

extraordinary addition to this generation.

Mr. Harold Davies fought on the USS *Yorktown* at the Battle of Midway. Shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States' retaliation emerged in a grueling war of the Pacific. The Battle of Midway was the major turning point in the Pacific in which Japan lost all four aircraft carriers and all of the airmen and planes in the battle. On June 4, 1942, before the last Japanese aircraft carrier sunk, it struck the USS *Yorktown*, leaving the ship dead in the water. The crew worked diligently to repair the damage and returned the ship to fully operational. The USS *Yorktown*, also known as the "Fighting Lady," launched fighters for three more days, gaining a major victory for the United States before sinking on June 7.

Mr. Davies never left his post during this battle. He remained courageous and loyal to his crew and duties. As the ship was sinking, he refused to board the lifeboat until all the wounded were aboard. After the ship sank, he remained in the water for two and a half hours before being picked up by a whaleboat. Mr. Davies was not injured in the battle. He lives today as a prominent member of his community and church in Hebron, KY and is able to share the story of the legendary Battle of Midway. This type of valor should not go unrecognized. Therefore, I join my fellow Kentuckians to honor Mr. Harold O. Davies and thank him for his service in the United States Navy.●

#### HONORING DAVID TIDMARSH

● Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I wish today to recognize David Tidmarsh from South Bend, IN, as the champion of the 77th annual National Spelling Bee. On June 3, 2004, David became the first Hoosier to win the National Spelling Bee in more than 75 years.

In his quest to be the Nation's top seller, David triumphed over 265 of the best spellers from across the Nation. He successfully disposed of his competition in 15 rounds over three days and claimed victory with the correct spelling of "autochthonous." David and his fellow top spellers, including fourteen other from Indiana, emerged from a pool of more than 9 million 9- to 15-year-olds through winning their local spelling contests.

David's achievement is a testament to his perseverance and dedication. This was David's second time participating in the competition. He tied for 16th place in last year's National Spelling Bee. His hard work and commitment to his goal of winning the National Spelling Bee will serve as an example and inspiration to students across the country and around the world.

Hoosiers throughout Indiana can take immense pride in David's accomplishment, as he represents the full academic potential that exists in the

young people of our State. David's parents and educators also deserve a great deal of credit for David's success. Their support and encouragement throughout David's schooling have been critical to his success and will continue to play an important role in his future academic achievement.

I am honored to enter the name of David Tidmarsh into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, to officially congratulate him on his accomplishment as champion of the 2004 National Spelling Bee.●

#### TRIBUTE TO WILMINGTON'S REVOLUTIONARY MAYOR

● Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a mayor of Wilmington, DE, who created a revolutionary government and was beloved by all.

Mayor John E. Babiarz Sr. was a legend in his native city of Wilmington. He was first elected to office in 1948, then served as president of city council before being elected to Mayor in 1960. His reign was made all the more remarkable because he was the city's leader throughout the turbulent 1960s. He was a voice of calm and reason when Delaware's Governor ordered the National Guard to patrol the streets of Wilmington in 1968 after Martin Luther King Jr.'s death.

Despite the troubled times in which he served as mayor, he will be forever remembered and credited with creating a revolution toward a modern form of government for Delaware's largest city and corporate hub. He changed the old commission form of government into a modern, merit political system.

On a personal note, I owe my start in politics to the integrity, guidance, and friendship of Mayor Babiarz. He was a confidant and a friend.

Mayor Babiarz' best friend in life was his wife of 65 years, Adele. She and their two sons, John Jr. and Francis, were the joys of his life.

Wilmington has truly lost one of its greatest native sons.●

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE CHURCH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, today I invite my colleagues to join in recognizing a wonderful celebration that will take place in my hometown, Detroit. On Sunday, June 13, 2004, the Church of the Precious Blood will celebrate its 75th Anniversary.

Founded in 1929 by Father William Hermes with a congregation of only 94, the church grew to a membership of nearly 900 families. Its numbers are moderately lower today, but the work performed in the community by the active members has never waned and is no less vital.

