretary to the Council, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on Council Resolution 15-86 "Sense of the Council on Maintaining Open Spaces for Demonstrations in the District of Columbia Emergency Resolution of 2003" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2244. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to Federal Employees Clean Air Incentives; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2245. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to Arms Export Control Act, the report on the export of Defense articles that are firearms controlled under category I of the United States Munitions List Sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more to Columbia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2246. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to shrimp harvesting technology that may adversely affect certain sea turtles; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2247. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on Nuclear Nonproliferation in South Asia, received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2248. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States under the Case-Zablocki Act with Bulgaria, Economic Community of West African States, Djibouti and