

that emphasize a life-long educational process, including self-advocacy skills, risk evaluation, emotion management, and clear communication skills. Two programs of note include the Adult Vocational Program and the Adult Development Program. The Adult Vocational Program provides employment services and skills development, and has helped many Las Trampas clients gain employment with local businesses. The Adult Development Program caters to small groups and highlights educational development in the areas of daily living tasks, communications, social interaction, and employment. Most importantly, Las Trampas works with every person to help them practice each of these skills in real life situations.

The support services and programs provided by Las Trampas offer those with developmental disabilities the opportunity to turn the dream of full inclusion in the community into a reality. I commend the Las Trampas staff and volunteers for their dedicated work in assisting adults with developmental disabilities lead fuller lives in their home, at work, and in the community.

I congratulate Las Trampas for its dedicated work on this special occasion, and I send my best wishes for many future successes over the next 50 years.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE YWCA OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to recognize the 100th anniversary of the YWCA of San Diego County. On Tuesday, March 11, 2008, YWCA of San Diego County and community members will gather to celebrate this momentous occasion.

The YWCA is the largest and oldest multicultural women's organization in the world. The YWCA was formed in 1855 in London by Emma Roberts and Mrs. Arthur Kinnaird. The YWCA later expanded to the United States in 1858 in New York and Boston. Today it serves as the largest organization dedicated to empowering women and provide an important voice for women at local, state, and international levels. YWCA of San Diego County is one of 300 local associations in the United States.

YWCA of San Diego County was formally incorporated in 1908. For the past 100 years, YWCA has been a champion in the community on behalf of women and families who escape homelessness and domestic violence. The mission of YWCA "is to increase safety, promote healing, foster empowerment, and give hope to women and families through innovative programs" and services.

The dedication of the YWCA to its mission is displayed through the programs and services that the YWCA provides. These programs and services include residential programs like transitional housing and emergency shelter,

legal support, career assistance, counseling, and a telephone hotline. All of these programs are designed to support the needs of women and families coping with domestic violence and homelessness.

Through a variety of programs such as Becky's House emergency shelter the YWCA of San Diego County is able to offer confidential, transitional housing for victims of domestic violence and their children. Various services like, legal assistance and counseling is provided to the residents of the emergency shelter. After the residents complete a 30 day stay at the shelter they are given the opportunity to complete an 18-month residential program at Becky's House. This program provides legal assistance, educational and career counseling, case management, and educational and play activities for the children of the women in the program.

More than 70 percent of the 2,000 individuals the YWCA of San Diego County serve each year are able to obtain employment and permanent housing, so that the individual can sustain a secure, independent way of life.

YWCA of San Diego County has set a wonderful example of philanthropy, civic service, and altruism for the community at large. Organizations such as the YWCA should be recognized for the critical role they play in strengthening women and families in California and the United States of America. I salute the men and women of YWCA for their continuous commitment to the betterment of women and families in crisis and efforts to enrich the broader San Diego community.

I congratulate the YWCA of San Diego County on the celebration of its 100th anniversary. I wish them continued success.●

RECOGNIZING CHAFFEY COLLEGE ON ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Chaffey College as it celebrates its 125th anniversary. Throughout the past 125 years, the students, faculty, staff, and community have worked diligently to make Chaffey College a hallmark institution of higher learning in southern California.

In March 1883, brothers and engineers George and William Chaffey donated land and established an endowment for a private college to provide quality education to the citrus growing communities between the cities of Los Angeles and San Bernardino. The Chaffey brothers envisioned access to higher education throughout southern California for a burgeoning population, which would soon be realized by the dynamic growth of the college. The private school was initially founded as the Chaffey College of Agriculture as part of the University of Southern California. A short time later the college had an enrollment of 100 students and began to receive joint funding through the local school district, allowing a period of dramatic growth to begin.

Since that time, Chaffey College has continued in its legacy of expansion, and it has taken great strides to provide increased opportunities for higher education throughout the region. It has developed satellite campus facilities in Ontario, Fontana and Chino. The education center in Chino is the only community college facility in California that is dedicated solely to information technology. And in May 2007, Chaffey College was able to dedicate six new buildings, including four science and technology buildings, the Don Berz Excellence Building, and the Kane Center for Student Services and Administration. Today, Chaffey College offers a wide variety of both academic and vocational education courses to over 18,000 students, helping an entire region of students throughout multiple communities find a competitive edge in the global marketplace.

As Chaffey College celebrates 125 years of growth and development in serving the communities of southern California, I am pleased to ask my colleagues to recognize its accomplishments. The success of our Nation and of future generations of Americans will be ensured by the continuing dedication and commitment of educational institutions such as Chaffey College.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. PATRICIA SANDERS

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, on the occasion of her retirement from the Department of Defense, I wish to recognize Dr. Patricia Sanders for her nearly 35 years of dedicated service to the security of our country. In her most recent assignment, she served as Executive Director at the Missile Defense Agency, where she advised the Director on issues related to the management and operations of one of the most dynamic organizations within the Department of Defense. Dr. Sanders has made an enormous contribution to the successful development and fielding of a defense to protect a nation, American troops deployed abroad, and our allies and friends from attack by ballistic missiles.

Dr. Sanders graduated as a National Science Foundation Fellow from Wayne State University in 1972 with a doctorate in mathematics, where she also was educated in economics, organizational management, and other disciplines. She went on to hold several university faculty positions. It is to our great benefit, though, that Dr. Sanders decided to pursue a career in government.

