

2006 U.S. WINTER OLYMPICS TEAM

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to commend the accomplishments of the incredibly hard-working and dedicated members of the 2006 U.S. Winter Olympics team. This year, our team won 25 individual and team medals, including 9 gold medals.

Olympic athletes commit years of time and effort to earning the honor of representing the United States at the Olympic Games. Upon reaching the games, their determination stayed constant, even when faced with injury and adversity. Their spirit and willingness to strive for excellence no matter what the situation serves as an example for all Americans.

I would especially like to recognize the 27 Californians who competed in Turin. While California is widely known for our wonderful weather and beautiful beaches, we also boast some of our Nation's finest winter athletes. The following seven California athletes won medals as well:

Chanda Gunn of Huntington Beach won bronze as a member of the U.S. Women's Hockey team.

Rusty Smith from Long Beach won a bronze medal as a member of the Short Track Speedskating 5,000-meter relay team.

Sasha Cohen of Corona del Mar won the silver medal in Figure Skating.

Valerie Fleming from Foster City won silver as a part of the two-member Bobsled Team.

Danny Kass of Mammoth Lakes won the silver medal in the Snowboarding Half-Pipe event.

Julia Mancuso from Olympic Valley won gold in the Alpine Skiing Giant Slalom.

Finally, Shaun White of Carlsbad brought home the gold medal in the Snowboarding Half-pipe event.

The spirit of adventure and determination displayed by these athletes is a wonderful example of our country's potential to achieve. I hope you are heartened, as I am, to learn of Americans striving for personal excellence. I extend my sincere congratulations to California Olympians and all of our country's athletes, and I thank them for their great team spirit.●

GULF OF THE FARALLONES NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise to honor the 25th Anniversary of one of my State's great natural treasures, the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary.

The Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary was designated in 1981 and was signed into law by President Jimmy Carter the day before he left office. I served on the Marin County Board of Supervisors at the time, and I remember how hard the community worked to establish this designation.

The year this sanctuary was established was a critical time in our country's debate about offshore oil drilling.

Californians overwhelmingly rejected the idea of ocean drilling and the creation of a national marine sanctuary

near the Farallones Islands was seen as an important way of advancing ocean conservation.

The Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary encompasses 1,200 square miles of one of the richest marine ecosystems in the world. This sanctuary includes vital feeding and spawning grounds for one of the world's largest populations of the Great White Shark, a large variety of fish and shellfish, and over 36 marine mammals, including the endangered Humpback and Blue whales. The sanctuary also includes the Farallon Islands—the largest seabird nesting area in the contiguous United States.

In our efforts to protect ocean life and the marine environment, the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary plays a crucial role. Scientists from all over the world come to study this dynamic ecosystem.

Yet offshore oil drilling and exploration continue to threaten this sanctuary and the California coast. Earlier this year, I introduced the California Ocean and Coastal Protection Act with Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN and Congresswoman LOIS CAPPS. This bill would provide permanent protection for California's coast from future offshore oil drilling.

Last year, Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY and I introduced legislation to expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones sanctuary and its neighboring Cordell Bank sanctuary, to protect the entire coast of Sonoma County from future oil and gas exploration. Californians have been demanding this type of protection for a generation.

The California coast is enjoyed by Californians and visitors from around the world, and the natural resources of the Pacific Ocean are priceless and vital to a healthy, growing California economy. My goal has always been permanent protection for the California coast, and I will continue fighting for this protection as long as I am in the United States Senate. We owe it to our children and grandchildren to protect the ocean, one of our greatest natural resources. The National Marine Sanctuary Program, established in 1972, plays a critical role in preserving our precious marine resources and protecting our coasts from offshore oil and gas development.

I applaud everyone who has worked to protect the marine ecosystem of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary. I wish sanctuary staff and volunteers many years of ongoing success in protecting the California coastal environment. Please join me in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary.●

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARTIN F. STEIN

• Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today people across my State of Wisconsin are deeply saddened by the loss of a man who dedicated so much of his

time, and so much of himself, to strengthening our communities: Marty Stein.

I want to share what some other people have said about Marty's passing because I think it will give my colleagues a sense of who he was and the kind of contributions he made. Tommy Thompson, our former Governor, and the recent Secretary of Health and Human Services, said simply, "What will we do without him?"

The executive director of Hunger Task Force, a Milwaukee-based nonprofit, said, "We always referred to Marty as our angel. He solved the problems, opened the doors, fixed things that seemed like they would never get fixed. And he did it because he cared."

Those words tell you what a force Marty was in the Milwaukee area and throughout the State. His dedication to serving his community was unparalleled. We will miss not only what he did but the energy he brought to his efforts and the example he set for everyone he knew.

Marty was a skilled businessman who built not one but two thriving businesses—first the successful chain of Stein drug stores, and later Stein Health Services, which included the Stein Optical stores so well known in Wisconsin.

He took those same skills he used in business, that rare drive and dedication, and used them to help community organizations to thrive. An outstanding fundraiser, he was determined to engage others in his charitable work by asking for their contributions of money or time for a good cause.

