

setting an example for the rest of the Nation and leading the way on the path to greater energy security.

Ending our dependence on foreign oil is one of the defining challenges of our generation and it's going to affect America for generations to come. It will affect our economy, our finances, our Nation's security and, ultimately, the kind of world our children inherit from us.

If we learned anything from September 11, it is that we can no longer afford to be dependent on places like Saudi Arabia, Russia, and Venezuela for our energy supply. Yet unfortunately, we are more dependent on foreign oil from hostile countries today than we were on September 11—making us more vulnerable and putting the United States in the uniquely disturbing and intolerable position of bankrolling both sides in the war on terror.

By tapping the energy potential of Indiana's farm fields, we can ensure a reliable domestic energy supply to meet our Nation's needs while ending our reliance on unstable countries for their oil and, at the same time, creating thousands of jobs for Hoosier farmers. South Bend's buses will run on B20 soy biodiesel, a clean renewable fuel that creates a new market for Indiana's 28,000 soybean farmers. Indiana's farmers represent some of the very best of our State's traditions and history, and I am proud that they will be our partners as we chart a path to energy independence in the 21st century.

Although it may seem daunting, we can reduce our dependence on oil. Brazil has announced that it expects to be energy independent by the end of the year by fulfilling its energy needs in part from domestically produced biofuels. If they can do it, so can we. And here in Indiana, we are beginning to understand the power and potential of renewable energy sources. Last year, the Indy Racing League announced its decision to use ethanol in its IndyCars. Beginning in 2006, all IndyCars will race on an ethanol-blend before switching to 100 percent ethanol fuel the following year. If a high performance vehicle running on ethanol can win the Brickyard, surely ethanol is good enough for the family minivan, too.

Today's announcement builds on Indiana's prominent leadership role in the country's growing renewable fuel industry. If cities around the country would follow South Bend's lead, step-by-step we could move towards energy independence.

Here in the Senate, I have introduced bipartisan legislation aimed at breaking America's dependence on foreign oil by reducing our use of oil by 7 million barrels a day by 2026. My legislation would achieve that goal by creating incentives to encourage the use of alternative fuels like those being used by TRANSPO and promoting greater energy efficiency. A key part of accomplishing this goal involves in-

creasing America's use of biofuels through significant increases in tax credits and grants. By letting America's farmers produce America's fuel, we will help truly set our country free.

I want to thank South Bend and TRANSPO for showing us how to start making that progress.●

RONALD SEAWRIGHT OF ST. LOUIS

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the achievements of an exceptional Missouri student.

Second grader Ronald Seawright of St. Louis has taken it upon himself to lead his peers in the St. Louis Public School District in an effort to end school violence, particularly bullying. Using his personal experiences at Laclede Elementary School during his first grade year, Ronald published a short book entitled "The Bully," which he hopes will guide other students to free themselves from bullying.

Ronald's book, "The Bully," explains who bullies are and what they do, as well as how to respond when you are frightened by a bully. Ronald's advice is sound: do not suffer the intimidation of a bully. He stresses the importance of communicating to trusted adults in order to help students overcome peer violence and abuse in its early stages before the school's learning environment is disrupted.

With the aid of his mother and local leaders, Ronald continues to spread his message. On March 14, 2006, public schools across the city of St. Louis are celebrating Live Bully-Free Day. Ronald has invited other school children to join him in learning the personal and social skills necessary to protect themselves from bullies, gangs, and their tactics. Ronald deserves to be commended not only for his courage but also for his great service and leadership in our community.

Mr. President, I encourage you and other Members of the Senate to join me in recognizing the initiative of this brave and creative young man, Ronald Seawright.●

IN MEMORIAM TO SAM CHU LIN

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to honor the life of Sam Chu Lin, who broke new ground as one of the first Asian American journalists. Mr. Chu Lin passed away on March 5, 2006, at the age of 67.

Mr. Chu Lin was born and raised in Mississippi. He had a lifelong interest in news and journalism. When he was a teenager, Mr. Chu Lin would listen to the radio at night, emulating the voices of the top broadcasters. His practice paid off in 1956, when he convinced his hometown radio station in Greenville, MS, that he could find sponsors and host a show of his own. Mr. Chu Lin later attended Michigan State University, where he received degrees in journalism and communications.

In the 1960s, Mr. Chu Lin began his career as a journalist, working as a re-

porter and anchor at television and radio stations, including KRON-TV in the San Francisco Bay area, and KTLA Channel 5 and KFWB radio, both in Los Angeles. In the 1970s, he became one of the first Asian-American journalists to rise from local to network news, working for CBS News in New York. While at CBS, Mr. Chu Lin reported to a national television audience the historic news that the Vietnam War was over.

Throughout his career, Mr. Chu Lin demonstrated his versatility as a reporter. He interviewed Presidents and world leaders, and he covered earthquakes and other natural disasters. In the late 1980s, he reported from China about the government crackdown on the Tiananmen Square demonstration for democracy. Since 1995, Mr. Chu Lin worked at KTTV Fox 11 News in Los Angeles. In addition, he wrote numerous articles about Asian-American affairs for news publications such as Asian Week, Rafu Shimpo, the Nichi Bei Times, and the San Francisco Examiner. He was also a regular contributor to KQED radio in San Francisco.

