

of another's sacrifice in battle is one of the highest and most noble acts we can perform. Remembering demonstrates our indebtedness and gratitude for those who served that we might live in freedom.

Many of us have visited one or more of the military academies that train America's future military leaders. These academies have varied missions and yet all of them share in the critical task of developing leaders for their particular branch of service. On the grounds of each academy is a chapel, spectacular places that are easily identifiable as places of worship.

In each chapel, a place has been reserved for those prisoners of war and the missing in action from each particular service. A pew has been set aside and marked by a candle, a powerful symbol that not all have returned from battle. These hallowed places have been set aside so that all POWs and MIAs are remembered with dignity and honor. It is a moving and emotional experience to pause at these reserved pews, to be encouraged by the burning candle, to recall the valor and sacrifice of those soldiers, sailors, marines, and pilots and to be inspired today by what they have done.

Yet, I believe we can and should do more to honor the memory of all the POWs and MIAs who have so gallantly served our Nation.

The display of the POW/MIA flag is a forceful reminder that we care not only for them, but also for their families who personally carry with them the burden of sacrifice. We want them to know that they do not stand alone, that we stand with them and beside them, as they remember the loyalty and devotion of those who served.

Mr. President, I believe that those who have been captured or are missing in action in the Nation's wars deserve to be honored with dignity and devotion. So today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these Americans and their families by remembering their sacrifice and declaring that it will never be forgotten.●

TRIBUTE TO COACH SAMMY DUNN

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I pay tribute to a great Alabamian who has made it his life's work to teach our youth about being great athletes, fair sportsmen, and strong members of their community.

Mr. Sammy Dunn, baseball coach of Vestavia Hills High School, was recently inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame and named the National High School Coaches Association baseball coach of the year. He has dedicated his life to coaching young men, not just on the athletic field, but in life's lessons.

For 27 seasons, Coach Dunn served as head baseball coach at Vestavia Hills High School, where he built a nationally recognized program. He won more games than any baseball coach in the history of Alabama and has a 621-159

record, a staggering .796 winning percentage. From 1991 to 2000, he led the Vestavia Hills Rebels to 10 State titles, including a record 7 consecutive titles between 1994 and 2000. In 1998, the Rebels were voted national champions by Baseball America and the Baseball Coaches Association. In 2000, Vestavia Hills High School named its baseball field in honor of Coach Dunn.

Throughout Coach Dunn's tenure, more than 100 players signed baseball scholarships, and some went on to play professionally, including veteran Oakland Athletic's pitcher Chris Hammond, Cincinnati Red's pitcher Josh Hancock, and New York Yankee pitching prospect Colter Bean. Moreover, his leadership inspired a handful of his former players to pursue coaching careers, including his son Casey, who is the head coach at Samford University.

Coach Dunn's lifelong devotion to young people and the sport of baseball made him an outstanding coach and much deserving of these recent accolades. He is a devoted husband to Linda, dedicated father to Casey, father-in-law to Marty, and grandfather to Sam. I wish him my sincerest congratulations on all of his achievements.●

TRIBUTE TO WCAX TELEVISION

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I pay tribute today to WCAX Channel 3, the CBS affiliate based in South Burlington, VT, which will reach a milestone this month when it marks its 50th year of broadcasting.

WCAX has documented many changes in my home State during that half-century, some for the better, some not. But Channel 3's crucial role in chronicling history cannot be overstated. From its coverage of high school baseball to State House politics, Channel 3 gives Vermonters the news they need. The station's patriarch, Stuart "Red" Martin, is as much a part of the Vermont fabric as the State's dairy farms and dirt roads.

Vermont had the distinction of being the very last State in the Nation to have its own television station when WCAX aired its first broadcast from a transmitter at the top of Mount Mansfield, according to the authors of the recently released book, "Freedom and Unity: a History of Vermont."

In this book, the authors write, "By then, the image of Vermont both within and outside the State as an isolated, rural, museumlike, homogeneous, and unchanging society was becoming increasingly difficult to maintain." Indeed it was, and Channel 3 was there to broadcast Vermont's changing image into living rooms from one end of the State to the other.

Today, Channel 3 has a little more competition than it did back in 1954, but it maintains the distinction of being "Vermont's Own." Over the years, Channel 3 has amassed a variety of impressive awards too numerous to list. But suffice it to say that many a

political career has risen or fallen based on Channel 3 news coverage, and some of us are better off for it. Now if they would just purge that old file tape!

Thank you, Channel 3, for being there through all these years of public service—from helping farmers through the Agriculture Extension Service to the advent of satellite hookups—to capture Vermont's rich and unique history.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 5:09 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. 1318. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Sunnyside, Queens, New York, as the "Thomas P. Noonan, Jr., Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

H.R. 2400. An act to amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure of Guam.

