

class clown and the grown foster son are dead along with the soldier. We can only answer that tragedy with grief and with gratitude, pledging to remember his rich life in its entirety.●

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RETIREMENT OF JAMES A. (JIM) SHERIDAN

• Mr. CRAPO. Madam President, an Idahoan with the distinction, among other things, of being the oldest fire lookout in the Nation at age 89 retired from that important post and from the Federal Government in September. James A. "Jim" Sheridan concluded a long and dedicated career that began, at age 53, what could be called a second career in 1971, when he joined the Bureau of Land Management as a seasonal surveyor. In 1976, Jim became a fire prevention patrolman, and, at age 67, became the Mount Harrison seasonal lookout in the Sawtooth National Forest Minidoka Ranger District. Over the past 22 years, Jim has provided a fire prevention message to no fewer than 35,000 national forest visitors.

As a lifelong rancher and 36-year veteran of Government service in the second half of his life, Jim has captured the secret to staying young—that of knowing you are never too old to start something new. Jim's life is a wonderful example of the fact that success comes as the result of hard work. Idahoans who visited the Sawtooths were both safer and better educated about our rugged and beautiful natural resources as a result of Jim's dedication and efforts. I wish Jim and his family well on his retirement, and I thank him for his service to our Nation and to Idaho.●

FORT UNION NATIONAL MONUMENT

• Mr. DOMENICI. Madam President, I would like to honor and give special attention to New Mexico's Fort Union National Monument in Mora County. Located in the Mora Valley between the Santa Fe and Sangre de Cristo mountains, Fort Union established in 1851, dates back to New Mexico's territorial days, protecting the area's inhabitants and trade routes.

This year Fort Union has initiated a new effort called "The New Mexico Volunteers Living History Program." Volunteers in this program will depict the Hispanic soldiers of the 1st New Mexico Volunteers, who were enlisted and stationed at Fort Union during the Civil War. One of the current volunteers is a direct descendant of the 1st New Mexico Volunteers. With some training and drilling, Fort Union hopes to begin presenting living history programs depicting the 1st New Mexico Volunteers in early spring next year at Fort Union as well as other local venues. Fort Union has also reinstated

nighttime candlelight tours, and also hopes to provide a public venue for night sky viewing while partnering with local colleges and universities to interpret the skies, and be used as a classroom venue complementing science curriculums.

I am proud of the work being done at Fort Union to reach out to the community and provide a glimpse of our historic past. The upcoming activities at Fort Union remind us of our rich history in New Mexico, and I commend the staff at the Fort for their efforts and their hard work to further integrate the unique history of the Fort into the surrounding area and expand their role as a resource for local students and residents. I look forward to the advancement of this program in the months to come.●

HONORING EDWARD KOREN

• Mr. SANDERS. Madam President, today I acknowledge a Vermont artist who is widely recognized and widely loved, Edward Koren.

This year the Vermont Council on the Arts is bestowing its Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts on this renowned graphic artist.

Mr. Koren carries on the long tradition of artists who publish their work in the mass media, using the techniques of drawing to comment on the lives that men and women lead. His distinguished 19th century antecedents include Honore Daumier in France and Thomas Nast in the United States. Edward Koren is a cartoonist of the first order, having published more than 900 of his works in *The New Yorker*. His cartoons have appeared in other publications as well, ranging from *The Nation*, to *The New York Times*.

His work is remarkably distinctive, often focusing on shaggy figures engaged in everyday affairs. Their shaggy, hairy features are a personal signature; they embody the way he uses lines, the way his pen moves on paper. To see one of his cartoons on a page is to recognize it, instantly, as a "Koren," even before one knows its subject or reads the accompanying words or his name at the bottom of the cartoon.

Koren examines people in the midst of everyday life, revealing that he understands that reality consists not of something invented by movies or policy analysts but rather what we encounter every day. He is a satirist of pretension, and deftly explores the neuroses of our times. Koren is a great chronicler of what the poet Wallace Stevens called "the malady of the quotidian."

David Remnick, editor of *The New Yorker*, recently told the *Burlington Free Press* that "Ed Koren is one of the great original voices of cartooning . . . I love his work, always have."

Edward Koren's work has been widely recognized by museums as well as the media which so often publish his cartoons. His work is in the Swann Collec-

tion at the Library of Congress, and also in the permanent collections of the Fogg Museum at Harvard, the Princeton University Museum, and the Fitzwilliam Museum at Cambridge University.

Mr. Koren and his wife Curtis live in central Vermont. He long ago moved to our State for reasons he articulated recently:

I was captivated intensely by Vermont. There was a deep sense of community. I kept thinking, this is unusual in this society, this country. I had never come across this kind of closely compacted community. I was fleeing huge, giant-scaled cities without a real cohesive sense of place and connection. It turned out I was a country guy.

Not surprisingly, Mr. Koren is a captain of the Brookfield, VT, Volunteer Fire Department.

