

thoughts are with each and every one of Special Olympics athletes. I wish them all the very best.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### KCUR-FM RADIO 50TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, on behalf of my fellow Missourians, I extend my warmest congratulations to KCUR Radio, 89.3 FM, licensed to the curators of the University of Missouri and operating from the campus of the University of Missouri-Kansas City. KCUR Radio is celebrating 50 years of continuous service to our community on October 21, 2007.

KCUR Radio entertains, enlightens, and informs, enhancing the quality of life for listeners by broadcasting and webcasting noncommercial radio programming 24 hours a day, including 20 hours of news each weekday.

KCUR Radio has been recognized for groundbreaking features and extensive coverage of politics, the arts, health, and minority matters.

KCUR Radio has grown from a station with 2 full-time employees and a signal range of 4 miles, to 23 full-time broadcast professionals and 17 part-time employees, reaching a 90-mile radius of northwestern Missouri and northeastern Kansas, and has raised funds to support staff growth, update equipment, and expand programming, largely through the efforts of its 200 tireless volunteers.

KCUR Radio broadcasts original shows that have captured the hearts and minds of listeners nationwide.

The KCUR news department informs the Nation about our community through KCUR's charter membership as a National Public Radio station.

I am pleased to honor KCUR Radio on its 50th anniversary in October 2007. •

##### NATIONAL FRANCHISEE ASSOCIATION

• Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, throughout the course of our Nation's history, the prosperity of America and its citizens has invariably been linked with the success of its economy. Our country should be proud of its entrepreneurs, who are key components of that success.

I would like to recognize and thank the National Franchisee Association for providing the support and resources necessary to maintain its membership which consists of Burger King franchisees. The NFA was founded with a mission: "To improve, preserve, and ensure the economic well-being of all members." For nearly 20 years the NFA has delivered this promise by expanding its services and adapting to the ever-changing economic and technological landscape. Today, the NFA's membership is comprised of approximately 1,200 franchisees from across

the country, representing every district in every State.

NFA members employ thousands of citizens and provide individuals, especially our Nation's youth, with an opportunity to learn traditional American values, including hard work, cooperation, and responsibility.

On October 10 and 11, the members of the National Franchisee Association will arrive in Washington, DC, to engage and educate this Congress. I therefore encourage my colleagues to welcome the NFA's membership to our Nation's capital and to thank them for their continuous positive contribution to the fabric of our society. •

##### HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF CLOVIS

• Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the community of Clovis, NM, on its 100th birthday. Since the first train depot was built in this area a century ago, Clovis has continued to grow and expand its economy.

Clovis has seen its share of turmoil and adversity throughout the past 100 years, and yet it has maintained its sense of community and is now seeing consistent growth. The growth has been so remarkable that the city has been dubbed the "City on the Move." The land, flat and fertile, has been an asset for farmers, cattle growers and dairymen all across the area. And most recently, the largest cheese producing factory in North America was built here. Clovis is home to Cannon Air Force Base, which was recently put on the BRAC list for closure. But the town fought back, and now Cannon is not only staying open, but they have received a new mission as an Air Force Special Operations Base which is slated to expand the base even further.

In honor of this centennial birthday, Clovis planned many events. Some of the events included the unearthing of a time capsule, a parade, cook-off, photo exhibit of Clovis over the last 100 years, and the year will culminate with an Anniversary Celebration Banquet this Saturday night.

Clovis is such a special place and I am honored to see this community continue to succeed. It is with great pleasure that I recognize this unique town here today on the Senate floor. •

##### TRIBUTE TO LYNNE M. ROSS

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, before I was elected by the people of Connecticut to serve in the Senate, I was privileged to serve as their attorney general for 6 years. During my tenure as AG, I was assisted not only by my top rate staff but by an organization that proved invaluable toward my efforts to protect public health and safety, the National Association of Attorneys General.

The National Association of Attorneys General, NAAG, has been assisting the chief legal officers of all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and

other jurisdictions since 1907. In the last 30 years, the scope of NAAG's operations has increased dramatically with the opening of its Washington, DC, office, which has been a tremendous resource to State attorneys general seeking to coordinate with each other and with the Federal Government. One person who was particularly instrumental in expanding the association's Washington operations is Lynne Ross, who retired in September after working in public service for over 30 years.

When NAAG first opened its Washington office in 1976, Ms. Ross was its first and at that time only full time employee. Given this, it is amazing the broad array of services this office offered. Serving as both deputy director and legislative director, Ms. Ross coordinated legislative activities on behalf of attorneys general across the country, including securing \$25 million dollars in Federal aid to help States develop/enhance their antitrust capacity. In addition, she worked together with State and environmental groups in passing the Federal Facilities Compliance Act, which requires Federal facilities to follow the same State, local, and Federal environmental regulations that govern private industry. This act has greatly expanded the ability of attorneys general to clean up the environment.

Ms. Ross also worked as a liaison between State attorneys general and the White House and executive agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency and the Federal Trade Commission, with which many AGs have extensive, yet sometimes frayed, relations. Ms. Ross was known for her ability to help AGs and their staff clear through the bureaucratic brush and find who they need to talk to. She undertook efforts to help attorneys generals better perform their jobs by preparing regular NAAG meetings which fostered interaction between AGs and the various Federal agencies, by producing various NAAG publications which both informed AG offices of various legal developments, and also provided advice on how best to fulfill their roles and responsibilities as the chief public law enforcement officer for the State.

The work done by Ms. Ross and NAAG proved to be so immensely valuable to State attorneys general that by 1997, when Ms. Ross returned to the NAAG after serving 4 years at EPA, its Washington office had grown to employ almost 50 people to accommodate for the increased demand for services. This speaks volumes about Ms. Ross's talents and work ethic.

Upon returning to NAAG, Ms. Ross served again as deputy director, managing the day-to-day operations of the association. In 2002, she became executive director, in which she put her experience and wisdom to work developing programs and initiatives in an array of substantive areas including criminal law, consumer protection, cybercrime, and more.

Throughout the years Lynne was at NAAG she was also instrumental in the

creation and support of an auxiliary organization of former attorneys general called the Society of Attorneys General Emeritus, SAGE. SAGE members could always rely on Lynne's prompt and responsive counsel and advice.

Mr. President, what I have provided today is just a mere sampling of Lynne Ross's professional accomplishments. One could easily fill up a large book with the things she has done and yet still not do her career justice. Perhaps it best to simply say: Thank you, Lynne Ross, for helping to make NAAG the organization it is today. All our country's attorneys general and the people they serve are better off because of you.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 2276. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 North Main Street in Vassar, Michigan, as the "Corporal Christopher E. Esckelson Post Office Building".

H.R. 2779. An act to recognize the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the official national museum of Navy SEALS and their predecessors.

H.R. 3233. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Highway 49 South in Piney Woods, Mississippi, as the "Lawrence C. and Grace M. Jones Post Office Building".

H.R. 3325. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 235 Mountain Road in Suffield, Connecticut, as the "Corporal Stephen R. Bixler Post Office".

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 474: An act to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.

S. 1612. An act to amend the penalty provisions in the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 185. Concurrent resolution commanding the 1st Brigade Combat Team/34th Infantry Division of the Minnesota National Guard upon its completion of the longest continuous deployment of any United States ground combat military unit in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a, clause 10 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Mr. MILLER of Florida.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2276. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 North Main Street in Vassar, Michigan, as the "Corporal Christopher E. Esckelson Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2779. An act to recognize the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the official national museum of Navy SEALS and their predecessors; to the Committee on Armed Services.

H.R. 3233. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Highway 49 South in Piney Woods, Mississippi, as the "Lawrence C. and Grace M. Jones Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2128. A bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent.

#### 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-3468. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the initiation of a single function standard competition of the Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory functions at Kirtland Air Force Base; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3469. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the initiation of a single function standard competition of the Environmental function at Robins Air Force Base; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3470. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the initiation of a single function standard competition of the Test Tract Instrument functions at Holloman Air Force Base; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3471. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the initiation of a multi-function standard competition of the Transportation and Supply functions at Hanscom Air Force Base; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3472. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of

the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving the export of materials supporting the construction of a mobile offshore oil rig in Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3473. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vessel Documentation: Lease Financing for Vessels Engaged in the Coastwise Trade" ((RIN1625-AA28)(Docket No. USCG-2005-20258)) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3474. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transportation Worker Identification Credential Implementation in the Maritime Sector; Hazardous Materials Endorsement for a Commercial Driver's License" (RIN1652-AA41) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3475. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations, Amendments" ((RIN1652-AA36) (USCG-2001-10881)) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3476. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Winnetka Fireworks, Lake Michigan, Winnetka, IL" ((RIN1652-AA00) (CGD09-06-116)) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3477. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone (including 3 regulations beginning with CGD05-07-080)" (RIN1652-AA87) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3478. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Spa Creek and Severn River, Annapolis, MD" ((RIN1652-AA08) (CG05-07-063)) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3479. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zones (including 2 regulations beginning with COTP San Juan 05-007)" (RIN1652-AA87) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3480. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone (including 10 regulations beginning with COTP Miami 07-065)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3481. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pennsylvania Regulatory Program" (Docket No. PA-149-FOR) received on September 28, 2007; to the