

The 527 Reform Act is designed to clarify and reaffirm that such 527 groups are required to comply with federal campaign finance laws. The bill would:

Require 527s groups to register as political committees with the FEC and comply with federal campaign finance laws, unless they raise and spend money exclusively in connection with non-federal candidate elections, or state or local ballot initiatives, or the nomination or confirmation of individuals to non-elected offices, such as judicial positions.

Under this requirement, 527 groups registered as political committees and subject to federal campaign finance laws can use only federal hard money contributions to finance ads that promote or attack federal candidates, regardless of whether the ads expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate.

Any 527 group with annual receipts of less than \$25,000 is exempt from the requirement to register as a political committee and comply with federal campaign finance laws.

Establish that when a 527 group registered as a federal political committee makes expenditures for voter mobilization activities or public communications that affect both federal and non-federal elections, at least 50 percent of the costs of such activities would have to be paid for with federal hard money contributions.

Provide that with regard to the non-federal funds that can be used to finance a portion of voter mobilization activities and public communications that affect both federal and non-federal elections, such funds must come from individuals only and must be in amounts of not more than \$25,000 per year per individual donor.

This is similar to the provision in the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 that places a limit on the size of a nonfederal contribution that can be spent by state parties on activities affecting both federal and non-federal elections. \$25,000 is the same amount that an individual can contribute to a national political party. An individual can give only \$5,000 per year to a federal political committee to influence federal elections.

The 527 Reform Act provides that it applies only to 527 groups and that nothing in the Act will have any effect on determining whether 501(c) groups are subject to federal campaign finance laws.

PRESERVING CALIFORNIA'S MISSION HERITAGE

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, last week I had the pleasure of joining members of the California Missions Foundation at Mission San Diego to celebrate the passage of the California Missions Preservation Act, which became law in 2004.

In opening the celebration, Missions Foundation Executive Director Knox Mellon expressed his gratitude to the Senate and House for passing the Missions Preservation Act, which will help my State preserve a priceless element of our historical and cultural heritage.

By way of expressing my own gratitude to you and our colleagues, I want to share some of Mr. Mellon's remarks with you:

There is a tendency for me to believe the primary beneficiary of the legislation Senator Boxer both carried and succeeded in getting signed by the President would be the California Missions Foundation because it acts as a conduit, a pass-through for directing monies to each of the twenty-one his-

toric missions. But the real beneficiaries are the people not only of California but the nation. The missions are California's Pyramids. They are a part of our past. They help symbolize the nation's western beginnings.

Of all the institutions that define California's heritage, none has the historic significance and emotional impact of the chain of Spanish missions that stretch from San Diego to Sonoma. The missions are an important part of the state's cultural fabric and must be preserved as priceless historic monuments.

I thank our colleagues in Congress, particularly Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN and Representatives SAM FARR and DAVID DREIER, who worked diligently to see this bill signed into law. I also thank Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger for his support.

And finally, I thank Knox Mellon and the California Missions Foundation Board for their strong dedication to this cause. Through the collaboration of Federal, State, and private efforts, our missions have hope for the future.

KAREN SHAPIRA

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, today I would like to reflect on the loss of a dear family friend, Karen Shapira. Karen recently passed away after a battle with breast cancer. The Shapira family has suffered a tremendous loss, and I offer them my condolences and deepest sympathy during this difficult time.

Karen always called herself a "professional volunteer" and that is what she was. She was an extremely caring and selfless individual. For more than 20 years, she served the Jewish community, both in Pittsburgh and abroad. Most notably, she chaired the United Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh, which is responsible for delivering grants for educational, cultural, and human service programs.

Her deep involvement in the Jewish community led her to Israel, where she met with Prime Ministers Ehud Barak and Ariel Sharon. Through her capacity as chair of Partnership 2000 at the United Jewish Federation, Karen worked on projects with several schools, camps, women's health centers, and job training facilities in Israel. She also chaired a revolving loan fund of the Israel Emergency Appeal, which supports Israeli small businesses.

Karen could also be found serving her local community in Pittsburgh. She had a major leadership role at the United Way of Allegheny County, cochairing the Early Childhood Initiative, and she served on the boards of the Pittsburgh Symphony, the Jewish Healthcare Foundation in Pittsburgh, the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and Shady Side Academy. Karen was also appointed by Governor Ridge to the Pennsylvania Commission for Women.

It is obvious from the several awards that Karen received that her dedication to the Jewish community did not go unnoticed. Specifically, Karen re-

ceived the 2002 Emanuel Specter Award and the Sonia and Aaron Levinson Award for the pursuit of social justice, both from the United Jewish Federation.

Karen was also devoted to her family. She was married to David Shapira for 41 years and raised three children, Laura Karet, Debbie, and Jeremy. Karen leaves behind a wonderful family, and a legacy of community service and outreach. My thoughts and prayers are with the Shapira family in the days and months ahead.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IN CELEBRATION OF SHERIFF MARK TRACY

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to recognize Santa Cruz County Sheriff Mark Tracy, who retired after 32 years of dedicated service.

Sheriff Tracy is a Santa Cruz County native who was educated in the county's public schools. In 1972, he received his bachelor of science degree in criminology from California State University at Fresno. Upon receiving his degree, Sheriff Tracy immediately returned to his home in Santa Cruz County, where he began his law enforcement career with the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Tracy has held many positions within the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office. As a deputy, he worked in the Patrol Division, the Coroner's Unit, and the Detention Bureau. He quickly rose through the ranks, and was soon promoted to sergeant, and then to lieutenant. In those positions, Sheriff Tracy managed the Street Narcotics and Gang units, served as the watch commander of the county jail, and supervised deputies in the Patrol Division, among other duties. Because of his expertise, Sheriff Tracy also served as the coordinator of the Search and Rescue Team, was a founding member of the Hostage Negotiating Team, and was instrumental in the planning and construction of the Roundtree Medium Security Detention Facility. In 1994, Sheriff Tracy was overwhelmingly elected by the residents of Santa Cruz County to serve as the sheriff-coroner. In 2002, he was successfully reelected, and served in the capacity of sheriff-coroner until his retirement in December 2004.

