

turned it into the Dakota Prairie Enrichment Center. The community center is now used for receptions, basketball games, dances, and benefits. It also provides lodging for those who travel to the area to hunt, a popular activity in Reeder.

Mr. President, I ask the United States Senate to join me in congratulating Reeder, ND, and its residents on their first 100 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Reeder and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the pioneering tradition alive for future generations. Places such as Reeder shaped this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community deserves our recognition.

Reeder has a proud past and a bright future.●

#### HONORING FREDERICKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

● Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, today I highlight an innovative and incredible education program started by science teacher Brett Williams from Fredericksburg High School in Fredericksburg, TX. The SystemsGo Aerospace program promotes engineering, strong workforce skills, and improved academic performance by teaching high school students how to design, develop and launch rockets.

The program is a 2-year, junior/senior program in which first-year students design and develop remotely operated vehicles and unmanned aerial vehicles for research or industrial applications. Second-year students design and fabricate rockets for testing at altitudes from 80,000 feet to 100,000 feet. Through successes and failures, students picked up valuable life skills such as problem solving, testing, analysis, documentation, reporting, project management, teamwork, and communication.

We are facing shortages of high-skilled workers in our country. The S&P, Standard & Poor's, top 500 companies alone report over 140,000 vacancies for these positions. By developing workforce skills in tandem with engineering studies, the SystemsGo Aerospace programs is training the next generation of scientists that will keep our country globally competitive.

More than a decade after Mr. Williams and his students launched their first rocket, Fredericksburg High School has received many accolades including being the first high school to design and develop rockets exceeding Mach 2. However, the statistic I find most impressive is that 80 percent of students in the aerospace program continue to pursue degrees in engineering in college.

By inspiring the next generation of scientists, we are not only investing in individual students' success but also to the overall wellbeing of our economy. America's most valuable asset is her human capital. It is critical that we continue to encourage exceptional teachers like Mr. Williams, and pro-

grams such as the SystemsGo Aerospace in order to maintain our global leadership in innovation.●

#### REMEMBERING CARL KULCZYK

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I was deeply saddened by the death of Carl Kulczyk last week.

I knew Carl the way many other Iowans did—through his passionate commitment to the work of bringing hope and health care to underserved communities in our State. When Carl began his work with the Iowa Department of Public Health 14 years ago, there were just four community health centers in Iowa; today there are three times as many health centers, a migrant program, and yet another community health center well on its way to getting permanent funding. Carl never cut a ribbon or spoke at a groundbreaking, but let me say this: The expansion of affordable, accessible health care services across Iowa would not have happened without Carl's hard work.

But that is not all. Carl worked to support Critical Access Hospitals. He brought physicians from overseas to care for Iowa's sick and elderly. He nurtured the psychiatric physician assistant training program. And, in his final days, he was working to get Iowans better access to dental care.

There is an old expression that we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. By that measure, Carl lived a very good life, indeed. He gave his time and talents to securing quality health care for tens of thousands of Iowans, most of them children—people who otherwise would have gone without any health care. And though he was dedicated to his work, his first priority was always his family.

In my book, the highest praise for Carl—for any person—is that he was a good and decent man. He dedicated himself to serving others. He had a mighty heart and was beloved by those of us who had the honor of calling him friend, colleague, husband, father, brother, or uncle.

Carl had a very special blend of passion, humor, determination, high intelligence, and a sense of adventure. He worked miracles for people who so desperately needed a miracle. He took care of the least among us, while never neglecting his family. I, for one, will always be in his debt and grateful for his service to the people of Iowa. I extend my deepest condolences to his wife Pam, to his children, Caleb and Ezra, and to his entire family.●

#### TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK DAY

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, on April 24, 2008, 25 young men and women from Louisiana and the Washington area took part in Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day. I am going to submit all of their names for the

RECORD to show that they spent a day working the Senate with me and with some of the other Senators and have seen firsthand the work that goes on.

I want to acknowledge the MS Magazine Foundation that started Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day to thank them for organizing this effort where there are thousands, maybe perhaps millions, of young people who have taken a day out of their school work to go to the various places where Americans are working to contribute to making this country of ours a better country and this world a better place.

I ask to have the names printed in the RECORD for these young men and women and thank them for being a part of this special day and taking their time to come and learn about the workings of the Senate.

The list follows.

