

additions at the high school to provide additional classrooms and administrative offices and to make fire safety repairs in the middle school. 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.

Excellent new schools like Perry High School 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 Perry Community School District. In particular, I would like to recognize the leadership of the board of education—President Dave Menz, Vice President Kathy Powell, Dan Wilhelmi, Darek Vankirk, Scott Seeley, board secretary Nancy Gee and board treasurer Dwayne Hochhalter and former board members—Gary Huitt, Kent Feiedrichsen, Larry Lyons, Rudy Zagar, board secretary Mary Boege, Chuck Painter, Shirley Keenan-Allyn and board secretary Dean Stumbo. I would also like to recognize Superintendent Randall McCaulley, former Superintendent Ellen Wrzeski, high school principal Dan Marburger and the Kids 2000 Committee.

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.

That is why I am deeply grateful to the professionals and parents in the Perry Community School District. There is no question that a quality public education for every child is a top priority in that community. I salute them and wish them a very successful new school year.●

#### REMEMBERING WALTER C. "BUD" O'MEARA

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, it is with a heavy heart that I honor today the memory of Walter C. "Bud" O'Meara, a teacher, coach, and good friend who passed away on August 3, 2008. I am deeply saddened by Walter's death and will keep his friends and family in my thoughts during this difficult time.

Growing up in my hometown of Stamford, CT, Walter spent most of his

free time at the local YMCA, where he developed a passion for sports. While attending Stamford High School—SHA—in the 1930s, Walter was captain of the basketball team and an all state quarterback. His abilities on the football field earned him a scholarship to Notre Dame, the most storied program in the history of college football, where he played under Coach Elmer Layden, one of the Four Horsemen.

After graduating from Notre Dame, Walter joined the U.S. Navy, where he would become a lieutenant in the Naval Air Corps. While in the Navy, Walter married his wife, Grace, whom he had met on a blind date. They would remain married until Grace's death in 2005. As a member of Air Group 19, Walter flew bombers in the Pacific Combat Zone during the Second World War and was awarded the Air Medal for his service. Walter would keep in touch with his friends from Air Group 19 throughout his life.

After the war, Walter returned to SHS as a teacher and coach. In 1958, he was named head football coach, and proceeded to lead Stamford High to back-to-back State championships in 1958 and 1959. In addition to his duties as football coach, Walter also coached American Legion Baseball for 9 years. Again, Walter proved adept at getting the most out of his athletes, producing five State championship teams, and two regional champions.

While his teams' accomplishments on the field are certainly impressive, Coach O'Meara's greatest contribution to Stamford High was the constant source of friendship and support he provided his students. Years later, his players still fondly recall the influence he had on them not just on the playing field but in life as well. When I attended SHS, all students, whether athletes or not, knew that Coach O'Meara was someone they could approach whenever they needed assistance.

When he retired from coaching, Walter continued to serve as an administrator at SHS and managed the Roxbury Swimming and Tennis Club for over 25 years. He also worked as a professional football scout for 9 years.

However busy Walter was, he always made time for his family and friends. Those who knew him best said that no matter his professional success, his greatest pride was reserved for his 6 daughters, 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

While I will miss my good friend Walter O'Meara, I take solace that his example will live on in all of us who were lucky to have known him.●

#### CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNUAL DICK LUGAR FITNESS FESTIVAL

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I appreciate this opportunity to share my gratitude for the remarkable work of the students and staff at Indianapolis's Butler University over our 30-year partnership in encouraging fitness and health awareness in central Indiana.

This Saturday, September 13, 2008, I will have the privilege of joining my friends and fellow Hoosiers at the 30th Annual Dick Lugar Community Walk, Run and Health Fair, held on the attractive grounds of Butler University. This festival was inaugurated in May of 1979 in order to highlight the positive benefits of fitness and nutrition to members of the local community. From the very beginning, this initiative was designed to appeal to a wide spectrum of people. Youth and families were encouraged to participate in an effort to reach out beyond the normal universe of running enthusiasts and to capitalize on those who could serve as a model for young people. With the inclusion of the health fair our partnership strove to engage older adults as well. And in 1983, the festivities began to include a Health and Fitness Award, given in recognition of individuals and organizations that have made exemplary contributions to the community in these important areas.

The Fitness Festival remains an event I look forward to with excitement each year. The running and race-walk competitions, the health fair with local experts and organizations in attendance, and the general fellowship all promise to be especially memorable in this signal year. Accordingly, I would like to take special care in highlighting those most responsible for the festival's perennial success.

Butler University and its dedicated president, Dr. Bobby Fong, deserve considerable praise. The university's eagerness to not only host, but embrace this opportunity to promote the benefits of a fit and healthy lifestyle reminds me of why Hoosiers are so proud of our colleges and universities' roles in improving the quality of life for individuals throughout Indiana. Thanks must also be given to the Butler students and faculty, and the community members who volunteer as organizers and race workers; the individuals who devote their experience and expertise at the health fair booths; the city of Indianapolis and Marion County for logistical support; other supporting organizations, whose generosity and commitment to health awareness in the Indianapolis community is highly commendable; and the thousands of individuals who have participated in the Fitness Festival over the course of its life.

It is important that as citizens we do what we can at the Federal, State, and community levels to promote the benefits of leading healthy lifestyles. This auspicious occasion provides a wonderful opportunity to commend Butler University for its efforts in this regard.

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MISSOURI SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

Mrs. MCCASKILL. Mr. President, today I would like to honor the important and national contributions of the Missouri School of Journalism in Columbia, MO, on its 100th anniversary.

When the school opened its doors on September 14, 1908, it became the world's first school of journalism. The University Missourian published its first issue that day, exemplifying the school's "Missouri Method" of hands-on training at multiple professional media outlets affiliated with the school. In fact, the school still operates the only network-affiliated television newsroom in the country designed as a teaching facility.

The school's pioneering endeavors continued in 1921 and 1934 with the awarding of the first master's and doctoral degrees in journalism. And now more than 20,000 alumni from all over the world have become leaders in journalism, mass communication, and academe.

The free press plays an integral role in our society, as a champion of freedom and watchdog of liberty. The achievements of this school are a mark of pride for its students and faculty, for Missouri, and the Nation. I congratulate the school on the celebration of its 100th anniversary and look forward to future groundbreaking endeavors from the school's leadership, faculty, alumni, and students.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE MALCOLM GROW MEDICAL CENTER

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the great services that the Malcolm Grow Medical Center has done for this country. Malcolm Grow celebrated its 50th anniversary on July 31, 2008, and in those 50 years, it has provided medical care for those serving in the U.S. Air Force as well as their families. They follow in the proud tradition of medicine which their namesake developed.

MG Malcolm C. Grow was the first surgeon general of the U.S. Air Force, serving from July 1 to November 30, 1949. In 1943, General Grow received the Legion of Merit for developing body armor to protect combat crews. His research led the way in developing a light body armor and steel helmet that saved many lives and improved our fighters' morale.

Today there are 372,200 eligible beneficiaries within 40 miles of the Malcolm Grow Medical Center. On a typical day, Malcolm Grow providers see 930 outpatients, 90 dental patients, 72 emergency room patients and has 5 inpatients. Staff complete seven surgical procedures and perform two deliveries. The Aeromedical Staging Flight takes care of 30 patients transitioning through the National Capital Region and carries out 1,963 pharmacy procedures. In 2007, Malcolm Grow oversaw over 10,400 patient and attendant movements alone.

General Grow's innovative spirit has lived on at the Malcolm Grow Medical Center as it celebrates its 50th birthday. They are the East Coast hub for aeromedical evacuation and provide health care services to our Nation's top leaders. I am proud to honor the great

contribution which this facility has made to our service members, our Armed Forces, and our Nation.

#### 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 and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGE STATING THAT THE STATUTORY PREREQUISITE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE IS NO LONGER SATISFIED, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 123 B. OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY ACT OF 1954, FOR THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY TRANSMITTED TO THE SENATE ON MAY 13, 2008—PM 62

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

On May 13, 2008, I transmitted a message to the Congress transmitting the text of a proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation for Cooperation in the Field of Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (the "proposed Agreement"), pursuant to sections 123 b. and 123 d. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2153 (b), (d)) (the "Act").

In view of recent actions by the Government of the Russian Federation incompatible with peaceful relations with its sovereign and democratic neighbor Georgia, I have determined that the determination regarding the proposed Agreement in Presidential Determination 2008-19 is no longer effective. Accordingly, a statutory prerequisite for the proposed Agreement to become effective, as required by section 123 b. of the Act, is no longer satisfied. If circumstances should permit future reconsideration of the proposed Agreement, a new determination will be made and the proposed Agreement will be submitted for congressional review pursuant to section 123 of the Act.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 8, 2008.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING RECESS

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 1, 2008, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 3370. An act to resolve pending claims against Libya by United States nationals, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the enrolled bill was signed on August 1, 2008, during the recess of the Senate by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 4, 2008, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2245. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Wenatchee, Washington, as the Elwood 'Bud' Link Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic.

H.R. 4137. An act to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4210. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Washington Avenue in Weldon, North Carolina, as the "Dock M. Brown Post Office Building".

H.R. 4918. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Miami, Florida, as the "Bruce W. Carter Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

H.R. 5477. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 South Del Mar Avenue in San Gabriel, California, as the "Chi Mui Post Office Building".

H.R. 5483. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10449 White Granite Drive in Oakton, Virginia, as the "Private First Class David H. Sharrett II Post Office Building".

H.R. 5631. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1155 Seminole Trail in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Corporal Bradley T. Arms Post Office Building".

H.R. 6061. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 219 East Main Street in West Frankfort, Illinois, as the "Kenneth James Gray Post Office Building".

H.R. 6085. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 42222 Rancho Las Palmas Drive in Rancho Mirage, California, as the "Gerald R. Ford Post Office Building".

H.R. 6150. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14500 Lorain Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "John P. Gallagher Post Office Building".

H.R. 6340. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 300 Quarropas Street in White Plains, New York, as the "Charles L.