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WOODBINE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, in Iowa and across the United States, a new school year has begun. As you know, Iowa public schools have an excellent reputation nationwide, and Iowa students' test scores are among the highest in the Nation.

I would like to take just a few minutes today to salute the dedicated teachers, administrators, and school board members in the Woodbine Community School District, and to report on their participation in a unique Federal partnership to repair and modernize school facilities.

This fall marks the 10th year of the Iowa Demonstration Construction Grant Program. That is its formal name, but it is better known among educators in Iowa as the program of Harkin grants for Iowa public schools. Since 1998, I have been fortunate to secure a total of \$121 million for the State government in Iowa, which selects worthy school districts to receive these grants for a range of renovation and repair efforts—everything from updating fire safety systems to building new schools or renovating existing facilities. In many cases, this Federal funding is used to leverage public and/or private local funding, so it often has a tremendous multiplier effect in a local school district.

The Woodbine Community School District received several Harkin grants totaling \$1,138,670 which it used to help build a new school, renovate existing classrooms, and make fire safety repairs throughout the district. This school is a modern, state-of-the-art facility that befits the educational ambitions and excellence of this school district. Indeed, it is the kind of school facility that every child in America deserves. To accomplish this comprehensive plan to modernize schools throughout the district, the citizens in the school district passed a bond issue for \$5.1 million.

Excellent schools do not just pop up like mushrooms after a rain. They are the product of vision, leadership, persistence, and a tremendous amount of collaboration among local officials and concerned citizens. I salute the entire staff, administration, and governance in the Woodbine Community School District. In particular, I would like to recognize the leadership of the board of education—Amy Sherer, Mike Staben, Joanna Shaw, Todd Heistand, and Amber Nelson and former board mem-

bers Joe Ball, Ryan Sullivan, Randall Pryor, Cheryl Book, Alan Ronk, Lynnette Lee, and Alan Ahrenholtz. I would also like to recognize superintendent Tom Vint, former superintendent Dr. Terry Hazard, former high school principal Deb Johnsen, Jim Berg with BVH Architects and the members of the steering committee responsible for passage of the bond referendum.

As we mark the 10th anniversary of the Harkin school grant program in Iowa, I am obliged to point out that many thousands of school buildings and facilities across the United States are in dire need of renovation or replacement. In my State of Iowa alone, according to a recent study, some 79 percent of public schools need to be upgraded or repaired. The harsh reality is that the average age of school buildings in the United States is nearly 50 years.

Too often, our children visit ultra-modern shopping malls and gleaming sports arenas on weekends, but during the week go to school in rundown or antiquated facilities. This sends exactly the wrong message to our young people about our priorities. We have to do better.

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TRIBUTE TO BOBBY HAYES

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Bobby Hayes, who has dedicated over 24 years of his life to public service. In October of this year, when Bobby steps down as mayor of the city of Pelham, AL, he will leave behind a legacy of leadership and service to his community.

For 24 years, Bobby has served as the mayor of Pelham. Over those years, Bobby has overseen many changes to the city. As a retired field commander of the tactical operations unit of the Birmingham Police Department, it was critical to Bobby that he provide local law enforcement with the tools needed to do their jobs effectively. Bobby successfully expanded the Pelham Police Department, adding a traffic unit, tactical operation unit, school resource officers and installing computers in all patrol cars.

It was also under his direction that Pelham erected four new fire stations and a new public safety building to house the police department and the municipal court. During his tenure, Mayor Hayes also was instrumental in the building of the Pelham Civic Complex and Pelham Senior Center. Bobby also ensured that the Pelham sewer system and new sewer plant were completed and increased the city's water supply and storage facilities.

A strong supporter of education and academics, Bobby oversaw the expan-

sion and renovation of the Pelham Public Library. Since then, it has become one of only four public libraries in the State the Alabama Library Association recognized for excellence in library service. In 2005, the library became the recipient of prestigious Blue Ribbon Library status.

While many people think that the service Bobby contributes each day as mayor of Pelham is enough, he thinks otherwise. An avid leader, Bobby has been involved in many State committees and one national committee. In 2004, he was elected vice-president of the Alabama League of Municipalities and in 2005 he rose to serve as president. Bobby also represents the mayors of the 6th Congressional District to the State of Alabama Housing Finance Authority.

Additionally, Bobby has held memberships with organizations such as the Alabama League Committee on State and Federal Legislation, National League of Cities Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy Committee, the Greater Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, and the Alabama City/County Management Association.

Bobby is married to Judith Lance Hayes. Together, they have three children and nine grandchildren.

