

ladder, Mrs. Jones advanced from a Secretary position to become the Chief of Protocol for the U.S. Army Military District of Washington. Over the years, she gained a reputation among her peers and Army leadership as the resident expert in military protocol and etiquette.

Mrs. Jones was directly responsible for the success of countless ceremonial events such as the Army's notable Twilight Tattoo, Spirit of America, holiday concerts, numerous retirements and in a special tribute to honor America's fallen heroes of September 11. Many of these events gave great solace to our national audience. She was the ever present figure behind the scenes ensuring that all went well. Her involvement and unique sense of what the United States Army meant to her countrymen allowed Mrs. Jones to chart these events so that everyone in attendance was enthused with a sense of pride in our senior service.

I mention her today because I believe it is important to recognize the type of steadfast trooper we have in Mrs. Jones; she was always there, working the late hours before the event and hustling during the event. She was the person concerned about the smallest detail so that the pride of the Army would be at the maximum level. Mrs. Jones was likely so caught up in these events to ensure success that she had little time to contemplate the scale and dignity of the grand ceremonies she brought about. I was pleased to note that the Army recognized that time had come to give Mrs. Jones her own ceremony. On July 16 of this year, Mrs. Jones was awarded the Superior Civilian Service Award by Major General Jackman, Commanding General, U.S. Army Military District of Washington, for her exceptional contributions to the Directorate of Ceremonies and Special Events. This medal reflects her superb service and the gratitude of a long gray line of Army Protocol Specialists whose lives and careers she has touched, and many of whom have become successful in their own right as a result of carrying with them the lessons learned under Mrs. Jones.

I am please to report that her future plans include spending quality time with her grandchildren and family. These personal ventures have been long put aside for the benefit of our Army, and for the record, let it be noted that Mrs. Jones's countrymen extend their gratitude for her loyalty and dedicated service to her country. ●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:03 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. 1057. An act to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs.

H.R. 2028. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the jurisdiction of Federal courts over certain cases and controversies involving the Pledge of Allegiance.

H.R. 3428. An act to designate a portion of the United States courthouse located at 2100 Jamieson Avenue, in Alexandria, Virginia, as the "Justin W. Williams United States Attorney's 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. 475. Concurrent resolution encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select New York City as the site of the 2012 Olympic Games.

H. Con. Res. 486. Concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring military unit family support volunteers for their dedicated service to the United States, the Armed Forces, and members of the Armed Forces and their families.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H. Con. Res. 486. Concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring military unit family support volunteers for their dedicated service to the United States, the Armed Forces, and members of the Armed Forces and their families; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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. 3428. An act to designate a portion of the United States courthouse located at 2100 Jamieson Avenue, in Alexandria, Virginia, as the "Justin W. Williams United States Attorney's Building".

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 2485. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance the authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to the management and disposal of real property and facilities, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-358).

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Special Committee on Aging:

Report to accompany S. 2840, An original bill to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-359).

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. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 2847. A bill to reauthorize the Water Resources Act of 1984; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. 2848. A bill to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain land in Clark County, Nevada, from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 2849. A bill to provide certain enhancements to the Montgomery GI Bill Program for certain individuals who serve as members of the Armed Forces after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 2850. A bill to authorize the President to posthumously award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Fred McFeely Rogers, in recognition of his lasting contributions to the application of creativity and imagination in the early education of our Nation's children, and to his lasting example to the Nation and the world of what it means to be a good neighbor; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 847

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 847, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide medicaid coverage for low income individuals infected with HIV.

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 847, supra.

S. 983

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 983, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 1368

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1368, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. (posthumously) and his widow Coretta Scott King in recognition of their contributions to the Nation on behalf of the civil rights movement.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1379, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 1890

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr.

COCHRAN) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1890, a bill to require the mandatory expensing of stock options granted to executive officers, and for other purposes.

S. 2003

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2003, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote higher quality health care and better health by strengthening health information, information infrastructure, and the use of health information by providers and patients.

S. 2298

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2298, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the operation of employee stock ownership plans, and for other purposes.

S. 2367

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2367, a bill to amend chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide Federal retirement benefits for United States citizen employees of Air America, Inc., its subsidiary Air Asia Company Limited, or the Pacific Division of Southern Air Transport, Inc.

S. 2425

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2425, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to allow for improved administration of new shipper administrative reviews.

S. 2614

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2614, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 2722

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2722, a bill to maintain and expand the steel import licensing and monitoring program.

S. 2782

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2782, a bill to reform social security by establishing a Personal Social Security Savings Program.

S. 2808

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2808, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to make the date of the signing of the United States Constitution a legal public holiday, and for other purposes.

S. 2815

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2815, a bill to give a preference regarding States that require schools to allow students to self-administer medication to treat that student's asthma or anaphylaxis, and for other purposes.

S. 2845

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2845, a bill to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2845, *supra*.

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2845, *supra*.

S. CON. RES. 8

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 8, a concurrent resolution designating the second week in May each year as "National Visiting Nurse Association Week".

S. CON. RES. 136

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 136, a concurrent resolution honoring and memorializing the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93.

S. RES. 408

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 408, a resolution supporting the construction by Israel of a security fence to prevent Palestinian terrorist attacks, condemning the decision of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the security fence, and urging no further action by the United Nations to delay or prevent the construction of the security fence.

S. RES. 420

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 420, a resolution recommending expenditures for an appropriate visitors center at Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site to commemorate the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School.

S. RES. 424

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr.

HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 424, a resolution designating October 2004 as "Protecting Older Americans From Fraud Month".

S. RES. 429

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 429, a resolution establishing a special committee of the Senate to investigate the awarding and carrying out of contracts to conduct activities in Afghanistan and Iraq and to fight the war on terrorism.

S. RES. 434

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 434, a resolution recognizing and supporting all efforts to promote greater civic awareness among the people of the United States.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 2849. A bill to provide certain enhancements to the Montgomery G.I. Bill Program for certain individuals who serve as members of the Armed Forces after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the G.I. Bill Enhancement Act of 2004. My legislation would waive the Montgomery G.I. bill program's \$1,200 enrollment fee for active duty members of our Nation's military.

This legislation covers any member of the United States military, including Reserve and National Guard members, serving on active duty during the period after President Bush's November 2001 Executive order that placed the military on a wartime footing. This legislation would: waive the G.I. bill enrollment fee until President Bush's November 2001 Executive order is rescinded; allow all servicemen and women to opt into the G.I. bill with no penalty or enrollment fee; and reimburse those servicemen and women covered by this bill who have already paid the \$1,200 enrollment fee prior to the enactment of this legislation.

The current Montgomery G.I. bill is tailored to serve members of our military in a time of peace. Upon enlistment, recruits are given the option of enrolling in the G.I. bill. If they choose to participate, they are charged a \$1,200 enrollment fee which is deducted from their monthly pay over 12 months. However, we are now in a time of war and the demands on our service members and their families have been transformed and increased. To that end, changes must be made to the G.I. bill to ensure that it continues to provide realistic and relevant educational opportunities to those who are defending our country.