From The Bryn Mawr School: Alexandra Argo, Baltimore, MD; from Ursuline Academy: Kelly Francis Antrum, New Orleans, LA; from Ursuline Academy: Jennifer Baker, New Orleans, LA; from Lake Castle School: Anna Campbell, Abita Springs, LA; from St. Angela Merici School: Margret Domingo, Metairie, LA; from St. James Episcopal School: Ashton Eymard, Baton Rouge, LA; from St. Margaret Mary: Cameron Gerhold, Slidell, LA; from Georgetown Day School: Cleo Gill, Washington, DC; from Georgetown Day School: Camilla Herrera, Washington, DC; from Grace Episcopal School: Mary Snellings Inabnett, Monroe, LA; from LSU Lab School: Jeremy Jetson, Baton Rouge, LA; from St. Peter's: Marlena Jones, Washington, DC; from St. Dominic School: Ashley Landrieu, New Orleans, LA; from St. Dominic School: Claire Landrieu, New Orleans, LA; from St. Dominic School: Katie Landrieu, New Orleans, LA; from Our Lady of Prompt Succor: Alyse Lemoine, Dryprong, LA; from St. Dominic School: Sarah Mayer, New Orleans, LA; from Academy of the Sacred Heart: Natalie Lindon, St. Martinville, LA; from T.S. Cooley Magnate School: Hanaiah Morris, Lake Charles, LA; from LSU Lab School: McKenzie Prudhomme, Baton Rouge, LA; from St. Dominic School: Alexandra Sensenbrenner, New Orleans, LA; from St. Ignatius School: Mary Francis Seiter, Mobile, AL; from Georgetown Day School: Mary Shannon Snellings, Washington DC; from Ursuline Academy: Gabrielle Terrebonne, Gretna, LA; from St. Margaret Catholic School: Brooke Walker, Lake Charles, LA.●

#### 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.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:01 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 bills, without amendment:

S. 1245. An act to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capital Region.

S. 2516. An act to assist members of the Armed Forces in obtaining United States citizenship, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2632. An act to establish the Sabinoso Wilderness Area in San Miguel County, New Mexico, and for other purposes.

H. R. 3022. An act to designate the John Krebs Wilderness in the State of California, to add certain land to the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilderness, and for other purposes.

H. R. 3682. An act to designate certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, as wilderness, to designate certain river segments in Riverside County as a wild, scenic, or recreational river, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, and for other purposes.

H. R. 4926. An act to establish a grant program for automated external defibrillators in elementary and secondary schools.

H. R. 5524. An act to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to authorize appropriations, and for other purposes.

H. R. 5569. An act to extend for 5 years the EB-5 regional center pilot program, and for other purposes.

H. R. 5593. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to make technical amendments to certain provisions of title 5, United States Code, enacted by the Congressional Review Act.

H.R. 5683. An act to make certain reforms with respect to the Government Accountability Office, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5778. An act to preserve the independence of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority.

H.R. 5938. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide secret service protection to former Vice Presidents, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2632. An act to establish the Sabinoso Wilderness Area in San Miguel County, New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3022. An act to designate the John Krebs Wilderness in the State of California, to add certain land to the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3682. An act to designate certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, as wilderness, to designate certain river segments in Riverside County as a wild, scenic, or recreational river, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4926. An act to establish a grant program for automated external defibrillators in elementary and secondary schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 5593. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to make technical amendments

to certain provisions of title 5, United States Code, enacted by the Congressional Review Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5683. An act to make certain reforms with respect to the Government Accountability Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5938. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide secret service protection to former Vice Presidents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5524. An act to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to authorize appropriations, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, June 10, 2008, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2420. An act to encourage the donation of excess food to nonprofit organizations that provide assistance to food-insecure people in the United States in contracts entered into by executive agencies for the provision, service, or sale of food.

#### 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-6540. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pistachios Grown in California; Changes in Handling Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0082) received on June 4, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6541. A communication from the President, Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2007 management report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6542. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marine Mammal; Incidental Take During Species Activities (Chukchi Sea)" (RIN1018-AU41) received on June 4, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6543. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Research Credit Claims Audit Techniques Guide: Credit for Increasing Research Activities" (LMSB-04-0508-030) received on June 4, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6544. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period ending March

31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6545. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period from October 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6546. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Virginia, received on June 3, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6547. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer of the Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Practice Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in Ex Parte Appeals" (RIN0651-AC12) received on June 4, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-368. A letter from a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives relative to the economy; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-369. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio urging Congress to enact the Community Cancer Care Preservation Act of 2007, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 100

Whereas, the National Center for Health Statistics at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States, and its prevalence increases with age. Medicare beneficiaries account for half of all cancer patients, and more than 700,000 beneficiaries are newly diagnosed with some form of cancer every year; and

Whereas, community cancer clinics, free-standing outpatient facilities where cancer care is delivered in physician offices, play an important role in winning the war on cancer. According to the American Society of Clinical Oncology, these clinics treat over 80% of Americans with cancer, providing patients with early diagnosis, effective cancer therapies, and innovative supportive care that reduce fatigue, nausea and vomiting, and pain; and

Whereas, while the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (Pub. L. No. 108-173) enacted Medicare Part D, a welcomed drug benefit for America's seniors, it created a severe reduction in Medicare's reimbursement for oncology treatment. According to a July 2007 press release issued by Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA), one of the sponsors of the Senate version of the Community Cancer Care Preservation Act of 2007 (S. 1750 of the 110th Congress), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has reduced Medicare payments to community cancer care clinics by approximately three to four hundred million dollars since 2005. A 2007 analysis by the accounting firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers, predicts reimbursement reductions of \$13.8 billion over ten years; and

Whereas, the Ohio/West Virginia Hematology Oncology Society asserts that the reduction in Medicare reimbursements for community cancer care clinics has resulted