He is well deserving of the honor of receiving the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts.●

REMEMBERING HARRY LEE

• Mr. VITTER. Madam President, I wish to acknowledge the passing this month of Sheriff Harry Lee of Jefferson Parish, LA. Sheriff Harry Lee died of leukemia on October 1, and I would like to make a few remarks on his success and his contributions to the area.

Sheriff Harry Lee was elected in 1979, beating longtime incumbent Alwynn Cronich and serving more than six terms until his death. He was one of the most popular, well-known politicians in the greater New Orleans area. Throughout his career, Sheriff Harry Lee devoted his life to fighting crime.

It is perhaps Sheriff Harry Lee's colorful attitude that made him so beloved. While we often disagreed on many issues, I have a great respect and admiration for what Sheriff Harry Lee accomplished in his long tenure. Harry was a wonderful, gutsy, larger-than-life figure who always did what he thought was right. Whether I was agreeing with him on crime-fighting issues or disagreeing with him over Edwin Edwards, I always knew he was leading with his passions and loyalties.

Thus, today, I rise to honor sheriff Harry Lee that people may honor and remember him for his devotion to the State of Louisiana.●

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY RELATIVE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BURMA, AS RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON OCTOBER 19, 2007—PM 29

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:

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C.

1701 et seq.) (IEEPA), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order (the “Order”) that expands the scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997, and takes additional steps with respect to that national emergency.

In 1997, the United States put in place a prohibition on new investment in Burma in response to the Government of Burma’s large-scale repression of the democratic opposition in that country. On July 28, 2003, those sanctions were expanded by steps taken in Executive Order 13310, which contained prohibitions implementing sections 3 and 4 of the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-61) and supplemented that Act with additional restrictions. I have now determined that the Government of Burma’s continued repression of the democratic opposition in Burma, manifested most recently in the violent response to peaceful demonstrations, the commission of human rights abuses related to political repression, and engagement in public corruption, including by diverting or misusing Burmese public assets or by misusing public authority, warrant an expansion of the existing sanctions.

The order incorporates existing designation criteria set forth in Executive Order 13310, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of State, to designate any person determined to be a senior official of the Government of Burma, the State Peace and Development Council of Burma, the Union Solidarity and Development Association of Burma, or any successor entity to any of the foregoing. The order blocks the property and interests in property in the United States of persons listed in the Annex to the order and provides additional criteria for designations of persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of State, to be responsible for, or to have participated in, human rights abuses related to political repression in Burma; to be engaged, or to have engaged, in activities facilitating public corruption by senior officials of the Government of Burma; to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, logistical, or technical support for, or goods or services in support of, the Government of Burma, the State Peace and Development Council of Burma, the Union Solidarity and Development Association of Burma, any successor entity to any of the foregoing, any senior official of any of the foregoing, or any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13310 or section 1(b)(i)–(v) of the order; to be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13310 or section 1(b)(i)–(v) of the order; or to be a spouse or dependent child of

any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the order or Executive Order 13310.

The order leaves in place the existing prohibitions on new investment, the exportation or reexportation to Burma of financial services, and the importation of any article that is a product of Burma, which were put into effect in Executive Order 13047 and Executive Order 13310.

I delegated to the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of State, the authority to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, and to employ all powers granted to the President by IEEPA and section 4 of the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the order.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, October 18, 2007.

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-3713. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Democratic Republic of the Congo; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3714. A communication from the Director, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Navy Operations of Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Low Frequency Active” (RIN0648-AT80) received on October 16, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3715. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Kentucky Regulatory Program” (Docket No. KY-251-FOR) received on October 17, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3716. A communication from the Acting 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 *Piperia yadonii*” (RIN1018-AU34) received on October 17, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3717. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Exemptions from Licensing, General Licenses, and Distributions of Byproduct Material: Licensing and Reporting Requirements” (RIN3150-AH41) received on October 17, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3718. A communication from the Assistant Director, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Injurious Wildlife Species; Black Carp” (RIN1018-AG70) received on October 18,

2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3719. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the administration of the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Pilot Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3720. 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 “Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerance” (FRL No. 8151-5) received on October 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3721. 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 “Federal Implementation Plans for the Clean Air Interstate Rule: Automatic Withdrawal Provisions” (FRL No. 8485-7) received on October 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3722. 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 “Fenamidone; Pesticide Tolerance” (FRL No. 8152-9) received on October 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3723. 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 “Pesticide Data Requirements; Technical Amendments” (FRL No. 8114-1) received on October 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3724. 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 “Pesticides: Redesignation of Part 158; Technical Amendments” (FRL No. 8116-2) received on October 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3725. 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 “Pesticides; Data Requirements for Biochemical and Microbial Pesticides” (RIN2070-AD51)(FRL No. 8109-8) received on October 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3726. 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 “Pesticides; Data Requirements for Conventional Chemicals” (RIN2070-AC12)(FRL No. 8106-5) received on October 18, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3727. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “October–December 2007 Section 42 Bond Factor Amounts” (Rev. Rule. 2007-62) received on October 18, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3728. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to