

hard work and determination. Even after a Federal buyout in 2000 relocated many residents of Churchs Ferry from the rising flood waters of Devils Lake, some residents remained. These 10 residents have persevered and worked extremely hard to keep Churchs Ferry alive. Paul Christenson is the mayor, mechanic, and mower of the community's 30 acres of grass and takes great pride in keeping Churchs Ferry beautiful. Two new businesses have opened, including Gardendwellers Farm, which grows custom crops for wineries and restaurants and offers horticulture tours and workshops, and Water's Edge Dog Boarding kennel.

Visitors who pass through Churchs Ferry still see that the street signs are up and can drive by city hall, the post office, Kat's Korral bar, Paul's Repair shop, the Zion Lutheran Church, a museum, the Masonic Temple and the former school's gym/kitchen/stage addition that was purchased by the school's alumni association. The 125th anniversary celebration started off Friday, June 27, with a 1-mile walk and concluded on Sunday with a polka church service.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Churchs Ferry, ND, and its residents on their 125th anniversary and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Churchs Ferry and all the other historic small towns of ND, we keep the pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Churchs Ferry that have helped shape this country into what it is today, which is why this community is deserving of our recognition.●

#### 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF GUELPH, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased to honor a community in North Dakota that recently celebrated its 125th anniversary. On July 12 and 13, the residents of Guelph gathered to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Guelph is located in Dickey County in southeastern North Dakota. It was founded in 1886 as a station for the Great Northern Rail Road. The post office was established on March 8, 1887, and its postmaster, Silas R. Dales, named the town for his hometown of Guelph, Ontario.

Although its population is small, Guelph is a popular destination because of its proximity to the James River for recreational boating and fishing. In addition, there are eight farms in the community that have been in the same families for 100 years.

The celebratory events on July 12 included a performance by the Guelph Community Band and Chorus, an all-school reunion, children's games, pony rides, a Shine and Show classic car/collectible vehicle show, a banquet and a dance. Activities for July 13 included a turkey barbeque, children's games and a tractor pull. Also, the anniversary

committee created memorabilia rooms representing the former Guelph school classes, and the town of Guelph. Video presentations of the community history and past celebrations were available for viewing throughout the week-end.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Guelph, ND, and its residents on their 125th anniversary and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Guelph and all other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. Communities such as Guelph have helped shape this Nation into what it is today, which is why this community is deserving of our recognition.●

#### 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF HAVANA, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased today to recognize a community in North Dakota that recently celebrated its 125th anniversary. On July 4-6, the residents of Havana gathered to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Havana is a town of nearly 100 inhabitants. It is located in southeast North Dakota. Originally, the town was named Weber, but it was subsequently changed to Havana to avoid confusion with a town of a similar sounding name on the same railroad line. Havana was incorporated in 1904. By 1913, the town claimed a population of 450. In its early days, Havana had numerous general stores, pool halls, hotels, businesses dedicated to agriculture, a newspaper and an opera house.

Today, Havana offers its citizens plenty of leisure activities. Residents can enjoy a game of baseball at Williamson Park. The town maintains a grocery store and a post office. The Havana Civic Center hosts events for Havana's citizens. One of the favorite gathering places of residents of Havana is the town's café, the Farmer's Inn.

Havana's anniversary celebration began with a parade. In addition to many other activities, the community hosted a craft show, a banquet at the Havana Civic Center, a street dance, and fireworks display. Havana held a music festival, featuring bluegrass and gospel music, on the last day of the celebration. One of the highlights of Havana's festivities was the All School Reunion, which brought together former classmates of Havana School.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Havana, ND and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Havana and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places like Havana that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this community is deserving of our recognition.

Havana has a proud past and a bright future.●

#### 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF MINNEWAUKAN, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased to honor a community in North Dakota that is celebrating its 125th anniversary. On July 25 through July 27, the residents of Minnewaukan will celebrate their community's history and founding.

Minnewaukan is a small town with a population of 318 residents located in Benson County in northeastern North Dakota. In 1883, the town site was founded as one of several sites competing for the important Northern Pacific Railroad connection at the west end of Devils Lake. It became the county seat in 1884. The name is based on the Indian name Mini Waukon Chante, meaning water of bad spirits. The post office was established on March 12, 1884, by Thomas B. Ware. In 1898, Minnewaukan became a city.

Today, Minnewaukan remains a proud community that has a prosperous economy consisting of farming, service businesses, outdoor tourism, computer processing and retail businesses. Like so many smaller rural communities in North Dakota, Minnewaukan is a tight-knit town where everyone knows their neighbor. The Minnewaukan Community Club is a valuable asset to the community. The efforts of the club have successfully established a thriving fish cleaning station and boat ramp in the area.

Minnewaukan is a great place for enjoying the outdoors all year round, including hunting, fishing, boating, and camping. People from across the State and Nation are drawn by the lengthy seasons and abundant populations of waterfowl and fish. Grahams Island State Park provides citizens of the community and tourists an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of North Dakota through hiking, canoeing, biking, horseback riding and cross-country skiing.

The community has planned a wonderful weekend celebration to commemorate its 125th anniversary. Current and former residents of Minnewaukan will gather to celebrate this special occasion. The celebration includes an all-school reunion, a 5k walk/run, parade, fireworks display, concerts, and much more.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Minnewaukan, ND, and its residents on their 125th anniversary and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Minnewaukan and all the other historic towns of North Dakota, we keep the pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Minnewaukan that have helped shape this country into what it is today, which is why this community is deserving of our recognition.

Minnewaukan has a proud past and a bright future.●

#### 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 Committee on Armed Services.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

**TRANSMITTING CERTIFICATION THAT THE EXPORT OF CERTAIN MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FOR PRODUCTION OF NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS IS NOT DETRIMENTAL TO THE U.S. SPACE LAUNCH INDUSTRY AND WILL NOT MEASURABLY IMPROVE MISSILE OR SPACE LAUNCH CAPABILITIES OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA—PM-58**

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with accompanying papers; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with the provisions of section 1512 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105-261), I hereby certify that the export of 22 accelerometers for incorporation into railway geometry measurement systems and one 20-inch fluid energy mill for production of nutritional supplements is not detrimental to the United States space launch industry, and that the material and equipment, including any indirect technical benefit that could be derived from such exports, will not measurably improve the missile or space launch capabilities of the People's Republic of China.

GEORGE W. BUSH.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 22, 2008.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) reported that he had signed the following enrolled bills, which were previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 3564. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States through fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3985. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to register a person providing transportation by an over-the-road bus as a motor carrier of passengers only if the person is willing and able to comply with certain accessibility requirements in addition to other existing requirements, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4289. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Ponce, Puerto Rico, as the "Euripides Rubio Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

S. 231. An act to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 2607. An act to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

S. 3145. An act to designate a portion of United States Route 20A, located in Orchard Park, New York, as the "Timothy J. Russert Highway".

S. 3218. An act to extend the pilot program for volunteer groups to obtain criminal history background checks.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3297. A bill to advance America's priorities.

#### ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate announced that on today, July 22, 2008, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 231. An act to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 2607. An act to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

S. 3145. An act to designate a portion of United States Route 20A, located in Orchard Park, New York, as the "Timothy J. Russert Highway".

S. 3218. An act to extend the pilot program for volunteer groups to obtain criminal history background checks.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 3301. An original bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-428).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2657. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to prescribe regulations to reduce the incidence of vessels colliding with North Atlantic right whales by limiting the speed of vessels, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-429).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Jeffrey A. Remington, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Jack L. Rives, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Donald J. Hoffman, to be General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Kelly K. McKeague, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Col. Timothy K. Adams, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, to be General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. David M. Rodriguez, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Edgar E. Stanton III, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Matthew L. Kambic, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, to be General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Carter F. Ham, to be General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Richard P. Zahner, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Robert E. Durbin, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Ronald L. Burgess, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. John F. Kimmons, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Douglas M. Stone, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. George J. Flynn, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Colonel Juan G. Ayala and ending with Colonel Glenn M. Walters, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 14, 2008.

Navy nomination of Capt. Cynthia A. Covell, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Capt. Elizabeth S. Niemyer, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) Robert S. Harward, Jr., to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Bruce E. MacDonald, to be Vice Admiral.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nomination of Frank J. Hale, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Douglas K. Dunbar, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Tamera A. Herzog, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Keri L. Azuar and ending with Pamela P. Warddemo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 26, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Kenneth L. Beale, Jr. and ending with Thomas H. Brouillard, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 19, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Lenard M. Kerr and ending with Masaki G. Kuwana, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 19, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Ralf C. Beilhardt and ending with Richard L. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 19, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Michael P. Abel and ending with Johnnie Wright, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 19, 2008.