It is impossible to talk about Marty's many good works without talking about the strength of his faith. Faith fueled his humanitarian efforts, as he worked to support local organizations like the Milwaukee Jewish Home and Care Center, and as he worked on international issues like chairing an effort to bring thousands of Ethiopian Jews to Israel.

His work will live on and act as a challenge to everyone who knew him—to ask what more each of us can do to serve our communities and to dedicate ourselves to those causes as he did, with unmatched energy and with the utmost integrity.

Today my thoughts and sympathies are with the Stein family. Marty's life and work created a lasting legacy that I am proud to honor today and that will be remembered and celebrated for many years to come.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:16 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. 1190. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study to design and construct a four reservoir intertie system for the purposes of improving the

water storage opportunities, water supply reliability, and water yield of San Vicente, El Capitan, Murray, and Loveland Reservoirs in San Diego County, California in consultation and cooperation with the City of San Diego and the Sweetwater Authority, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2383. An act to redesignate the facility of the Bureau of Reclamation located at 19550 Kelso Road in Byron, California, as the "C.W. 'Bill' Jones Pumping Plant".

H.R. 3505. An act to provide regulatory relief and improve productivity for insured depository institutions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4167. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for uniform food safety warning notification requirements, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4192. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home in Hope, Arkansas, as a National Historic Site and unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4472. An act to protect children, to secure the safety of judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, and their family members, to reduce and prevent gang violence, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2830) to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following as managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment thereto, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. McKEON, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. KLINE, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. ANDREWS.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment thereto, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. THOMAS, Mr. CAMP of Michigan, and Mr. RANGEL.

For consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment thereto, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BOEHNER.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, were signed yesterday, March 8, 2006, by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

H.R. 3199. An act to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism, and for other purposes.

S. 2271. An act to clarify that individuals who receive FISA orders can challenge non-disclosure requirements, that individuals who receive national security letters are not required to disclose the name of their attorney, that libraries are not wire or electronic communication service providers unless they provide specific services, and for other purposes.

S. 1578. An act to reauthorize the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basin endan-

gered fish recovery implementation programs.

S. 2089. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1271 North King Street in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, as the "Hiram L. Fong Post Office Building".

H.R. 32. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide criminal penalties for trafficking in counterfeit marks.

H.R. 1287. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 312 East North Avenue in Flora, Illinois, as the "Robert T. Ferguson Post Office Building".

H.R. 2113. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 McDonough Street in Joliet, Illinois, as the "John F. Whiteside Joliet Post Office Building".

H.R. 2346. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 105 NW Railroad Avenue in Hammond, Louisiana, as the "John J. Hainkel Post Office Building".

H.R. 2413. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1202 1st Street in Humble, Texas, as the "Lillian McKay Post Office Building".

H.R. 2630. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1927 Sangamon Avenue in Springfield, Illinois, as the "J.M. Dietrich Northeast Annex".

H.R. 2894. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 102 South Walters Avenue in Hodgenville, Kentucky, as the "Abraham Lincoln Birthplace Post Office Building".

H.R. 3256. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3038 West Liberty Avenue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the "Congressman James Grove Fulton Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 3368. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6483 Lincoln Street in Gagetown, Michigan, as the "Gagetown Veterans Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 3439. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 North 3rd Street in Smithfield, North Carolina, as the "Ava Gardner Post Office".

H.R. 3548. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located on Franklin Avenue in Pearl River, New York, as the "Heinz Ahlmeier, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 3703. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8501 Philatelic Drive in Spring Hill, Florida, as the "Staff Sergeant Michael Schafer Post Office Building".

H.R. 3770. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 205 West Washington Street in Knox, Indiana, as the "Grant W. Green Post Office Building".

H.R. 3825. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 770 Trumbull Drive in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the "Clayton J. Smith Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 3830. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 East Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda, Florida, as the "U.S. Cleveland Post Office Building".

H.R. 3989. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 37598 Goodhue Avenue in Dennison, Minnesota, as the "Albert H. Quie Post Office".

H.R. 4053. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 545 North Rimsdale Avenue in Covina, California, as the "Lillian Kinkella Keil Post Office".

H.R. 4107. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1826 Pennsylvania Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Maryland State Delegate Lena K. Lee Post Office Building".

H.R. 4152. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 High Street in Clinton, Massachusetts, as the "Raymond J. Salmon Post Office".

H.R. 4295. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12760 South Park Avenue in Riverton, Utah, as the "Mont and Mark Stephens en Veterans Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 4515. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4422 West Sciota Street in Scio, New York, as the "Corporal Jason L. Dunham Post Office".

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1190. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study to design and construct a four reservoir intertie system for the purposes of improving the water storage opportunities, water supply reliability, and water yield of San Vicente, El Capitan, Murray, and Loveland Reservoirs in San Diego County, California in consultation and cooperation with the City of San Diego and the Sweetwater Authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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H.R. 4192. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home in Hope, Arkansas, as a National Historic Site and unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, March 9, 2006, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 1578. An act to reauthorize the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basin endangered fish recovery implementation programs.

S. 2089. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1271 North King Street in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, as the "Hiram L. Fong Post Office Building".

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated: