

HONORING THE CITY OF MADISON ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize and honor the city of Madison as it celebrates its 150th year. As a Wisconsinite, I take great pride in our State's Capital, which is well known for a unique mix of culture, education and natural beauty, as well as a vibrant civic and political life.

In the first part of the 19th century, James Duane Doty, who would later serve as Wisconsin's territorial governor, became enamored with a piece of land in south central Wisconsin that was nestled on an isthmus between two lakes. Doty purchased the land and named it after the fourth President, James Madison. It was this land that would become home to Wisconsin's capitol, its university, and one of the State's thriving cultural centers.

Doty had the territorial capital moved from Belmont to Madison in 1837. By the time the Village of Madison was incorporated as a city in 1856 there were nearly 7,000 residents.

Madison boasts a strong tradition of diversity. Yankees from the Eastern States came first, followed soon by German, Irish and Norwegian immigrants. After the turn of the century, Madison also became home to a growing number Italian, Greek, African-American, and Jewish residents.

The State constitution called for a university to be situated near the seat of government. In many ways, this provision could be credited with paving the way for "the Wisconsin Idea" that has made Wisconsin such a center for innovative public policy. Putting the capital and the university together has encouraged educators and researchers to play a central role in addressing social problems, and it has revolutionized the way that Wisconsin, and the nation, approach public policy issues.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison is also a cornerstone of Madison's rich cultural life, offering a tremendous array of concerts, plays, lectures and other activities. And UW's students bring an energy to life in the city that is one of Madison's hallmarks.

The State capitol is another defining Madison landmark, both the building itself, and how it has contributed to the city's character. Politics and public service have been a part of Madison from the very beginning, and they have made Madison home to some of the State's greatest moments, including the passage of historic progressive legislation at the turn of the last century under the leadership of then-Governor Robert M. La Follette.

Madison has also achieved a wonderful system of parks and architectural beauty in its public spaces, which complement the natural beauty of the lakes' shorelines. These areas also serve as host to outdoor concerts and countless other activities during summer months.

Having graduated from UW-Madison and served in the State senate, and as a resident of nearby Middleton, I am

not only proud to represent the people of Madison, I am privileged to be a part of this community. I know Madison residents will continue to draw on their city's rich history and continue to enjoy the beautiful land that captivated James Doty so many years ago. I hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating the city of Madison as it celebrates its sesquicentennial.●

SESQUICENTENNIAL OF MADISON, WISCONSIN

• Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the sesquicentennial of the great city of Madison, WI. Over the next few days people from all over Wisconsin will gather in Madison for the 150-year anniversary festivities.

Madison is a city unlike all others. The vibrant people who give life to the city care about their community and appreciate the natural beauty and unique character that surrounds them. As a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, I spent 4 of the happiest years of my life in Madison and my fondness for the city is undiminished years later. Visiting the farmers' market is one of my favorite ways to spend a summer morning, even better if I can stop at Ella's Deli afterward.

Since that time, Madison has continued to grow and flourish. It is a place of great culture, home to a vast array of interests, and a center of learning. Madison is fortunate to have first-class opera, symphony, and theater. Art and history enthusiasts can find the Chazen Museum of Art, the Wisconsin Historical Museum and the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art. As the home of the University of Wisconsin, as well as Edgewood College, Madison Area Technical College and Herzog College, Madison's student population is an important part of the community and drives fresh thinking and new ideas.

As the State Capital, Madison has been the center of Wisconsin's proud progressive tradition. "Fighting Bob" La Follette founded his magazine, *The Progressive*, in 1909, and it is still published in Madison today. And we know that The Onion has its roots there, too.

Parks and trails, lectures and sporting events, fine food and nightlife make Madison a great place to live and work. *Money Magazine* wrote what we knew all along when it rated Madison as the best place to live in the United States.

These are just a few of the many more reasons that I am proud of the city of Madison and I congratulate them their sesquicentennial.●

RETIREMENT OF JOHN W. KEYS III

• Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize John W. Keys III, an extraordinary public servant who will be retiring on April 15, 2006, as the Commissioner of Reclamation. John is a truly dedicated Federal official who has worked tirelessly throughout his career on behalf of the Bureau of Reclamation and the water users it serves.

John has served as the Commissioner of Reclamation since July 2001. Prior to that, he spent 34 years as a career employee with the Bureau, starting as a civil and hydraulic engineer. He spent many years in my part of the country, serving as the Pacific-Northwest regional director for 12 years prior to his retirement in 1998.