Among his many accomplishments, Sheriff Tracy has also served as chair of the Santa Cruz County Criminal Justice Council and the Santa Cruz County Commission on Domestic Violence. He has been an active member of the California State Sheriffs' Association and the California State Coroners' Association. Sheriff Tracy has worked tirelessly with local elected officials, schools, and community organizations to foster a strong sense of community in Santa Cruz County. I have collaborated with Sheriff Tracy in the past,

and I can attest to his commitment to the community he served.

Sheriff Tracy's service to the State of California and dedication to public safety is inspiring. I am confident that, even in retirement, Sheriff Tracy will continue to touch lives with his good will and compassion.●

LOYOLA SACRED HEART SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM

● Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the achievements of a remarkable group of young people from my beautiful state of Montana. On January 29, 2005 the Loyola Sacred Heart High School speech and debate team won its 22nd state championship in a row for Class B competition. This victory extends the longest series of state championships ever in Montana.

Early on a crisp Saturday morning, while other kids their age were sleeping, students from 72 high schools from every corner of Montana met in Corvallis to compete in the A-B-C State Tournament. They competed in 7 speech events—Memorized Public Address, Original Oratory, Expository Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Serious Oral Interpretation of Literature, and Humorous Oral Interpretation of Literature—and 2 debate events—Policy Debate and Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

This year, Loyola earned its 22nd consecutive state title by a margin of 80 points. Two students, Sarah Stergios and Rebecca Natelson were individual State champions, and they were well supported by 13 other individual medalists. Such success is not a new thing for Head Coach Matt Stergios, who has been with the team since 1981, when the team had only four members.

Since that time, over one thousand students have competed for the team; in fact, in 2004, one out of four students at Loyola competed at one or more tournaments. The team has generated 31 individual state champions, and over 200 medalists. Since the streak began, Loyola has won over 200 individual tournament titles. The building that the students attend classes in is not large enough to hold all of the trophies, so some of them have to be stored next door.

But Loyola Sacred Heart High School is not just known for its speech and debate team. While I was in the Marines I learned that it's important to hone the mind as well as the body. Well, every year, students from Loyola rank at the top of the state in test scores. Ninety percent of students who graduate from Loyola go to college. On Advanced Placement exams Loyola students score 25 percent higher than the national average. Loyola boasts 13 Hearst Foundation Senate Youth Awards, and a Senate Page. And Loyola is as successful with feats of the body as it is with feats of the mind. The boys cross country team has won six straight State titles, and the girls cross country team has won state titles

in the last 2 years. The Loyola Fighting Ram football team made state quarterfinals this year, and both the girls basketball and volleyball teams won their Division. The girls track team was second in the State last year after both the boys and girls teams swept District and Divisional competition. Two years ago, the girls softball team won the state title and placed fourth this year. Now all of this is already quite impressive. But it's even more amazing considering that Loyola Sacred Heart High School has only about 200 students.

I congratulate Loyola Sacred Heart High School for their 22nd consecutive State title in speech and debate.

Loyola Sacred Heart Speech and Debate 38-person Divisional and State Team Roster: Frankie Barnhill, Loren Barstad, Adam Benson, Adam Bigelow, Brian Bobowiec, Nick Corn, Karra Cuplin, Paul Dalapiazza, Miles Dauterive, Jason Devoe, Liz Diehl, Ryne Dougherty, Brian Doyle, Sambath Eat, Ben Eddy, Matt Eddy, John Eikens, Dan Evans, Brian Geer, Tyler Grutsch, Megan Hess-Homier, Julie Hurd, Ben Kappelman, Tricia Karsky, Katie Lawhorn, Matt Lovejoy, Abby Mayer, Keith Miller, Cory Monroe, Rebecca Natelson, Dan O'Brien, Joe Sanders, Nadia Selim, Paul Stergios, Sarah Stergios, Will Taylor, Lauren Titchbourne, Caroline Wade
Head Coach: Matthew Stergios

Assistant Coaches: Frank Grady, Sarah Jennings, Dave Klein, Theresa Stergios.●

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-502. A communication from the Director, Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety, and Health, received on January 24, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-503. A communication from the Director, Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs, received on January 24, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-504. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Energy Outlook for 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-505. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on Federal government energy management and conservation programs for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-506. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on fleet alternative fueled vehicle acquisition report for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-507. A communication from the Director, Office of Management, Budget and Evaluation, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual list of Government activities not inherently governmental in nature; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-508. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on Fiscal Year 2004 competitive sourcing; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-509. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Establishment of an additional Manatee Protection Area in Lee County, Florida" (RIN1018-AT65) received on December 17, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-510. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kentucky Regulatory Program" received on December 17, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-511. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit Revocation Regulations" (RIN1018-AT64) received on December 31, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-512. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Colorado Butterfly Plant; Final Rule" (RIN1018-AJ07) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-513. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Mariana Fruit Bat (*Pteropus mariannus mariannus*) Reclassification from Endangered to Threatened in the Territory of Guam and Listing as Threatened in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands" (RIN1018-AH55) received on January 3, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-514. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 02-03; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-515. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 01-01; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-516. A communication from the Director, Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on competitive sourcing efforts during Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-517. A communication from the Acting Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, the report of recent and ongoing research for the period 2002-2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-518. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on competitive sourcing efforts for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.