

RALTO AIDS WALK

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I wish to recognize an important event that has occurred in my State of California. To honor World AIDS Day, the city of Rialto partnered with Brothers and Sisters in Action, BASIA, and First Chance/Youth-Community Health Outreach Workers to host the inaugural AIDS Walk Rialto on December 8, 2007. I am pleased to say that it was a success.

Since reported in 1981, HIV/AIDS has become the most significant communicable disease in San Bernardino County for African Americans. The rate of HIV among this group has increased dramatically since the first cases were reported. In 2005, 18 percent of the new HIV cases in San Bernardino County were in African Americans, yet African Americans represent only 8.5 percent of the population of the county. AIDS Walk Rialto aimed to broaden awareness of this disparity.

I commend the city of Rialto and the organizers of this event for the work that they are doing to turn the tide of HIV/AIDS infections on the local level. Better education and awareness programs can make a tremendous difference in stopping the spread of this disease, and I encourage an even larger parade next year.●

HONORING THE LIFE OF VU NGUYEN

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me as I honor the life of Sacramento sheriff's deputy Vu Dinh Nguyen, who was tragically killed in the line of duty on December 19, 2007.

Deputy Nguyen dedicated his career to law enforcement and public safety. He was a member of the Sacramento Sheriff's Department for 7 years, serving as a member of the gang unit for 3 years. Prior to his career with the Sheriff's Department, he was a probation officer for Sacramento County.

Vu Nguyen was born in Vietnam in 1970 and immigrated to the United States in 1975. His family settled in Modesto, CA, where he attended Burbank Elementary School, Mark Twain Junior High School, and Modesto High School. While attending Modesto High School he participated in several activities including football, yearbook, and student government.

Vu continued his education at California State University, Sacramento, where he graduated cum laude with a degree in criminal justice. He continued to excel at the Sheriff's Academy where he graduated with high honors.

Deputy Nguyen was married in April and is survived by his wife Phanh, parents, five sisters, and two brothers. His family, friends, and colleagues remember him as a humble man, a respected officer, and an ambassador for the Sheriff's Department in the Asian-American community where he often reached out to troubled youth.

Deputy Vu Nguyen's brave service and commitment to public safety will not be forgotten.●

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY

• Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, I am pleased to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, America's first Greek-letter organization established by Black college women. It is with great pride that I join my friends Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON-LEE, Congresswomen DIANE WATSON, and Congresswoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON in extending our congratulations to all of its members on this tremendous occasion.

On January 15, 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was founded at Howard University in Washington, DC, by Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, who envisioned AKA as a source of social and intellectual enrichment for its members. Over the past century, AKA has evolved into a nationwide organization of college-trained women working to improve the socioeconomic conditions in their cities, States, and countries throughout the world. Today, the sorority serves through a membership of more than 200,000 women in 975 chapters in the United States and several other countries.

In September 2005, along with my colleagues in the House, I had the pleasure of cohosting a reception on Capitol Hill for the House AKA leadership and nearly 100 members. I was reminded yet again of the remarkable strength and unwavering dedication of AKA to improve the lives of others.

AKA's significant contributions to the Black community and to American society over the past century are widespread. From election reform and safety to and health care and education initiatives, AKA has raised money for and spread awareness about issues that directly impact countless lives across the country. In addition to advancing these services, AKA maintains a focus on strengthening the quality of life for its members. AKA cultivates and encourages high scholastic and ethical standards, promotes unity and friendship among college women, alleviates problems facing girls and women, maintains a progressive interest in college life and continues to demonstrate the power of Ethel Hedgeman Lyle's vision a century later.

Today marks not only a moment for celebration but also a time to give thanks to all members for the significant contributions AKA have made to our communities and America over the past century.

AKA's members have built an enduring legacy of leadership and service that has made a profound contribution to our history and to our future. As the women of AKA celebrate this significant milestone, I add to the chorus of thanks and praise for your 100 years of groundbreaking achievement and the many accomplishments yet to come.●

RETIREMENT OF MR. DAVID J. WILLIAMS

• Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I congratulate David J. Williams for his 30

years of service to the vaccine industry and Pennsylvania.

Mr. Williams was born in Scranton, PA, and received his accounting degree from the University of Scranton in 1973. He then joined Connaught Laboratories in 1978 as the manager of financial services. Mr. Williams was a member of the executive team and was named chief operating officer of Connaught Laboratories in 1989.

Mr. Williams steered the company through several mergers and acquisitions, growing the organization from 100 employees and sales of just over \$5 million in 1978, to the creation of today's Sanofi Pasteur, the world's largest vaccine manufacturer with 11,000 employees and more than \$4 billion in sales in 2007. Under Mr. Williams' guidance, more than a billion doses of Sanofi Pasteur's lifesaving vaccines are administered to more than 500 million people around the world each year, representing more than 25 percent of the global vaccine market.

Mr. Williams recognized his company's ability to address current and future public health needs by investing in a research and development program and a production plan for pandemic preparedness in the event that a public health emergency strikes the United States. Mr. Williams and Sanofi Pasteur have helped to build the domestic infrastructure necessary to protect millions of Americans from deadly diseases, while addressing public health around the world.