John's tenure as Commissioner coincided with the worst five years of drought in the past 5 centuries. John had to deal with growing, often conflicting, demands for water in the arid West. He initiated the Water 2025 program to help States and water districts address these competing needs. He is a consensus builder who helped craft a historic agreement on the use of Colorado River water. Throughout his tenure, he made resolving water conflicts in the Klamath Basin, on the Oregon-California border, a top priority for the Bureau.

John is a commercial airline pilot and a white water enthusiast. He used to average about 300 flight hours a year, often flying for organizations like Angel Flight, Air LifeLine, and County Search and Rescue, based out of Moab, UT. He also used to officiate high school and college football games. It is my understanding that John intends to spend time with his family after he retires. John's wife Dell is a family practice physician and Airman Medical Examiner, and is also a pilot.

While I wish John well as he returns to the family and the activities he loves, I want him to know that he will be missed. His leadership and his understanding of western water issues have been invaluable over these last 5 years.

I wish John and his wife Dell well as they enjoy their family and their golden years.●

CONGRATULATING UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN NCAA CHAMPIONS

• Mr. KOHL. Mr. President I rise today as a proud alumnus of the University of Wisconsin to congratulate the Men's Cross Country and Women's Hockey teams on their recent NCAA National Championship victories.

On November 21, 2005, the UW Men's Cross Country team won their first NCAA Division I title since 1988. This fourth NCAA title for the Men's Cross Country program broke their 3-year streak of second place finishes. Since their first competition in 1905, the UW Men's Cross Country program has been no stranger to success. Just 5 years after UW Madison formed the team, the Badgers won the first Big Ten cross country championship in school history. Their success continued over the decades, with many more Big Ten Championship wins.

I also commend the UW Madison Women's hockey team. On March 26, 2006, the Badger Women defeated the defending champions, the University of Minnesota, to claim the 2006 NCAA National Championship. This victory represents several firsts: the first National

Championship won by the Badger women's hockey team; the first NCAA Championship for any UW women's team since 1985; and the first Division I women's hockey title won by a school outside the State of Minnesota. This accomplishment for the UW Madison Women's Hockey Team follows a record setting season in which the team recorded 36 wins.

I am proud to recognize these student-athletes and coaching staffs for all of their hard work and dedication, and I am pleased to have these two very deserving athletic teams represent our great state of Wisconsin.●

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 a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Croatt, 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. 513. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify when organizations described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 must register as political committees, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3127. An act to impose sanctions against individuals responsible for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, to support measures for the protection of civilians and humanitarian operations, and to support peace efforts in the Darfur region of Sudan, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4561. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8624 Ferguson Road in Dallas, Texas, as the "Francisco 'Pancho' Medrano Post Office Building".

H.R. 4646. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7320 Reseda Boulevard in Reseda, California, as the "Coach John Wooden Post Office Building".

H.R. 4688. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Boyden Street in Badin, North Carolina, as the "Mayor John Thompson 'Tom' Garrison Memorial Post Office".

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. 360. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

H. Con. Res. 370. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that Saudi Arabia should fully live up to its World Trade Organization commitments and end all aspects of any boycott on Israel.

H. Con. Res. 371. Concurrent resolution honoring and congratulating the Minnesota National Guard, on its 150th anniversary, for its spirit of dedication and service to the State of Minnesota and the Nation and recognizing that the role of the National Guard, the Nation's citizen-soldier based militia, which was formed before the United States Army, has been and still is extremely important to the security and freedom of the Nation.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

At 6:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Croatt, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolutions:

H.J. Res. 81. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Phillip Frost as a citizen of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

H.J. Res. 82. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Alan G. Spoon as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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

At 8:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Croatt, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 320. Concurrent resolution calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Dr. Pham Hong Son and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, and other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 366. Concurrent resolution to congratulate the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the 25th anniversary of the first flight of the Space Transportation System, to honor Commander John Young and the Pilot Robert Crippen, who flew Space Shuttle Columbia on April 12-14, 1981, on its first orbital test flight, and to commend the men and women of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and all those supporting America's space program for their accomplishments and their role in inspiring the American people.

H. Con. Res. 382. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3127. An act to impose sanctions against individuals responsible for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, to support measures for the protection of civilians and humanitarian operations, and to support peace efforts in the Darfur region of Sudan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4561. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located

at 8624 Ferguson Road in Dallas, Texas, as the "Francisco 'Pancho' Medrano Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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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. 513. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify when organizations described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 must register as political committees, and for other purposes.

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-6302. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the Agency's Collective Bargaining Proposal to the National Air Traffic Controllers Association; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6303. A communication from the Senior Vice President, Communications, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Authority's Statistical Summary for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6304. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, 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 California Red-legged Frog, and Special Rule Exemption for Existing Routine Ranching Activities" (RIN1018-AJ16) received on April 4, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6305. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled