

honor of being inducted into the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Hall of Fame. In March of 1998, to commemorate the five thousandth episode of "The Price is Right," CBS dedicated the show's soundstage in his honor.

America will certainly miss being greeted by the smiling and vibrant face of Bob Barker each morning, however, his success in both his career and in life are indisputable. There is no doubt Bob Barker has positively impacted the lives of many, and on this day as we celebrate with Bob the airing of his final episode hosting "The Price is Right," we should also extend our thanks to Bob for the many delightful years and countless memories he has granted us.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CONGREGATION BETH EL

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, it is with great pride that I pay tribute to Congregation Beth El on its 120th anniversary. The congregation will celebrate this milestone with a weekend of events titled "May Ohr L'Ohr: From Light to Light" on June 22 through June 24, 2007. This celebration will highlight the congregation's rich history and recognize its special place in the Grand Traverse community.

Congregation Beth El was formed in the late 1800s by Jewish immigrants arriving from Poland and Russia. In 1885, the cornerstone was laid for the Beth El synagogue, a simple two-story gable-and-clapboard structure. Today, the building is the oldest synagogue in continuous use in Michigan and is featured on the State Register of Historic Sites. The synagogue, originally built to hold an Orthodox congregation, has evolved over the years to serve all members of the Jewish community, as well as to welcome those of other faiths.

The vitality of Congregation Beth El can be attributed to the hard work, dedication, and vision of the congregation. The congregation, led in large measure by the executive committee, has sought to make the synagogue the center of the Jewish community's religious and social life. One such example is the summer rabbi program. The program enables young rabbis to travel to Traverse City to share their enthusiasm for and commitment to Judaism with members of the congregation and community. This program has been greatly successful and eventually led to a year-round rabbi presence for Congregation Beth El.

On the celebration of the 120th anniversary of Congregation Beth El, I would like to extend my best wishes to all members of the congregation. I also commend the leadership of Congregation Beth El on maintaining a synagogue that has provided a place for those seeking answers in Judaism and a center of Jewish activities in northern Michigan. Once again, congratulations on 120 years of service and growth in the Grand Traverse area.●

#### TRIBUTE TO TODD BEUKE

● Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Todd Beuke, a great contributor to the education community in the State of Washington. Mr. Beuke is an exceptional teacher who has been honored this year as a finalist for the Richard T. Farrell Teacher of Merit Award for his outstanding success in teaching history.

As a teacher at Sequim Middle School, Mr. Beuke has been able to create excitement in the classroom by using creative teaching methods that resonate with his students. Students and teachers alike have praised Mr. Beuke for his supportive teaching style and the comfortable environment he has created in which students can explore history.

Mr. Beuke is an innovator in Washington State education, an inspiration to his students, and a teacher capable of making history lessons relevant and accessible. Mr. Beuke's work extends beyond the classroom as well. He has helped expand the National History Day program throughout Washington State.

The National History Day program is a national education organization that encourages professional development and active student learning. The program provides publications and education programs that help guide teachers in methods to engage students and bring history to life. Washington State teachers and students have benefited from the effort Mr. Beuke has made to share information about the History Day program. The National History Day awards are a valuable way to highlight positive role models in our education system. I am proud Mr. Beuke has been nominated for this award.

I thank Todd Beuke for his work in the classroom and for his commitment to education in my home State. I am sure he will continue to be successful in inspiring students to enjoy the study of history.●

#### RECOGNIZING BRISTOL, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Bristol, SD. The town of Bristol will celebrate the 125th anniversary of its founding this year.

Located in Day County, Bristol was founded as a result of railroad expansion and named after the English city of Bristol by district railroad surveyor C.P. Prior. The town is a designated spot on the Yellowstone Trail, which once served as a route for covered wagons heading west. Found in the Glacial Lakes Region of northeastern South Dakota, Bristol offers excellent hunting and fishing opportunities. The town is also home to the Zucchini Festival, an annual summer event with games and activities centered on zucchini.