H.R. 2457. An act to authorize funds for an educational center for the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3056. An act to clarify the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coast Barrier Resources System Cedar Keys Unit P25 on Otherwise Protected Area P25P.

H.R. 3478. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to improve the efficiency of operations by the National Archives and Records Administration and to reauthorize the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

H.R. 4027. An act to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make available to the University of Miami property under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Virginia Key, Florida, for use by the University for a Marine Life Science Center.

H.R. 4481. An act to amend Public Law 86-434 establishing Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in the State of Missouri to expand the boundaries of the park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4632. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Services located at 19504 Linden Boulevard in St. Albans, New York, as the "Archie Spigner Post Office Building".

H.R. 4836. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Amarillo, Texas, as the "Thomas E. Creek Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

H.R. 5008. An act to provide an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

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. 363. Concurrent resolution expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the continuing gross violations of human rights and civil liberties of the Syrian and Lebanese people by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic.

H. Con. Res. 407. Concurrent resolution saluting the life and courage of the late Commander Lloyd "Pete" Bucher, United States Navy (retired), who commanded the U.S.S.

Pueblo (AGER-2) at the time of its capture by North Korea on January 23, 1968.

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

S. 1576. An act to revise the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, 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. 1318. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Sunnyside, Queens, New York, as the "Thomas P. Noonan, Jr., Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

H.R. 2400. An act to amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure of Guam; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2457. An act to authorize funds for an educational center for the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3056. An act to clarify the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coast Barrier Resources System Cedar Keys Unit P25 on Otherwise Protected Area P25P; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3478. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to improve the efficiency of operations by the National Archives and Records Administration and to reauthorize the National Historical Publications and Records Commission; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4027. An act to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make available to the University of Miami property under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Virginia Key, Florida, for use by the University for a Marine Life Science Center; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4481. An act to amend Public Law 86-434 establishing Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in the State of Missouri to expand the boundaries of the park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4632. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19504 Linden Boulevard in St. Albans, New York, as the "Archie Spigner Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4836. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Amarillo, Texas, as the "Thomas E. Creek Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 363. Concurrent resolution expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the continuing gross violations of human rights and civil liberties of the Syrian and Lebanese people by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 407. Concurrent resolution saluting the life and courage of the late Commander Lloyd "Pete" Bucher, United States Navy (retired), who commanded the U.S.S. Pueblo (AGER-2) at the time of its capture by North Korea on January 23, 1968; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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-9139. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates—September 2004" (Rev. Rul. 2004-69) received on August 26, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9140. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2004 National Protocol" (Rev. Proc. 2004-52) received on August 26, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9141. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Under Section 1502: Treatment of Loss Carryovers from Separate Return Limitation Years" (RIN1545-BD58) received on August 26, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9142. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Plan Amendments Following Election of Alternative Deficit Reduction Contribution" (Notice 2004-59) received on August 26, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9143. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "July-September 2004 Bond Factor Amounts" (Rev. Rule 2004-89) received on August 26, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9144. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Time to Elect Method for Determining Allowable Loss" (TD9154) received on August 26, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9145. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsidiary Stock Loss Under Section 1.337(d)-2T" (Notice 2004-58) received on August 26, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9146. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance on Discrepancies Caused by Acquisitions, Statutory Mergers, or Consolidations" (Rev. Proc. 2004-53) received on August 26, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9147. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Corrections to Customs and Border Protection Regulations" (CBP Dec 04-28) received on September 6, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9148. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patent Surveys" (RIN1561-AA36) received on September 6, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9149. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Customs

Broker License Examination Date" (RIN1651-AA46) received on September 6, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9150. A communication from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "US-Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement: Potential Economywide and Selected Sectoral Effects"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9151. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuge Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2004-2005 Refuge Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations" (RIN1018-AT40) received on September 6, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9152. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Accounting and Auditing Relief for Marginal Properties" (RIN1010-AC30) received on September 13, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9153. A communication from the Director, Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, Department of Energy, received on September 6, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9154. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to vegetation management practices for designated transmission facilities and rights-of-way; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9155. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the amount of acquisitions made by the Department of Energy that manufacture the articles, materials, or supplies outside of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9156. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Maryland Regulatory Program" (MD-054-FOR) received on September 8, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9157. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adequacy of Minnesota Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Program" (FRL#7810-9) received on September 8, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9158. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants, Commonwealth of Virginia; Control of Emissions from Existing Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerator Units" (FRL#7810-7) received on September 8, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9159. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Approval of Revisions to the Title V Operating Permit Program in the State of New Mexico, Albuquerque/Bernalillo County, New Mexico, and the State of Arkansas" (FRL#7810-2) received on September 8, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.