

urging that it be used in some productive way. I found the lessons and wisdom in the letter profound, and as relevant today as they were in 1943. I forwarded the letter to The Birmingham News, which ran a timely and touching Page 1 story on May 29, 2004, over the Memorial Day weekend.

Written far away from his home and loved ones, Mr. Henry, Sr.'s, letter truly reflects the thoughts of a young man wise beyond his years. I ask consent that the letter and the accompanying newspaper article by Birmingham News reporter Carla Crowder be printed in the RECORD, so that all can benefit from its timeless wisdom.

The material follows:

(North Africa, April 8, 1943)

"My Dear Son:

"This is the first letter your dad has ever written you, and I expect it will be the last until I see you. Today you are almost three months old. Tomorrow will be your birthday, and I can only say 'Happy birthday, son.'

"When you were born I was a long, long way from your mother doing my little part toward preserving the freedom of our country. Had there been no war, nothing could have kept me from being with your mother on January the ninth. There was a war, though, and I am glad that I can say that I had a part toward making our country a safe place so that our mothers can live in peace and comfort.

"There are lots of things I have learned in the past few years, things that I would like for you to know and things that I am sure you will find to be true as you grow older.

"If I were asked to make an eleventh commandment I think I should say, 'Thou shall not be selfish.' You will find as the years roll by that it is very hard to keep from being selfish. In this greedy world of ours we run over each other trying to get, we know not what, but with the idea that we must get it before the other fellow does. We do not know when we have enough. We never want to turn anything loose, even if we do not need it. We always want more if we have no place to put it. I think that the first lesson toward happiness is to learn to share what you have with some one else.

"I should like for my son to know how to work and to enjoy it. I think that the secret toward learning to like to work is to believe that you can do your job just a little better than anyone else. I think that every successful man enjoys hard, strenuous outside work as much or maybe more than the office. Start early, learn to cut wood, learn the art of rolling a wheelbarrow or how to handle a hoe. Take long walks. Like through wooded country and by all means never miss a rabbit hunt.

"Begin early to read. Always have something in your pocket to read while waiting on a bus or while trying to go to sleep. Reading is knowledge and knowledge is success.

"Until you are one hundred years old, never be without a hobby. If you are interested in woodwork, then you shall have a shop before you are 10 years of age. If you are interested in radio, then you shall have any type of equipment to tinker with that you wish. Gather information from every source possible. Gather reading material from every place where you might find it. What you learn from your hobbies goes a long way toward your success in life.

"Learn early to make friends. Always remember that you cannot buy real friendship. Remember that a real friend is one of the most valuable possessions a person may have. Learn new names, new faces, facts about people. Learn to really know people.

"There is quite a bit of difference between saving and being selfish. If a person should throw something away, and you come along and save it until you need it, than that would be saving. If you have something you do not need and you throw it away, even though you know someone else might be able to use it, then you are being selfish. Learn to appraise an article, and if it has a value, then save it. Remember what it is and where it is, so that when you or someone else needs it you will be able to find it. Learn to save money. Put it where it can be used. Do not hide it so that no one else can use it.

"One of the most important things that I want my boy to know is that it always pays to be honest. No matter how small or how insignificant, it always pays to tell the truth. Be honest, do not take that which does not belong to you. Do not bother with other people's things. However deep you get in trouble, go to someone, tell them the truth and you will find the easiest way out.

"Very soon you will make a trip from Birmingham to Roanoke, a distance of about one hundred and twenty miles. That is farther away from home than I was until I was about 19 years old. You will learn as you grow older that a city is a city whether it is in Alabama, Georgia, New York, England or Africa. I want you to travel early, to find out what it took me years to find out, that every country has its hills and dells, its rivers and branches, its oceans and seas. That you can find all sorts of people in any country, city or village. Never-the-less I want you to travel a lot, see the world. See for yourself that all people want a chance for freedom, a chance to worship as they choose, a chance to talk as they choose and a chance to earn their own living.

"Your loving Dad"

DAVID P. HENRY.

[From the Birmingham News, May 29, 2004]  
AFTER 61 YEARS, SON GETS LESSONS TO LIVE  
BY

(By Carla Crowder)

He was only 24 years old, a small-town Alabama man serving in North Africa in World War II. But David Henry Sr. had a lot to say back then as he penned a letter to his newborn son.

