

times in the past, our team has been in the final game, and seven times we have come in second. This year, the Silver High School Fighting Colts came away with the winner's trophy for the first time in the school's history.

This was accomplished under the leadership of Head Coach David Carrillo and his fine staff, and because of the skill and heart of all those enthusiastic players and their supportive families. They all have the congratulations and good wishes of those of us who have watched the team over the years. Somehow it is reassuring to know that no matter how old we get, we are always Colts.●

#### RECOGNIZING MATRIX HUMAN SERVICES ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Matrix Human Services, one of Michigan's oldest and largest nonprofit social service organizations, as it celebrates 100 years of tireless and dedicated service.

Matrix Human Services was founded in 1906 by a small group of Catholic women, later known as the League of Catholic Women, who recognized a growing need to provide support for low income and at-risk populations in the Detroit Metropolitan area. Over the years as the League's membership continued to grow, it was able to dedicate more resources and personnel to its mission of fostering self-sufficiency and hope to those in need. These efforts ultimately lead to a broadened scope of services that sought to address the growing and diverse needs of the community, which grew into what we now refer to as Matrix Human Services.

Today, Matrix Human Services is a diverse organization with more than 300 staff members and dedicated volunteers, serving 30 locations across the Detroit Metropolitan area. It continues to focus on its mission to help prepare individuals and families to live a more positive, productive and meaningful life. Matrix Human Services has organized educational training, childcare, social work, mentoring, abuse prevention, and housing assistance for the homeless programs. Each year, Matrix is able to serve thousands of individuals through a network of specialized divisions that include Head Start Family Service Center, Project Transition Housing, Walter and May Reuther Senior Services, Barat Child and Family Services, Casa Maria Family Services, Vistas Nuevas Head Start, and Off the Streets.

I know my Senate colleagues join me in congratulating Matrix Human Services on its many years of excellent service and wish its staff, volunteers, and community partners many more productive years of service to the community.●

#### 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 withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 1:35 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 205. An act to authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish in the State of Louisiana a memorial to honor the Buffalo Soldiers.

S. 652. An act to provide financial assistance for the rehabilitation of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the development of an exhibit to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin.

S. 1238. An act to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to provide for the conduct of projects that protect forests, and for other purposes.

S. 1310. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation to increase the diameter of a natural gas pipeline located in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, to allow certain commercial vehicles to continue to use Route 209 within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and to extend the termination date of the National Park System Advisory Board to January 1, 2007.

S. 1481. An act to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to provide for probate reform.

S. 1892. An act to amend Public Law 107-153 to modify a certain date.

S. 1988. An act to authorize the transfer of items in the War Reserves Stockpile for Allies, Korea.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H. Con. Res. 230. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Russian Federation must protect intellectual property rights; to the Committee on Finance.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 2015. A bill to provide a site for construction of a national health museum, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-212).

#### 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. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 2156. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 332 South Main Street in Flora, Illinois, as the "Robert T. Ferguson Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2157. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the Purple Heart to be awarded to prisoners of war who die in captivity under circumstances not otherwise establishing eligibility for the Purple Heart; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2158. A bill to establish a National Homeland Security Academy within the Department of Homeland Security; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2159. A bill to provide for reimbursement of the cost of certain projects at the Fern Ridge Dam, Oregon; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 2160. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize grants for institutions of higher education serving Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 2161. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to prevent the enforcement of certain national primary drinking water regulations unless sufficient funding is available or variance technology has been identified; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 2162. A bill to foster local development by facilitating the delivery of financial assistance to small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 2163. A bill to amend titles 10 and 38 of the United States Code, to increase and index education 31 benefits for veterans under the Montgomery GI bill to ensure adequate and equitable benefits for active duty members and members of the selected Reserve, and to include certain servicemembers previously excluded from such benefits; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. REID, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. DAYTON, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2164. A bill to amend titles IV, XVIII, and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the provision of care under the programs under such titles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. SARBANES):

S. 2165. A bill to assist members of the Armed Forces in obtaining United States citizenship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 2166. A bill to direct the Election Assistance Commission to make grants to States to restore and replace election administration supplies, materials, records, equipment, and technology which were damaged, destroyed, or dislocated as a result of Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. SUNUNU (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CARPER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. REID, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DODD, Mr. REED, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. KOHL, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 2167. A bill to amend the USA PATRIOT ACT to extend the sunset of certain provisions of that Act and the lone wolf provision of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 to July 1, 2006; considered and passed.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 2168. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide extended and additional protections to Medicare beneficiaries enrolled under part C or D or such title; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 2169. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide for secure financial data, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 2170. A bill to provide for global pathogen surveillance and response; considered and passed.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2171. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the temporary mortgage and rental payments program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2172. A bill to provide for response to Hurricane Katrina by establishing a Louisiana Recovery Corporation, providing for housing and community rebuilding, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 2173. A bill to assist pharmacies in facilitating enrollment of dual eligible populations under the Medicare prescription drug benefit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 2174. A bill to permit certain funds made available for the Wagner Service Unit of the Indian Health Service to be used to pay expenses incurred in keeping the emergency room of that Unit open 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. REID):

S. 2175. A bill to require the submittal to Congress of any Presidential Daily Briefing relating to Iraq during the period beginning on January 20, 1997, and ending on March 19, 2003; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2176. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify eligibility for income replacement payments for Reserves experiencing extended and frequent mobilization for active duty service; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 342. A resolution recognizing the Republic of Croatia for its progress in strengthening democratic institutions, respect for human rights, and the rule of law and recommending the integration of Croatia into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. Res. 343. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the week of December 19, 2005 should be designated "Thank Our Defenders Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 344. A resolution expressing support for the Government of Georgia's South Ossetian Peace Plan and the successful and peaceful reintegration of the region into Georgia; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BYRD (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. Res. 345. A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of Fenton Art Glass, a beloved institution in West Virginia, that continues to contribute to the economic and cultural heritage of the State through its production of world renowned, hand-blown glass; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. DOLE):

S. Res. 346. A resolution commending the Appalachian State University football team for winning the 2005 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-AA Football Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. VITTER):

S. Res. 347. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that lenders holding mortgages on homes in communities of the Gulf Coast devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita should extend current voluntary mortgage payment forbearance periods and not foreclose on properties in those communities; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. Con. Res. 74. A concurrent resolution correcting the enrollment of H.R. 2863; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Con. Res. 75. A concurrent resolution encouraging all Americans to increase their charitable giving, with the goal of increasing the annual amount of charitable giving in the United States by 1 percent; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 438

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 438, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 484, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 662

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to reform the postal laws of the United States.

S. 707

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 707, a bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

S. 757

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 757, 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. 863

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 863, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centenary of the bestowal of the Nobel Peace Prize on President Theodore Roosevelt, and for other purposes.

S. 910

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 910, a bill to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations.

S. 1002

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1002, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in payments to hospitals under the medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1405

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1405, a bill to extend the 50 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility and to establish the National Advisory Council on Medical Rehabilitation.