Bristol has served as home to famous residents throughout its abundant history. One such resident is longtime "NBC Nightly News" anchor Tom

Brokaw. Mr. Brokaw's great-grandfather, Richard P. Brokaw, was one of the first families to settle in Bristol. He operated the Brokaw House, the first structure built in town. The hotel was built and rebuilt through the years to accommodate people attracted to Day County.

Since its beginning, Bristol has been a strong reflection of South Dakota's values and traditions. As they celebrate this milestone anniversary, I am confident that Bristol will continue to thrive and succeed for the next 125 years.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Bristol on their anniversary, and I wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

#### RECOGNIZING AKASKA, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Akaska, SD. The town of Akaska will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding this year.

Since its beginning in 1907, Akaska has been a strong reflection of South Dakota's values and traditions. As they celebrate this milestone anniversary, I am confident that Akaska will continue to thrive and succeed for the next 100 years.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Akaska on their anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The following message from the President of the United States was transmitted to the Senate by one of his secretaries:

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO BLOCKING THE PROPERTY OF CERTAIN PERSONS UNDERMINING DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES OR INSTITUTIONS IN BELARUS AS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13405 OF JUNE 16, 2006—PM 16

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:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency

and related measures blocking the property of certain persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Belarus are to continue in effect beyond June 16, 2007.

The actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. These actions include undermining democratic processes or institutions; committing human rights abuses related to political repression, including detentions and disappearances; and engaging in public corruption, including by diverting or misusing Belarusian public assets or by misusing public authority. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency and related measures blocking the property of certain persons with respect to Belarus.

GEORGE W. BUSH.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 14, 2007.

## MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 9:33 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 bills:

S. 676. An act to provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation.

S. 1537. An act to authorize the transfer of certain funds from the Senate Gift Shop Revolving Fund to the Senate Employee Child Care Center.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD)

At 1:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2640. An act to improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and for other purposes.

### ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, June 14, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 676. An act to provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation.

S. 1537. An act to authorize the transfer of certain funds from the Senate Gift Shop Revolving Fund to the Senate Employee Child Care Center.

## MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2640. An act to improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## 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-2274. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pine Shoot Beetle: Additions to Quarantined Areas" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0169) received on June 12, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2275. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Black Stem Rust: Addition of Rust-Resistant Varieties" (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0072) received on June 12, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2276. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2007 relative to the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Fund; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2277. A communication from the Under Secretary and Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fastener Quality Act" (RIN0693-AB57) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2278. 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 "Vessels Carrying Oil, Noxious Liquid Substances, Garbage, Municipal or Commercial Waste, and Ballast Water; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments" ((RIN1625-ZA13)(USCG-2007-38201)) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2279. 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 Regulation: ULHRA Hydroplane Races, Howard Amon Park, Richland, Washington" ((RIN1625-AA00)(CGD13-07-013)) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2280. 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 "Regulated Navigation Area; Atchafalaya River, Berwick Bay, Berwick Bay, LA" ((RIN1625-AA11)(CGD08-06-023)) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2281. 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: Coast

Guard Academy Commencement, New London, CT" ((RIN1625-AA87)(CGD01-07-049)) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2282. 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 "Navigation and Navigable Waters; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments" ((RIN1625-ZA08)(USCG-2006-25150)) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2283. 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 "Large Passenger Vessel Crew Requirements" ((RIN1625-AB16)(USCG-2007-27761)) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2284. 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 3 regulations beginning with CGD05-07-020)" ((RIN1625-AA08)) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2285. 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 5 regulations beginning with CGD09-07-012)" ((RIN1625-AA00)) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2286. 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 4 regulations beginning with CGD11-07-010)" ((RIN1625-AA09)) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2287. 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 "Designation of Eligible Positions for Purposes of Safe Harbor Valuation Regulations" (Rev. Proc. 2007-41) received on June 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2288. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a correction to a previously submitted rule entitled "United States - Singapore Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1505-AB48) received on June 12, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2289. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to IAEA technical assistance to Iran during calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2290. A communication from the Director, Human Resources Management Office, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of an alternative rating and selection procedure; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2291. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.