"This is the first letter your dad has ever written to you, and I expect it will be the last until I see you. Today you are almost three months old," the letter begins.

It is dated April 8, 1943, Sixth-one years later, David Henry Jr. read his father's words.

For the first time.

His mother apparently forgot to pass the letter along, and he had no idea it existed. "With seven children, and us moving around a lot, a lot of things just got packed up, pictures and letters," he said.

What he uncovered while going through his parents' belongings last fall revealed a young father wise beyond his years.

"It meant so much to me to be able to hear what he thought was important, and the things he mentioned in there contained such wisdom for a young person," said Henry Jr., 61, who works as director of information services for American Cast Iron Pipe Co. "It was so important, I just want to share it with the world."

Henry Jr. was a toddler when his father returned from the war. His parents had grown up in Roanoke in Randolph County, but lived throughout the Southeast while his father was in the military.

The 1943 letter extols the value of honesty, friendship and hard work, as might be expected. But it goes much further.

"You will find as the years roll by that it is very hard to keep from being selfish. In

this greedy world of ours, we run over each other trying to get, we know not what, but with the idea that we must get it before the other fellow does . . . I think the first lesson toward happiness is to learn to share what you have with someone else," his father wrote.

This advice was no surprise, Henry Jr. said.

His father once dropped the price of some property he was selling, right at closing time, much to the surprise of the buyer and the lawyers in the room. "I feel like I'm overcharging you," he told the buyer.

After his father retired from the Air Force and the U.S. Postal Service, he began cutting limbs and trees, "big old water oak trees," down in southwest Georgia where he lived. He charged next to nothing. "He probably cut trees for half the widows in Bainbridge," his son said.

There's a bit of that in the letter as well.

"Learn to cut wood, learn the art of rolling a wheelbarrow or how to handle a hoe. Take long walks. Hike through rough wooded country," it reads.

He encouraged his boy to never be without a hobby. Henry Jr. loves photography.

He encouraged travel.

"You will learn as you grow older that a city is a city whether it is in Alabama, Georgia, New York, England or Africa," it says. "See for yourself that all people want a chance for freedom, a chance to worship as they choose, a chance to talk as they choose and a chance to earn their own living."

Henry Jr. took that advice as well. He recently returned from a trip to Morocco, where he tried to seek out places his father might have been during the war.

By the time the letter was discovered, the hopeful young airman was dying from dementia in an assisted living center.

Though the son could not determine how much his father understood, he had to tell him what he'd found.

"But he didn't understand, he couldn't communicate with me about it," Henry Jr. said. "I did talk to him about it, and I thanked him for it."

He read the letter at his father's funeral in February, and everyone in the church told him "that's exactly how dad was."●

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO CONGRESS CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE'S CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE FISHERMAN'S PROTECTIVE ACT OF 1967, AS AMENDED (THE "PELLE AMENDMENT") (22 U.S.C. 1978) THAT ICELAND HAS CONDUCTED WHALING ACTIVITIES THAT DIMINISH THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION (IWC) CONSERVATION PROGRAM—PM 88

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 Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

On June 16, 2004, Secretary of Commerce Donald Evans certified under section 8 of the Fisherman's Protective Act of 1967, as amended (the "Pelly Amendment") (22 U.S.C. 1978), that Iceland has conducted whaling activities

that diminish the effectiveness of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) conservation program. This message constitutes my report to the Congress consistent with subsection (b) of the Pelly Amendment.

The certification of the Secretary of Commerce is the first against Iceland for its lethal research whaling program. In 2003, Iceland announced that it would begin a lethal research whaling program and planned to take 250 minke, fin, and sei whales for research purposes. The United States expressed strong opposition to Iceland's decision, in keeping with our longstanding policy against lethal research whaling. Iceland's proposal was criticized at the June 2003 IWC Annual Meeting by a majority of members of the IWC Scientific Committee, and the IWC passed a resolution that urged Iceland not to commence this program. In addition, the United States, along with 22 other nations, issued a joint protest asking Iceland to halt the program immediately. The United States believes the Icelandic research whaling program is of questionable scientific validity. Scientific data relevant to the management of whale stocks can be collected by non-lethal techniques. Since Iceland's 2003 announcement, Iceland reduced its proposed take to 38 minke whales and in implementing its lethal research program, killed 36 whales last year. For this year, Iceland has proposed taking 25 minke whales. The United States welcomes this decision to reduce the take and to limit it to minke whales, and we appreciate Iceland's constructive work with the United States at the IWC on a variety of whaling issues. These adjustments, however, do not change our assessment that Iceland's lethal research whaling program is of questionable scientific validity and diminishes the effectiveness of the IWC's conservation program.