As Bobby embarks on another phase in his life, he will be remembered for his dedication and many contributions to the city of Pelham's ongoing prosperity and advancement. I wish him much luck in his future endeavors, and I ask this entire Senate to join me in recognizing and honoring the life and career of my good friend Bobby Hayes.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 9:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 6890. An act to extend the waiver authority for the Secretary of Education under section 105 of subtitle A of title IV of division B of Public Law 109-148, relating to elementary and secondary education hurricane recovery relief, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6894. An act to extend and reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes.

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

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 12:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Zapata, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1046. An act to modify pay provisions relating to certain senior-level positions in the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

S. 2606. An act to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1343. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorization of appropriations for the health

centers program under section 330 of such Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2851. An act to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6092. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 Tallapoosa Street in Bremen, Georgia, as the "Sergeant Paul Saylor Post Office Building".

H.R. 6370. An act to transfer excess Federal property administered by the Coast Guard to the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians.

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

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 1:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1382. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1810. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the provision of scientifically sound information and support services to patients receiving a positive test diagnosis for Down syndrome or other prenatally and postnatally diagnosed conditions.

S. 2932. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program to provide assistance for poison prevention, sustain the funding of poison centers, and enhance the public health of people of the United States.

S. 3009. An act to designate the Federal Bureau of Investigation building under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "J. James Exon Federal Bureau of Investigation Building".

H.R. 4120. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for more effective prosecution of cases involving child pornography, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5975. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 West Main Street in Waterville, New York, as the "Cpl. John P. Sigsbee Post Office".

H.R. 6437. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North Texas Avenue in Odessa, Texas; as the "Corporal Alfred Mac Wilson Post Office".

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

At 3:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Zapata, 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. 1283. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6999. An act to restructure the Coast Guard Integrated Deepwater Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7112. An act to impose sanctions with respect to Iran, to provide for the divestment of assets in Iran by State and local governments and other entities, and to identify lo-

cations of concern with respect to transshipment, reexportation, or diversion of certain sensitive items to Iran.

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

S. 2482. An act to repeal the provision of title 46, United States Code, requiring a license for employment in the business of salvaging the coast of Florida.

S. 2982. An act to amend the Runaway and Homeless appropriations, and for other purposes.

S. 3560. An act to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide additional funds for the qualifying individual (QI) program, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 239. Concurrent resolution recognizing and acknowledging the important role of adoption, and commending all parties involved, including birthparents, who carry out an adoption plan, and adoptive families, adopted children.

H. Con. Res. 405. Concurrent resolution recognizing the first full week of April as "National Workplace Wellness Week".

H. Con. Res. 416. Concurrent resolution commending Barter Theatre on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3068) to prohibit the award of contracts to provide guard services under the contract security guard program of the Federal Protective Service to a business concern that is owned, controlled, or operated by an individual who has been convicted of a felony.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the resolution (H.J. Res. 62) to honor the achievements and contributions of the Native Americans to the United States, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3646. A bill to authorize and expedite lease sales within the outer Continental Shelf, and for other purposes.

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-8068. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of an amendment to the list of payment-in-kind projects required by U.S. Army Europe; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8069. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the notification of the initiation of a public-private competition for the laundry/dry cleaning function being performed by twenty-one civilian employees located at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8070. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List; Removal of General Order from the Export Administration Regulations (EAR)" (RIN0694-AE46) received on September 25, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8071. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transactions Between Member Banks and Their Affiliates: Exemption for Certain Securities Financing Transactions Between a Member Bank and an Affiliate" (Docket No. R-1330)(12 CFR Part 223)) received on September 25, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8072. A communication from the Acting Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Issuer Reporting Enhancements" (RIN3235-AK03) received on September 25, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8073. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commission Guidance and Revisions to the Cross-Border Tender Offer, Exchange Offer, Rights Offerings, and Business Combination Rules and Beneficial Ownership Reporting Rules for Certain Foreign Institutions" (RIN3235-AK10) received on September 25, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8074. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Navajo Electrification Demonstration Program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8075. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordination of Federal Authorizations for Electric Transmission Facilities" (RIN1901-AB18) received on September 25, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8076. A communication from the Acting Chief of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minerals Management: Adjustment of Cost Recovery Fees" (RIN1004-AE01) received on September 25, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8077. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the actions taken by the Department in response to the program recommendations of the Khartoum, Sudan Accountability Review Board; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8078. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the review and determination of International Atomic Energy Agency activities in countries described in Section 307(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8079. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the proposed transfer of major defense equipment from the Government of Turkey to Lockheed Martin