Over the years, Mr. Chu Lin was the recipient of many awards and accolades from prestigious organizations, including the Associated Press, United Press International, the Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Greater Los Angeles Press Club, and the Radio and Television News Association. As a strong advocate for Asian-Pacific-Americans and their contributions throughout history, Mr. Chu Lin was also the recipient of many awards from Asian-Pacific-American organizations, most recently the 2005 Spirit of America Award from the Chinese American Citizens Alliance.

Sam Chu Lin believed that journalism should be educational, and that "informing and helping others is what makes journalism exciting." He felt that journalism was a "chance to use your roots for a positive purpose." In his reports, articles, and stories, it was evident that Mr. Chu Lin did just that. He was a tireless advocate on behalf of the Asian-Pacific-American community, whether he was producing documentaries on the Asian-Pacific American experience or speaking to organizations about the importance of civic participation. His contributions to the field of journalism, especially within the Asian-Pacific-American community, will not be forgotten.

Mr. Chu Lin is survived by his wife, Judy; his two sons, Mark and Christopher; and his mother. I extend my deepest sympathies to his family.

Sam Chu Lin was a pioneer among Asian-American journalists, and he will be missed by all who knew him. We take comfort in knowing that future generations will benefit from his tenacity, his strength and his desire to make America a better place to live.●

HONORING MAJOR JEFF JURGENSEN

• Mr. OBAMA. Mr. President, it is my pleasure and privilege to honor an exceptional Marine, MAJ Jeff Jurgensen. Major Jurgensen has served our Nation for more than 20 years. Rising from the rank of Marine Private, he has served around the globe in both war and peace. Major Jurgensen was born in Oak Park, IL, and spent much of his youth in the Chicago area.

He began his Marine Corps service at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC. He also completed the School of Infantry, Camp Lejeune. Assigned duties as a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent, he subsequently graduated from the Military Print and Broadcast Journalist Program at the Defense Information School.

Major Jurgensen was then stationed in Tokyo, Japan, as a Correspondent for the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service. Promoted to Corporal while in Japan, Major Jurgensen was selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program and transferred to Quantico, VA, where he attended Officer Candidate School and the Basic School—graduating with Honors. As a Marine Officer, Major Jurgensen has served in North Carolina, Missouri, Louisiana, and Washington, DC. In addition, during his career, he has deployed in support of Hurricane Andrew Relief Operations in Dade County, FL, Operation Enduring Freedom in the Horn of Africa, and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Bahrain, Kuwait, and Iraq.

Since 2004, Major Jurgensen has been assigned to the Marine Corps' Office of Legislative Affairs as a Congressional Liaison Representative. Responding to more than 4,000 inquiries from Members of Congress, Major Jurgensen has worked aggressively to provide our Nation's elected leaders with critical information regarding Marine Corps operations, policies, programs, and personnel. His efforts have measurably contributed to the mission of the Marine Corps, U.S. House of Representatives, and Senate. His skill, judgment, and complete dedication to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

I wish Major Jurgensen, his wife Kamlyn—also from Illinois—and their wonderful family the very best as they begin a new life. I am particularly proud that residents of the great State of Illinois choose to join the Marine Corps and serve this Nation. Major Jurgensen has done so with distinction. On behalf of the Senate, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude. He will have many more years of continuing success.●

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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN THAT WAS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 12957—PM 43

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the Iran emergency declared on March 15, 1995, is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2006. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the *Federal Register* on March 14, 2005 (70 FR 12581).

The crisis between the United States and Iran constituted by the actions and policies of the Government of Iran that led to the declaration of a national emergency on March 15, 1995, has not been resolved. The actions and policies of the Government of Iran are contrary to the interests of the United States in the region and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to Iran and maintain in force comprehensive sanctions against Iran to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 13, 2006.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2829. An act to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy Act; 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-5974. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Community Services Block Grant Discretionary Activities: Community Economic Development and Rural Communities Facilities Discretionary Grant projects funded during Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5975. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2005; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5976. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General David W. Barno, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5977. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation Y: Capital Adequacy Guidelines for Banking Holding Companies; Small Bank Holding Company Policy Statement; Definition of a Qualifying Small Bank Holding Company" (Docket No. 1235) received on March 8, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5978. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Karnal Bunt; Addition and Removal of Regulated Areas in Arizona" (Docket No. 05-078-2) received on March 8, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5979. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Peppers from Certain Central American Countries" (Docket No. 05-003-3) received on March 8, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5980. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alternative Market Risk and Credit Risk Capital Charges for Futures Commission Merchants and Specified Foreign Currency Forward and Inventory Capital Charges" (RIN3038-AC05) received on March 8, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5981. A communication from the Deputy Director, Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of confirmations for the positions of Chief Information Officer and Director of the National Counterterrorism Center and a recess appointment for the position of General Counsel, received on March 8, 2006; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-5982. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting, the report of a draft bill entitled "Reclamation Water Management Improvement Act" received on March 8, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5983. A communication from the Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Department of Justice, relative to the transfer of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program from the Office of National