

Health Week. Being that New Mexico is a border State, I have great interest in honoring the citizens of my State who live and work near the border.

Border Binational Health Week, which is celebrated this week, is a way for border States to promote sustainable partnerships to help address border health issues. This year's theme is "Families in Action for Health," which is an effort to make sure all people are healthy, and families working together can make sure that happens. Border States have a unique set of concerns citizens elsewhere may not experience. By recognizing Border Binational Health Week, we can begin a dialogue on these issues, between countries.

Several events are being held around the State to raise awareness. The events include a Red Ribbon Rally Parade and Health Fair in Sunland Park; a Family Health Fair in Las Cruces; a Health Disparities Forum in Silver City; a 1½ mile Walk out West in Alamogordo; and a Youth Promotora Training and Educational Workshop in Animas and Lordsburg. Each of these activities help promote healthy living in border States, and especially border communities.

It is my hope that border health will be discussed not only during this week but all year long.●

#### RECOGNIZING CANYON ROAD

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the city of Santa Fe and their award for one of 2007's Great Streets. Canyon Road was showcased by the American Planning Association as being one of the top 10 streets in the country.

Canyon Road is unique in that it combines elements of commercial and residential living in a way that makes guests want to visit this street time and again. It is the heart of the residential arts and crafts district, and many artists sell their work on this street. Canyon Road is loaded with art galleries that draw crowds of art connoisseurs and simple lovers of art. Art is a huge part of the culture in Santa Fe, and Canyon Road epitomizes that culture. This street is enjoyed by locals and tourists alike.

It is great to see Santa Fe recognized along with cities like New York City and St. Louis. Canyon Road was listed alongside other famous roads, such as North Michigan Avenue in Chicago and Ocean Drive in Miami. It is great to see the character and distinctiveness of my State represented on lists such as these. The American Planning Association has only solidified what New Mexicans already know, that this street is a place all should enjoy. I invite all of you to visit New Mexico and go take a leisurely stroll down the legendary Canyon Road. ●

#### HONORING MARNEE'S COOKIES

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I recognize Marnee's Cookies, a growing

small business from my home State of Maine that recently opened its first retail store in Bath, ME. Marnee's Cookies, a premier gourmet cookie company, held the grand opening of Marnee's Cookie Bistro on September 28 to great fanfare. Originally operated out of owner Marnee Robinson's kitchen, the business is now based out of a 4,000 square-foot facility in downtown Bath, which serves as both a cookie factory and retail store.

Baking from an early age, Ms. Robinson has developed and refined the quintessential cookie by combining the arts of baking and design. For years, family and friends have enjoyed her two signature cookies—Nirvana and Serendipity—that became the genesis and impetus for her business. In 2005, Ms. Robinson's entrepreneurial dream became a reality when Marnee's Cookies was founded, offering 13 types of gourmet cookies. Originally begun as a home-based Internet company run solely by Ms. Robinson, the demand for her product quickly expanded into a booming business with loyal customers around the world, from Maine to California, and Paris to India. In fact, Internet orders were so strong that Ms. Robinson was working 18-hour days to ship cookies worldwide. As a result, her growing business needed a facility to accommodate the increasing demand.

The expansion of Marnee's Cookies was made possible by a \$150,000 community development block grant. These grants are awarded to small businesses that will, in turn, contribute to economic development and job creation. The city of Bath saw great potential in Ms. Robinson's business plan and applied for the grant on her behalf. I am confident the grant will be beneficial to Marnee's Cookies, enabling it to further expand its reach and create additional jobs and opportunities for Bath's residents.

Marnee's Cookies is also to be commended for its active involvement in local community and charity events. Cookies are regularly donated to local events and nonprofit organizations ranging from the Bath Soup Kitchen to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Additionally, Marnee's Cookies holds an annual charity event on December 4—National Cookie Day—with a portion of all holiday orders donated to a local charity. These gracious acts of philanthropy cannot go unnoticed and are a shining example of a small business going above and beyond to serve the local community.

Marnee's Cookies is truly a success story and a bright example of what small businesses can accomplish with measured expansion and consistent determination. I congratulate Marnee Robinson for her entrepreneurial spirit and for being an exceptional role model for Maine and the Nation. We at the Senate wish Marnee's Cookies all the best for many more successful years to come.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE SALVATION ARMY

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the Rapid City Chapter of the Salvation Army as they celebrate 100 years of dedicated service to the local community.

For the last century, the Salvation Army of Rapid City has stood ready to assist South Dakotans of all ages through a variety of services including disaster relief, food and nutrition services, family counseling, health services, and many others. They own and operate the Black Hills Salvation Army Camp and the Rapid City Salvation Army Thrift Store. This "church with its sleeves rolled up" serves as a shining example of an organization that is meeting the needs of South Dakota's citizens both physically and spiritually.

The Salvation Army would not be able to perform its invaluable mission without the hard work and dedication of the many volunteers and officers who have put in countless hours serving the needs of others. These compassionate individuals are truly the backbone of the Rapid City community and I hope that their service will inspire others to lend a helping hand.

It gives me great pleasure to rise with the State of South Dakota in congratulating the Salvation Army of Rapid City on this important anniversary and wish them continued success in the years to come.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1495. An act to provide for the conservation and development of water and related sources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore [Mr. BYRD].

At 3:24 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. 2102. An act to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

H.R. 2295. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

H.R. 3678. An act to amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to extend the moratorium on certain taxes relating to the Internet and to electronic commerce.

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. 182. Concurrent resolution recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 225. Concurrent resolution honoring the 50th anniversary of the dawn of the Space Age, and the ensuing 50 years of productive and peaceful space activities.

#### 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. 400. An act to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 2102. An act to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

H.R. 3678. An act to amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to extend the moratorium on certain taxes relating to the Internet and to electronic commerce.

S. 2179. A bill to authorize certain programs and activities in the Forest Service, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

S. 2180. A bill to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service, and the Department of Energy, and to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

S. 2184. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently allow penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans for individuals called to active duty for at least 179 days.

S. 2185. A bill to permanently extend the current marginal tax rates.

#### 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-3629. A communication from the Acting Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Connect Broadband Grant Program" (RIN0572-AC09) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3630. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a meeting held on July 17, 2007, by the Strategic Materials Protection Board; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3631. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of (2) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3632. A communication from the Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the Department's decision to conduct a streamlined competition for intermediate level ship maintenance support functions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3633. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the expected date of completion of an interim report on the needs of returning members of the National Guard and Reserve; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3634. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 52796) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3635. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 52820) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3636. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (72 FR 52793) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3637. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 50250) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3638. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 50255) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3639. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 53955) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3640. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (72 FR 54588) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3641. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (72 FR 54591) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3642. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Establish Catch Accounting Requirements for Processors/First Receivers Participating in the Pacific Whiting Shoreside Fishery" (RIN0648-AV46) received on October

16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3643. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Amendment 80 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-AU68) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3644. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC55) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3645. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC22) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3646. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel With Gears Other than Jig in the Eastern Aleutian District and the Bering Sea Subarea in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC56) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3647. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XC57) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3648. A communication from the Director for Bilateral Agreements, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mexican Cement Import Licensing System" (RIN0625-AA70) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3649. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of Administrator, received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3650. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Framework Adjustment 1 to the Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-AT62) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3651. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XC66) received