In his letter of June 16, 2004, Secretary Evans expressed his concern for these actions, and I share these concerns. I also concur in his recommendation that the use of trade sanctions is not the course of action needed to resolve our current differences with Iceland over research whaling activities. Accordingly, I am not directing the Secretary of the Treasury to impose trade sanctions on Icelandic products for the whaling activities that led to certification by the Secretary of Commerce. However, to ensure that this issue continues to receive the highest level of attention, I am directing U.S. delegations attending future bilateral meetings with Iceland regarding whaling issues to raise our concerns and seek ways to halt these whaling actions. I am also directing the Secretaries of State and Commerce to keep this situation under close review and to continue to work with Iceland to encourage it to cease its lethal scientific research whaling activities. I believe these diplomatic efforts hold the most promise of effecting change in Iceland's

research whaling program, and do not believe that imposing import prohibitions would further our objectives.

GEORGE W. BUSH.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 22, 2004.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:53 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 884. An act to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Western Shoshone identifiable group under Indian Claims Commission Docket Numbers 326-A-1, 326-A-3, and 326-K, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3706. An act to adjust the boundary of the John Muir National Historic Site, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3751. An act to require that the Office of Personnel Management study current practices under which dental, vision, and hearing benefits are made available to Federal employees, annuitants, and other classes of individuals, and to require that the Office also present options and recommendations relating to how additional dental, vision, and hearing benefits could be made so available.

H.R. 3797. An act to authorize improvements in the operations of the government of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3846. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement or contract with Indian tribes meeting certain criteria to carry out projects to protect Indian forest land.

H.R. 4222. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 550 Nebraska Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas, as the "Newell George Post Office Building".

H.R. 4363. An act to facilitate self-help housing homeownership opportunities.

H.R. 4471. An act to clarify the loan guarantee authority under title VI of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 2017. An act to designate the United States courthouse and post office building located at 93 Atocha Street in Ponce, Puerto Rico, as the "Luis A. Ferre United States Courthouse and Post Office Building".

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

H. Con. Res. 450. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 40th anniversary of the day civil rights organizers Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner gave their lives in the struggle to guarantee the right to vote for every citizen of the United States and encouraging all Americans to observe the anniversary of the deaths of the 3 men by committing themselves to ensuring equal rights, equal opportunities, and equal justice for all people.

At 4:04 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4589. An act to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3706. An act to adjust the boundary of the John Muir National Historic Site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3751. An act to require that the Office of Personnel Management study current practices under which dental, vision, and hearing benefits are made available to Federal employees, annuitants, and other classes of individuals, and to require that the Office also present options and recommendations relating to how additional dental, vision, and hearing benefits could be made so available; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3797. An act to authorize improvements in the operations of the government of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4222. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 550 Nebraska Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas, as the "Newell George Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4363. An act to facilitate self-help housing homeownership opportunities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 4471. An act to clarify the loan guarantee authority under title VI of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996; to the Committee on Indian Affairs with instructions that when the Committee reports, the bill be referred pursuant to the order of May 27, 1988, to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs for a period not to exceed 60 days.

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

H. Con. Res. 450. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 40th anniversary of the day civil rights organizers Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner gave their lives in the struggle to guarantee the right to vote for every citizen of the United States and encouraging all Americans to observe the anniversary of the deaths of the 3 men by committing themselves to ensuring equal rights, equal opportunities, and equal justice for all people; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 884. An act to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Western Shoshone identifiable group under Indian Claims Commission Docket Numbers 326-A-1, 326-A-3, and 326-K, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LUGAR for the Committee on Foreign Relations.