Her service within the Department of Defense as a member of the test and evaluation community has been extensive. Prior positions in the Office of the Secretary of Defense included serving as the Director of Land Forces in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Program Analysis and Evaluation and as Staff Specialist for the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation. Dr. Sanders served as Deputy

Director for Analysis with the U.S. Space Command, Science Adviser to the Command, Control, Communications and Countermeasures Joint Test Force, and Chief of Modeling and Simulation and Technical Advisor to the Electronics Systems Division at the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center.

Dr. Sanders has extensive experience as a member of the Department's senior executive service. Before coming to the Missile Defense Agency, she was the Director for Test, Systems Engineering and Evaluation in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, responsible for ensuring the integration of all engineering disciplines into the system acquisition process, providing technical risk assessments and oversight of developmental test and evaluation for many of the weapon systems used by our Armed Forces today.

Dr. Sanders held numerous positions within the Missile Defense Agency and its predecessor organization, the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization. She came to the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization in 1999 to be the Deputy for Test, Simulation and Evaluation. In this position, she was also the senior technical advisor to the Director. She served in this capacity until the Secretary of Defense gave the missile defense program a new direction.

In early 2002, the start of one of the most dynamic periods in the Agency's history, and shortly after the Missile Defense Agency was established, Dr. Sanders was appointed the Deputy Director for Ballistic Missile Defense System Integration. She played a critical role in managing the development and fielding of an integrated missile defense system. Dr. Sanders played an instrumental role in developing the concept for the Ballistic Missile Defense System and advising Department leaders on the authorities and responsibilities required to develop and field an effective missile defense system.

As Executive Director, a role she assumed in 2005, Dr. Sanders advised the Director on issues related to Agency management and operations. She also took on numerous tasks delegated by the Director such as directing the development of strategic communications campaign plans. Perhaps the most striking example of this came in the U.S. Government's European Site Initiative, where her vision for and guidance to this endeavor contributed to the development of a broad consensus among national leaders, combatant commanders, and the international communities on the growing need to establish a long-range missile defense capability in Europe. Dr. Sanders also helped to realize important cooperative agreements with Japan and Israel, which today are helping contribute to a truly worldwide ballistic missile defense capability.

During North Korea's provocative missile launches in July 2006, Dr. Sand-

ers coordinated the Agency's actions during this crisis and established a dedicated crisis action team of highly trained staff to provide situation awareness to the President, combatant commanders, and the entire missile defense developer community. She educated senior military and civilian decisionmakers on the capabilities afforded by the deployed elements of the system so that the Nation's plans to deal with the crisis were based on accurate and timely information.

As the Agency's senior leader dealing with operational and management functions, Dr. Sanders impacted the Agency's operations on a daily basis. She served as a senior interlocutor with all external defense agencies, the Services, and Members of Congress. The Agency's senior civilian, she was also the final arbiter of all issues related to personnel administration and development, directing and managing a diverse staff spanning seventeen time zones. In just the last 2 years, the Agency underwent a conversion to the new National Security Personnel System and made plans to execute a Base Realignment to Huntsville, AL, by 2011. To help the Agency weather this challenging period, Dr. Sanders instituted several major efforts in strategic human capital planning. She restructured the Agency's strategic mission planning and communications activity, directing a much-needed overhaul of long-range congressional and public affairs strategies. She also created and chaired a Base Realignment and Closure Panel to develop strategies for the transition to Huntsville and established working relationships with local officials in northern Alabama and with the Tennessee Valley Association. As a direct result of her leadership, the Agency has received more volunteers for relocation than anticipated.

For many years now Dr. Sanders has been a fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and, at one point, served as chair of AIAA's Flight Test Technical Committee. She is a past president of the International Test and Evaluation Association and has served on the board of directors for the Military Operations Research Society. She also has devoted significant time to mentoring future Defense Department civilian leaders. Throughout her career, Dr. Sanders has been a champion of diversity and has been dedicated to recruitment and retention of young professionals in the Federal Government. She has been a dedicated mentor to women in the engineering field and has been a role model and pathfinder for women in defense. In addition, while at MDA, Dr. Sanders instituted a mentoring program for defense acquisition professionals, established an active career intern program and a Presidential management fellowship program.

Dr. Patricia Sanders has consistently exemplified the finest attributes of a senior executive dedicated to public service. Her contributions, leadership,

and service are well known throughout the Department. I am honored and proud to enter this tribute to Dr. Patricia Sanders into the official record. On behalf of all my colleagues, and with deep gratitude in my heart, I wish her the best as she embarks on the next journey in her life.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, 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.)

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS DECLARED ON MARCH 15, 1995, WITH RESPECT TO IRAN—PM 41

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:

The crisis between the United States and Iran constituted by the actions and policies of the Government of Iran that led to the declaration of a national emergency on March 15, 1995, has not been resolved. The actions and policies of the Government of Iran are contrary to the interests of the United States in the region and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Iran remains the world's most active state sponsor of terrorism, and continues to provide lethal support to Lebanese Hizballah, HAMAS, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and numerous other terrorist organizations in the region, as well as to the Taliban in Afghanistan and various Iraqi militant groups. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to Iran and maintain in force comprehensive sanctions against Iran to respond to this threat.

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 the enclosed notice