

mail, and MAJ E. L. Hoffman, United States Army Air Corps, for the development of a practical parachute.

While I am, of course, proud of the Gulfstream Development Team for winning this award, I am even more proud of the folks down in Savannah, GA, who build these world class aircraft. Without their skill and dedication to superior quality, Gulfstream's G550 aircraft could never have earned this recognition for excellence in aviation.●

COMMENDING WTOC-TV

● Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate an important news organization in the beautiful coastal city of Savannah. WTOC-TV Channel 11 is celebrating its 50th anniversary of television broadcasts. The station was founded as an AM radio station in 1929 by Savannah's Junior Board of Trade. Just as the Junior Board of Trade became Savannah's Jaycees, WTOC evolved into Savannah's first television station, beginning its first broadcasts on Valentine's Day, 1954.

In May 2002, WTOC scored yet another Savannah first by starting the area's first digital high definition broadcasts.

During its 50 years of service to Savannah and coastal Georgia, WTOC has provided news coverage for the community. During these years, its news team has won awards for their coverage of issues, including Emmies and Edward R. Murrow awards for news gathering efforts in 2003.

I commend the station's owners and staff for serving Savannah and its entire community for the past 50 years. I am confident they will continue covering issues and giving back to Savannah in the years to come.●

THE SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF GREEN BAY, WI

● Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today I commemorate the sesquicentennial of Green Bay, WI, one of the most famous cities in America, and one of Wisconsin's most beloved places.

Green Bay is Wisconsin's oldest European settlement dating back to the explorations of Jean Nicolet in 1634. Early fur traders and explorers used Green Bay and the Fox River as an important access point from the Great Lakes to the Western lands of the New World. Early French settlers called the bay, "La Baie Verte," because of its green waters. In the second half of the 19th century, European immigrants flocked to Green Bay for the good farming soil and ample business opportunities. The paper industry became a vital part of the Green Bay economy and remains the leading employer in the city today. Green Bay became a city when it was incorporated by the Wisconsin Legislature on February 27, 1854. Today, Green Bay stands with a

population of over 100,000 people as Wisconsin's third-largest city.

Today visitors can get a taste of Green Bay's long history at the Heritage Hill State Historic Park which offers a rare opportunity to visit one of Wisconsin's oldest wood homes, the Tank Cottage. Green Bay is also home to the National Railroad Museum, home of the world's largest steam locomotive and General Dwight D. Eisenhower's WWII command train.

Green Bay is known to many as Titledown USA as it is home to the world-famous Green Bay Packers, the real "America's Team." In 1919, Curly Lambeau, who worked for a packing plant, organized the original Packers football team. The team's popularity led to the packing plant backing Lambeau in obtaining a franchise in the new professional football league. Early financial problems were overcome by making the team publically owned, an honor that I am proud to say I am now a part of. The rest, as they say, is history. The Packers have gone on to win 12 championships, more than any other pro football team. Green Bay has been the stage for such great games as the 1967 Ice Bowl and such talents as Vince Lombardi, Don Hutson, Bart Starr and Brett Favre. Every year, people from all over the country make a pilgrimage to Green Bay to see the frozen tundra of the beautifully renovated Lambeau Field and visit the Green Bay Packer Hall of Fame.

Green Bay is a city with a distinguished history, a proud tradition of hardworking families and a bright future. Happy birthday, Green Bay. We are looking forward to the next 150 years.●

TRIBUTE TO BILL PARDUE

● Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I would like to pay tribute to Bill Pardue, who until recently was the CEO of Lexis Nexis of Dayton, OH, which now owns Dolon Information of Oklahoma City, OK.

I have had the privilege of working with Bill and Lexis Nexis on various initiatives to help secure the homeland, and wanted to say a sincere thank you, on behalf of all Americans to Bill, to Lexis-Nexis, and to the thousands of people who make up that fine company.●

IN REMEMBRANCE OF FREDERICK BOOKER NOE II

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I would like to take the opportunity to remember Frederick Booker Noe II of Bardstown, Kentucky, the master distiller of Jim Beam Bourbon. He passed away on Tuesday at age 74 in his home in Bardstown, and will be greatly missed by his surviving family and the Jim Beam Brands Company.

In 1950, Mr. Noe entered the family business, the bourbon that is the namesake of his grandfather, Jim Beam. He

directed the production and aging of bourbon at Jim Beam and was named master distiller in 1965. While he oversaw production of Jim Beam Bourbon, production increased and innovations were made that revitalized the bourbon industry forever.

