

location as the original homestead between Kenna and Elida, NM. The Running N Brand appears on cattle in the counties of Roosevelt, Chavez, Lea, DeBaca, and Guadalupe.

I am proud of the success of this hard-working family. This family carries on all the traditions of the ranching lifestyle, in New Mexico and in the West. They take great pride in the land in which they have worked for many years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their continued contributions to the State of New Mexico. I congratulate them on their success and wish them many successful years in the future.●

TRIBUTE TO LEWIS ENTZ

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, today I wish to speak about an upstanding citizen of Colorado—Lewis Entz.

Former State Senator Entz will be receiving an honorary degree from Adams State College at their spring commencement on May 5, 2007. This honor will be bestowed upon him in recognition of the work he has done for the college and, more importantly, the San Luis Valley.

Lew Entz is the owner and operator of Entz Farms. He is a licensed pilot, a husband and father of four, and a Marine Corps veteran of the Korean war. Before spending nearly 20 years serving the people of region in the Colorado General Assembly, he was an Alamosa County commissioner for 14 years.

I served in the Colorado Legislature with then-Representative Entz for 8 years. We worked together on small airports, agriculture, and water. During all my time dealing with him, I learned enough to heartily agree with the board of trustees of Adams State College in their assessment of his value to his community, region, and State.

Lew's vast knowledge of Colorado's complex water laws was incredibly important to his district. Water is the most important aspect of existence in the San Luis Valley. Lew, as a farmer, has a full appreciation of this. Lew tirelessly worked for years to protect this resource for his constituents.

There is no one who has served the people of the San Luis Valley more vigorously or better than Lew Entz. I congratulate him on this honor from Adams State College, and want to thank him for his four decades of service to the people of the San Luis Valley and the State of Colorado.●

HONORING BOB AND JAN FRAUMANN

● Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, today I wish to acknowledge a very special occasion that only comes around once in a lifetime. This year Bob and Jan Fraumann will celebrate 50 years of marriage.

Bob and Jan are very special members of my church, Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, in Marietta, GA. Bob has been our Director of Music for

as long as I can remember. Every Sunday is a musical experience, but Easter, Christmas, and Independence Day are always exceptional. Bob works extremely hard for months to arrange remarkable music programs for those very special celebrations.

Bob and Jan are blessed with two sons, Rick and Greg, and four grandchildren. Rick and his wife Laura have two children, Bobbie and Brittany. Greg and his wife Terri have two children, Victoria and Sofia.

I am pleased today to join with my pastors, Steve Lyle and Laura Parker, and our entire congregation in congratulating Bob and Jan Fraumann on this truly momentous occasion. It is a privilege to stand here in this Senate and honor this tremendous milestone that embodies the profound love and commitment they have for one another. Their marriage is an inspiration to us all.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN GILLIS

● Mr. KYL. Mr. President, National Crime Victims Rights Week will soon be celebrated. I would like to compliment John Gillis, the director of the Office of Victims of Crime at the Department of Justice, for his outstanding work on behalf of crime victims. I ask to have printed in the RECORD a column I wrote about Mr. Gillis.

The material follows.

HONORING DIRECTOR JOHN GILLIS

(By U.S. Senator Jon Kyl)

Each April for the past 26 years, the Nation has observed National Crime Victims Rights Week. This is a time when the country recognizes the harm suffered by millions of Americans at the hands of criminals and calls for additional ways to support victims in their struggle for justice.

This year I'd like to use this week to praise the leadership of John W. Gillis, the Director of the Justice Department's Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). During his long and distinguished law-enforcement career—including two decades with the Los Angeles Police Department and a stint as chair of the California Board of Prison Terms—Mr. Gillis has fought tirelessly on behalf of crime victims.

Mr. Gillis experienced personal tragedy in 1979 when gang members murdered his daughter Louarna as part of a targeted killing of children of police officers.

This horrific tragedy compelled him to help found the Justice for Homicide Victims and the Coalition of Victims Equal Rights, an organization that works for the rights of victims and their families. He also founded Victims and Friends United and has been an active member of Memory of Victims Everywhere and Parents of Murdered Children, a support group for families of homicide victims.

The President nominated Mr. Gillis to become Director of OVC in 2001, and I was honored to lead his nomination through the Senate. Since the beginning of his tenure, he has transformed the OVC into an organization that truly puts victims first.

Through his "victims first" focus, he helped provide the inspiration for the Scott Campbell, Stephanie Roper, Wendy Preston, Louarna Gillis, Nila Lynn Crime Victims Rights Act of 2004, named in part after his

daughter, which Senator Dianne Feinstein and I cosponsored, and which extends meaningful and enforceable rights to federal crime victims for the first time in our Nation's history.

To ensure that these new rights will be enforced through our courts, Mr. Gillis has supported the National Crime Victim Law Institute and new clinics across the country; such as the one here in Arizona, established by Arizona Voice for Crime Victims, which provided the first model in the Nation. These clinics provide free legal and social services to victims of crime who seek to be treated with the respect and dignity that they deserve. Congress has followed the example Mr. Gillis set by providing critically needed resources to support these efforts beginning in 2006, and we are committed to continue expanding them.

Under his leadership, OVC created the Helping Outreach Programs to Expand (HOPE) grant program to help fund grassroots victim service organizations that have had difficulty in obtaining public funding through other sources. In 2002, 376 programs received over \$1.8 million to support its development efforts, and, in 2007, the HOPE program will continue to develop and expand the use of grassroots service providers to help expand outreach to victims.

OVC has reached out to the Native American communities where the highest rates of violent crime occur. It increased funding for services to victims and expanded eligibility for this funding to include tribes not under federal jurisdiction. In 2005, OVC funded approximately \$8.5 million for projects serving Native American crime victims, and, in 2006, it increased discretionary funding to \$3.5 million for the Tribal Victim Assistance Program, allowing 30 tribes to develop direct services to victims of violent crime.

OVC also recently announced the availability of an online application for the International Terrorism Victim Expense Reimbursement Program, which is intended to reimburse victims for allowable expenses incurred as a result of acts of terrorism occurring outside the United States. Additionally, under OVC's Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program, OVC provided assistance to jurisdictions to support the response to incidents of mass violence on school campuses.

This Crime Victims Rights Week, we should not only honor crime victims and those affected by crime, but think about new ways to help and support victims in their struggle for justice. The examples that I've cited are only a few of Mr. Gillis's accomplishments as OVC director that will help those seeking justice. And, I am proud to have someone like Mr. Gillis guiding these efforts. His service to the President and to crime victims is a credit to our country.●

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE OUACHITA COUNCIL

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, honest and fair. Friendly and helpful. Considerate and caring. Courageous and strong. For 80 years, the Girl Scouts of Ouachita Council have worked to instill these values into the girls of central and southeast Arkansas. On April 14, 2007, they will gather together to celebrate this impressive anniversary, and I want to take this time to celebrate with them. Their tireless commitment to the young women of our State has helped bring out the best in the daughters of Arkansas, and we owe them a great deal of thanks for this important work.

With the stated mission of building girls of courage, confidence and character, the Girl Scouts of America started as a group of just 18 in Savannah, GA, in 1915. And as the Scouts have grown up along with the country, their cause has lost none of its relevance or necessity. They have brought those simple, yet noble ideals to all parts of the Nation and now proudly claim a membership of more than 3.6 million.

Through the Girl Scouts, young women develop a sense of civic responsibility and self-esteem that helps them realize the critical role they have to play in their communities and their country. Similar ideals were taught to me at an early age by my family and have helped to motivate and inspire me throughout my career.

Years ago, my mother told me, "It's a fact, not a fault, that we haven't had more women in elected office. It's just the way history turned out. But it's our fault if we don't do something to change that and to bring more women into government and the future."

Today, I am proud to be one of 16 women serving in the Senate—the largest class of women Senators in American history. Across the country, we see women taking more active leadership roles not only politics, but business, education and science. We have built on the great foundation that was laid for us by generations past, and it is our responsibility to these courageous leaders to continue momentum forward. This is especially true in Arkansas as we carry on legacy of Hattie Caraway, the first woman ever elected to the Senate and a trailblazer for women in politics.

There is still much left to do, and the unyielding commitment of groups like the Girl Scouts will prepare the next wave of great American women to the benefit of their communities and country. Once again, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations and most sincere thanks to the Ouachita Council for 80 years of service to the girls of Arkansas.●

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.)

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-1239. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of (3) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1240. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral James D. McArthur, Jr., United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1241. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Defense Environmental Programs of fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1242. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Joseph R. Inge, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1243. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Steven W. Boutelle, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1244. A communication from the Senior Attorney Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limitation on Issuance of Excess Stock" (RIN3069-AB30) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1245. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1246. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Termination of a Foreign Private Issuer's Registration of a Class of Securities Under Section 12(g) and Duty to File Reports Under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934" (RIN3235-AJ38) received on March 28, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1247. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to foreign supplies purchased during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1248. A communication from the Acting Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sudanese Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR part 538) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1249. A communication from the Senior Attorney Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Home Loan Bank Appointive Directors" (RIN3069-AB33) received on March

29, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1250. A communication from the Senior Attorney Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act; Implementation" (RIN3069-AB32) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1251. 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 (including 2 regulations beginning with CGD05-07-004)" (RIN1625-AA08) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1252. 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 Zones (including 2 regulations beginning with CGD05-07-011)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1253. 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 Operations (including 2 regulations beginning with CGD13-06-048)" (RIN1625-AA09) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1254. 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; South Portland, Maine, Gulf Blasting Project (CGD01-07-012)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1255. 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 Regulations (including 4 regulations beginning with CGD01-07-027)" (RIN1625-AA09) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1256. 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; Chesapeake Bay, between Sandy Point and Kent Island, MD (CGD05-06-104)" (RIN1625-AA87) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1257. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification relative to his intent to enter into a free trade agreement with the Republic of Panama; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1258. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Hospital Conditions of Participation: Requirements for Approval and Re-approval of Transplant Centers to Perform Organ Transplants" (RIN0938-AH17) received on March 29, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1259. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to payments made to Cuba for telecommunications services; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.