The Church of the Precious Blood, under the outstanding and accomplished leadership of Father Hermes, succeeded by Father Marvin Young, succeeded by Father Leo Priemer and

then Father Donald Clark, followed by Father Ronald Kurzawa, succeeded by Bishop Moses Anderson and now led by Deacon Wyatt Jones, has experienced great transition, encountered enormous challenges, overcome monumental obstacles and celebrated wonderful victories to become the oasis, the Hidden Treasure, in Detroit's northwest community.

For 75 years, the Church of the Precious Blood has been committed to ministering to a diverse community, ethnically, culturally, socially, economically, providing the kind of support and encouragement necessary to confirm the spirit of faith and hope in humankind and our ability as nurturing and loving individuals to make this world a better place. Sunday's celebration is a major milestone on Precious Blood's committed journey on the path of fostering spiritual and economic growth, raising educational standards and providing a multitude of services to the women, men and children in the area.

It is an honor and a pleasure for me to ask my colleagues to join in extending our congratulations and the sincere wish for even greater victories over the next 75 years for the members and community of the Church of the Precious Blood.●

#### 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.)

#### A COMMUNICATION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICIALLY NOTIFYING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE DEATH OF FORMER PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN—PM 84

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was ordered to lie on the table:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

By this message, I officially inform you of the death of Ronald Reagan, the fortieth President of the United States.

Ronald Reagan was a great leader and a good man. He had the confidence that comes with conviction, the strength that comes with character, the grace that comes with humility,

and the humor that comes with wisdom.

Through his leadership, spirit, and abiding faith in the American people, President Reagan gave our Nation a renewed optimism. With his courage and moral clarity, he enhanced America's security and advanced the spread of peace, liberty, and democracy to millions of people who had lived in darkness and oppression. As America's President, he helped change the world.

The sun has now set on Ronald Reagan's extraordinary American life. Just as he told us that our Nation's best days are yet to come, we know that the same is true for him.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 8, 2004.

### 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-7831. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Provider Qualifications for Audiologists" (RIN0938-AM26) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7832. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; Natamycin" (Doc. No. 1995F-0221) received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7833. A communication from the Chairman, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities, transmitting, the Foundation's Annual report on the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Program for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7834. A communication from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" received on May 26, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7835. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Access to Information for Performance of Radiation Dose Reconstructions"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7836. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a final rule to implement the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7837. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rules Relating to Health Care Continuation Coverage" (RIN1210-AA60) received on May 26, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7838. A communication from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Participant Notice Voluntary Correction Program" (RIN1212-AB00) received on May 26, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7839. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Device Reports; Reports of Corrections and Removals; Establishment Registration and Device Listing; Premarket Approval Supplements; Quality System Regulation; Importation of Electronic Products; Technical Amendment; Correction" received on May 26, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7840. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clauses Authorized for Use in Commercial Acquisitions" (RIN2700-AD00) received on May 26, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7841. A communication from the Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2003 report relative to certain activities pertaining to the Freedom of Information Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7842. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances; Placement of 2,5-Dimethoxy-4-(n)-propylthiophenethylamine[2C-T-7] and B-Benzylpiperazine [BZP] Into Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act" () received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7843. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances; Extension of Temporary Placement of Alpha-methyltryptamine and 5-methoxy-N,N-diisopropyltryptamine Into Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act" () received on June 1, 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7844. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's activities under the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7845. A communication from the Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fiscal Year 2003 Accounting of Drug Control Funds report; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7846. A communication from the Chairman, Naval Sea Cadet Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2003 Audit of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 2509. A bill to extend the water service contract for the Ainsworth Unit, Sandhills

Division, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Nebraska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 2510. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit for the installation of hydrogen fueling stations and to exclude earnings from hydrogen fuel sales from gross income; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 2511. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study of a Chimayo water supply system, to provide for the planning, design, and construction of a water supply, reclamation, and filtration facility for Espanola, New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CONRAD:

S. 2512. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to simplify the medicare prescription drug card program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. Res. 372. A resolution designating January 1 of each year as "Global Family Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Con. Res. 116. A concurrent resolution providing for conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 98

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 98, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, and the Revised Statutes of the United States, to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 985

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 985, a bill to amend the Federal Law Enforcement Pay Reform Act of 1990 to adjust the percentage differentials payable to Federal law enforcement officers in certain high-cost areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1411

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1411, a bill to establish a National Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the development of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families, and for other purposes.