Mr. Williams has served as an advocate for the survival of the vaccine industry. I am told that in 1986, when the industry was being diminished by lawsuits, he served as the industry point person for negotiation of The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Compensation Act, which established the Vaccine Injury Compensation Fund. In his dedication to the larger immunization community, he created the Vaccine Policy Committee of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America and is a founding member of the Partnership for Prevention which includes public and private sector representatives who focus on preventative health care policies.

Mr. Williams served as the first liaison member of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which sets immunization policy in the United States. He has also served on the board of directors of the Biotechnology Industry Organization, Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania, the Hospital Service Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and the Board of Regents of the University of Scranton. He is one of the founding board members of the Medical Education Development Consortium.

I am advised that Mr. Williams has cultivated a culture of community involvement at Sanofi Pasteur and demonstrated a commitment to philanthropy through the company's contributions to United Way and donations of vaccines through UNICEF, the Global Alliance for Vaccines Immunization, GAVI, the World Health Organization's Global Polio Eradication Initiative and various humanitarian relief efforts.

Mr. Williams has also been committed to the economic growth and development of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This includes expanding the impressive campus in Swiftwater to maintain a domestic manufacturing base for many vaccines, including influenza. Under his guidance, Sanofi Pasteur has grown to be the largest private employer in Monroe County and a purchaser of over \$145 million in goods and services from Pennsylvania-based vendors. I have been pleased to assist in this important expansion through appropriation of Federal funding which not only benefits the county but the entire Commonwealth and Nation.

On January 16, 2008, after 30 years of service, David J. Williams will retire as the chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Sanofi Pasteur. I commend Dr. Williams for his distinguished career and leadership in the advancement of immunizations and the eradication of vaccine-preventable diseases.●

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 treaties which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

REPORT ON THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY RELATIVE TO PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY—PM 34

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 Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

I transmit to the Congress, 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"), the

text of the proposed Agreement for Cooperation between the United States of America and the Republic of Turkey Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (the "Agreement") together with a copy of the unclassified Nuclear Proliferation Assessment Statement (NPAS) and of my approval of the proposed Agreement and determination that the proposed Agreement will promote, and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to, the common defense and security. The Secretary of State will submit the classified NPAS and accompanying annexes separately in appropriate secure channels.

The Agreement was signed on July 26, 2000, and President Clinton approved and authorized execution and made the determinations required by section 123 b. of the Act (Presidential Determination 2000-26, 65 FR 44403 (July 18, 2000)). However, immediately after signature, U.S. agencies received information that called into question the conclusions that had been drawn in the required NPAS and the original classified annex, specifically, information implicating Turkish private entities in certain activities directly relating to nuclear proliferation. Consequently, the Agreement was not submitted to the Congress and the executive branch undertook a review of the NPAS evaluation.

My Administration has completed the NPAS review as well as an evaluation of actions taken by the Turkish government to address the proliferation activities of certain Turkish entities (once officials of the U.S. Government brought them to the Turkish government's attention). The Secretary of State, the Secretary of Energy, and the members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission are confident that the pertinent issues have been sufficiently resolved and that there is a sufficient basis (as set forth in the classified annexes, which will be transmitted separately by the Secretary of State) to proceed with congressional review of the Agreement and, if legislation is not enacted to disapprove it, to bring the Agreement into force.

In my judgment, entry into force of the Agreement will serve as a strong incentive for Turkey to continue its support for nonproliferation objectives and enact future sound nonproliferation policies and practices. It will also promote closer political and economic ties with a NATO ally, and provide the necessary legal framework for U.S. industry to make nuclear exports to Turkey's planned civil nuclear sector.

This transmittal shall constitute a submittal for purposes of both section 123 b. and 123 d. of the Act. My Administration is prepared to begin immediate consultations with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee as provided in section 123 b. Upon completion of the period of 30 days of continuous session provided for in section 123 b., the period of 60 days of continuous

session provided for in section 123 d. shall commence.

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

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1216. An act to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1374. An act to amend the Florida National Forest Land Management Act of 2003 to authorize the conveyance of an additional tract of National Forest System land under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2517. An act to amend the Missing Children's Assistance Act to authorize appropriations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2768. An act to establish improved mandatory standards to protect miners during emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 3179. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to authorize the use of Federal supply schedules for the acquisition of law enforcement, security, and certain other related items by State and local governments; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3524. An act to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3866. An act to reauthorize certain programs under the Small Business Act for each of fiscal years 2008 and 2009; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 3911. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 95 Church Street in Jessup, Pennsylvania, as the "Lance Corporal Dennis James Veater Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4220. 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; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4286. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in recognition of her courageous and unwavering commitment to peace, nonviolence, human rights, and democracy in Burma; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 4341. An act to extend the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 for 3 months; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 4342. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 824 Manatee Avenue West in Bradenton, Florida, as the "Dan Miller Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.