His friends considered him "larger than life," and "one of the crown jewels of American distilling." Jim Beam Brands honored him upon his retirement in 1992 by placing his photo on the bottle labels alongside the family distillers who preceded him. Kentuckians are proud of our bourbon, and we are proud of Mr. Noe's contributions to the industry. He will be greatly missed, and our hearts go out to his family during this time.●

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 and three withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT RELATIVE TO EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY AND INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF THE ANCHORAGE AND MOVEMENT OF VESSELS INTO CUBAN TERRITORIAL WATERS—PM 64

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:

Pursuant to section 1 of title I of Public Law 65-24, ch. 30, 50 U.S.C. 191, and sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq., I hereby report that I have exercised my statutory authority to continue the national emergency declared in Proclamation 6867 of March 1, 1996, in response to the Cuban government's destruction of two unarmed U.S.-registered civilian aircraft in international airspace north of Cuba. Additionally, I have exercised my authority to expand the scope of the national emergency as, over the last year, the Cuban government, which is a designated state-sponsor of terrorism, has taken a series of steps to destabilize relations with the United States, including threatening to abrogate the Migration Accords with the United States

and to close the U.S. Interests Section. This conduct has caused a sudden and worsening disturbance of U.S. international relations.

In my proclamation (copy attached), I have authorized and directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to make and issue such rules and regulations that the Secretary may find appropriate to prevent unauthorized U.S. vessels from entering Cuban territorial waters.

I have authorized these rules and regulations as a result of the Cuban government's demonstrated willingness to use reckless force, including deadly force, in the ostensible enforcement of its sovereignty. I have also authorized these rules and regulations in an effort to deny resources to the repressive Cuban government that may be used by that government to support terrorist activities and carry out excessive use of force against innocent victims, including U.S. citizens and other persons residing in the United States, and threaten a disturbance of international relations. Accordingly, I have continued and expanded the national emergency in response to these threats.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 26, 2004.

REPORT RELATIVE TO EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THE FULLEST POSSIBLE ACCOUNTING OF CAPTURED OR MISSING UNITED STATES PERSONNEL FROM PAST MILITARY CONFLICTS OR COLD WAR INCIDENTS—PM 65

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 Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with Condition (3) of the resolution of advice and consent to the ratification of the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia, adopted by the United States Senate on May 8, 2003, and based on the recommendation of the Department of State, I hereby certify to the Congress that each of these governments is cooperating fully with United States efforts to obtain the fullest possible accounting of captured or missing United States personnel from past military conflicts or Cold War incidents, to include:

(A) facilitating full access to relevant archival material; and

(B) identifying individuals who may possess knowledge relative to captured or missing United States personnel, and encouraging such individuals to speak with United States Government officials.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 25, 2004.

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE INCLUSION OF BULGARIA, ESTONIA, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, ROMANIA, SLOVAKIA, AND SLOVENIA IN NATO—PM 66

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 Foreign Relations:

To the Senate of the United States:

Consistent with Condition (1)(A) of the resolution of advice and consent to the ratification of the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia, adopted by the United States Senate on May 8, 2003, and based on the recommendation of the Department of State, I hereby certify to the Senate that:

(i) the inclusion of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia in NATO will not have the effect of increasing the overall percentage share of the United States in the common budgets of NATO; and (ii) the inclusion of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia in NATO does not detract from the ability of the United States to meet or to fund its military requirements outside the North Atlantic area.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 25, 2004.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:15 p.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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2751. An act to provide new human capital flexibilities with respect to the GAO, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3690. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 West Main Street in Batavia, New York, as the "Barber Conable Post Office Building."

At 4:30 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. 1997. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice to protect unborn children from assault and murder, and for other purposes.

At 5:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 287. Concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring the life of the late Raul Julia, his dedication to ending world hunger, and his great contributions to the Latino community and the performing arts.

At 8:16 p.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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3850. An act to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2751. An act to provide new human capital flexibilities with respect to the GAO, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3690. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 West Main Street in Batavia, New York, as the "Barber Conable Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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

H. Con. Res. 287. Concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring the life of the late Raul Julia, his dedication to ending world hunger, and his great contributions to the Latino community and the performing arts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2137. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to promulgate regulations for the reimportation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

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-6144. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, a report relative to the emigration laws and policies of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Moldova, The Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6433. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Federal Aviation Regulation No. 36, Development of Major Repair Data; Direct Final Rule; Request for Comments" (RIN2120-A109) received on February 24, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6434. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limitation on Construction or Alteration in the Vicinity of the Private Residence of the President of the United States; Disposition of Comments on Interim Final Rule; Doc. No. FAA-2003-14972" (RIN2120-AH83) received on February 24, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6435. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule