

World War II was one of America's greatest triumphs but was also a conflict rife with individual sacrifice and tragedy. More than 60 million people worldwide were killed, including 40 million civilians, and more than 400,000 American service members were slain during the long war. The ultimate victory over enemies in the Pacific and in Europe is a testament to the valor of American soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines. The years 1941 to 1945 also witnessed an unprecedented mobilization of domestic industry, which supplied our military on two distant fronts.

In Louisiana, there remain today about 30,000 living WWII veterans, and each one has a heroic tale of achieving the noble victory of freedom over tyranny. This group had 25 veterans who served in the U.S. Army, 19 in the Army Air Corps, 29 in the Navy, 11 in the Marine Corps, 2 in the Merchant Marines, 2 in the Coast Guard, and 2 were Army nurses.

Our heroes, many of them from South Louisiana, trekked the world for their country. They fought in Germany, Holland, France, Italy, Africa, Guam, Bougainville, Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, the Philippines, New Guinea, Japan and Saipan. Their journeys included the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, and Normandy.

One of our Army Air Corps veterans was declared missing in action for 58 days in Yugoslavia after bailing out of his aircraft. Another Army veteran fought bravely in the Battle of the Bulge, while an Army Air Corps veteran made the Bataan Death March and spent 5 years in prison camps before being liberated on August 17, 1946.

One Navy veteran earned a Gold star, Bronze star, and Hazardous Award for his service in the Pacific. An Army Air Corps veteran fought in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East where he received an Air Medal, three oak leaf clusters, and a Distinguished Unit Badge for his outstanding service.

A Navy veteran earned seven campaign stars and was in Tokyo Bay the morning of the Japanese surrender. Another veteran served as part of the 101st Airborne, fighting in Holland, Bastogne, Alsace, Ruhr, and Berchtesgarden.

I am also proud to acknowledge that of the 90 veterans who visited Washington this past weekend, 5 were women who served our country with honor and distinction during World War II. Three brothers also made the trip together.

I ask the Senate to join me in honoring these 90 veterans, all Louisiana heroes, who visited Washington, and Louisiana HonorAir for making these trips a reality.●

RECOGNIZING REED & REED, INC.

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, as our Nation increases its efforts to be more environmentally friendly, individuals, families, and businesses, both large and

small, wisely continue to invest in green energy innovation. As we enter an exciting era of remarkable technological advances that will change the course of America forever, we are creating a more energy efficient and competitive Nation. I wish to recognize a small contracting firm from my home State of Maine that has become a leader in the promising field of wind power technology.

Located in the small midcoast town of Woolwich, Reed & Reed, Inc., is a general contracting company that focuses on a wide array of projects ranging from bridge construction to wind power services. Founded in 1928, the company was a partnership of Captain Josiah W. Reed and his son, Carlton Day Reed, with a mere \$2,000 capital investment. Presently run by two Colby College graduates, president and CEO Jackson A. Parker and treasurer Thomas C. Reed, Reed & Reed is well positioned to remain the premier wind power services contractor in New England for decades to come.

Throughout its storied history, Reed & Reed has been at the center of numerous critical projects across the region. From its early focus on constructing bridges, to more recent ventures including commercial buildings, marine terminals, and industrial facilities, the company has built a strong reputation based on the expansive breadth of its work. Among other efforts, Reed & Reed has helped construct facilities at the Brunswick Naval Air Station and Portland's International Ferry Terminal and has been involved in several transportation construction projects, including repairs to bridges on Maine's interstate highways and the Maine Turnpike Widening Project earlier this decade. One of the more impressive projects Reed & Reed has been associated with is the historic Penobscot Narrows Bridge, only the second cable-stayed bridge in all of New England and a massive accomplishment in its own right. Additionally, the company earned numerous recognitions and awards for this monumental task, including an Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Reed & Reed has most recently taken the leading role in several wind power service projects in various spots across Maine. The firm is presently at work on the Kibby Mountain Wind Power Project, slated for completion 1 year from now. And Reed & Reed was at the heart of what is now Maine's largest wind power producer, the Stetson Mountain Project, which was completed last year in Danforth.

Earlier this year, the Maine Development Foundation selected Reed & Reed as one of its Champions of Economic Development because of the company's broad commitment to economic growth in Maine, high professional standards, and innovativeness. Among countless other awards, Reed & Reed has also received seven Build Maine Awards from

the Associated General Contractors of Maine, the most recent in recognition of the firm's extraordinary efforts on the Stetson wind project. Awarded based on a firm's innovation, environmental sensitivity, safety record, and general excellence, the Build Maine Award is a truly fitting tribute to Reed & Reed's superior quality of work.

Of note, leaders from Reed & Reed recently visited Spain and Germany with Maine Governor John Baldacci and other wind industry representatives as part of a weeklong trade mission. The trip provided a prime opportunity to showcase Maine's emergence as a leader in wind power, and it was a tremendous honor for such a deserving company to be invited to participate.

A name synonymous with ingenuity, Reed & Reed is leading Maine and New England into a new frontier of innovation and environmental responsibility. I commend Messrs. Parker and Reed, and everyone at Reed & Reed, for eight decades of unparalleled work in a variety of fields and wish them continued success in their multiple endeavors.●

RECOGNIZING LOUISVILLE, COLORADO

● Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, today I congratulate the city of Louisville, CO, for being named recently as the top place to live in the Nation by Money Magazine. I know that Colorado is home to many amazing towns, cities and communities. It would be nearly impossible to choose which among them is the top place to live, but I am proud that Louisville received this prestigious honor.

Every 2 years, Money Magazine releases a ranking of cities under 50,000 residents. In compiling these rankings, the editors consider factors such as economic opportunity, schools, affordability of homes, crime rates, and entertainment options for families. This year marks the third consecutive time Louisville has made the list, ranking fifth in 2005 and third in 2007.

In addition to the usual factors, this year's survey had an added component. People from around the nation said that the availability of great jobs was the most important factor to them when deciding where to live. This does not come as a surprise to any of us, but makes Louisville's ranking all that much more impressive for Colorado. While Louisville has certainly seen the effects of the economic downturn, it has been able to continue to support and attract cutting-edge businesses. ConocoPhillips is an example of just one business that has recently decided to put down roots in Louisville, where it plans to build a renewable energy and new technologies research facility. The businesses located in Louisville's Tech Center continue to be at the forefront of Colorado's high-tech development, and those located on Louisville's historic Main Street support jobs while continuing traditions started generations ago.

But more than its ability to attract businesses and jobs, the heart of Louisville and what makes it the top place to live is its solid community and commitment to the outdoors. Louisville supports a vibrant summer farmers' market and Friday night Street Faire, which brings to town musical acts from across the West. Earlier this summer, the annual Louisville Fourth of July celebration included the traditional fireworks show and a giveaway of 4,000 hot dogs and bratwursts cooked by the mayor and city council, part of a long-standing tradition. Money Magazine also remarked on Louisville's share of the legendary Colorado sunshine and beautiful open spaces. In a town of 18,000 residents, Louisville has over 20,000 acres of open space, 26 parks and nearly 30 miles of trails, most with panoramic views of the Front Range Mountains.

I congratulate both Louisville and the town of Superior, CO, which earned a ranking of 13th on the list. We know that Coloradans are proud of their outstanding communities, and it is only appropriate that Colorado is home to the "Best Place to Live" in the Nation. Congratulations again to the residents of Louisville.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 9:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3663. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to delay the date on which the accreditation requirement under the Medicare Program applies to suppliers of durable medical equipment that are pharmacies.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

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

H.R. 1687. An act to designate the federally occupied building located at McKinley Avenue and Third Street, SW., Canton, Ohio, as

the "Ralph Regula Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 2053. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 525 Magoffin Avenue in El Paso, Texas, as the "Albert Armendariz, Sr., United States Courthouse".

H.R. 2121. An act to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Galveston, Texas, to the Galveston Historical Foundation.

H.R. 2498. An act to designate the Federal building located at 844 North Rush Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "William O. Lipinski Federal Building".

H.R. 2913. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 301 Simonton Street in Key West, Florida, as the "Sidney M. Aronovitz United States Courthouse".

S. 1289. An act to improve title 18 of the United States Code.

At 10:06 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 4 of the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-25), the Speaker appoints as members of the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission the following Members on the part of the House: Mr. FOSTER of Illinois and Mr. MOORE of Kansas.

At 11:24 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 42: Concurrent resolution providing for the acceptance of a statue of Helen Keller, presented by the people of Alabama.

At 12:56 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2647) entitled "An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, to provide special pays and allowances to certain members of the Armed Forces, expand concurrent receipt of military retirement and VA disability benefits to disabled military retirees, and for other purposes.", and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and that the following Members be the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SKELTON, SPRATT, ORTIZ, TAYLOR, ABERCROMBIE, REYES, SNYDER, SMITH of Washington, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ, Messrs. MCINTYRE, BRADY of Pennsylvania, ANDREWS, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Messrs. LANGEVIN, LARSEN of Washington, COOPER, MARSHALL, Ms. BORDALLO, Messrs. MCKEON, BARTLETT, THORNBERRY, JONES, AKIN, FORBES, MILLER of Florida, WILSON of South Carolina, LoBIONDO, BISHOP of Utah, TURNER and WITTMAN;

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Messrs. REYES, SCHIFF and HOEKSTRA;

From the Committee on Education and Labor, for consideration of sections 243, 551-553, 585, 2833 and 2834 of the House bill and sections 531-534 and 3136 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. ALTMIRE and Mrs. BIGGERT;

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of sections 247, 315 and 601 of the House bill and sections 311, 601, 2835 and 3118 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. WAXMAN, MARKEY of Massachusetts and BARTON of Texas;

From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of sections 812, 907, 912, 1011, 1013, 1046, 1201, 1211, 1213-1215, 1226, 1230A, 1231, 1236, 1239, 1240, title XIII, sections 1513, 1516, 1517, and 2903 of the House bill and sections 1021, 1023, 1201-1203, 1205-1208, 1211-1214, subtitle D of title XII, title XIII and section 1517 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. BERMAN, ACKERMAN and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN;

From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of section 1101 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. TITUS and Mr. BILIRAKIS;

From the Committee on House Administration, for consideration of subtitle H of title V of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. CAPUANO, GONZALEZ and LUNGREN of California;

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 583, 584, 1021 and 1604 of the House bill and sections 821, 911, 1031, 1033, 1056, 1086 and division E of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. NADLER of New York, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California and Mr. GOHMERT;

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of sections 1091 and 2308 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. RAHALL, FALEOMAVAEGA and HASTINGS of Washington;

From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of sections 321, 322, 326-329, 335, 537, 666, 814, 815, 834, 1101-1107, 1110-1113 and title II of division D of the House bill and sections 323, 323A-323C, 814, 822, 824, 901, 911, 1056, 1086, 1101-1105 and 1162 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. TOWNS, LYNCH and FORTENBERRY;

From the Committee on Science and Technology, for consideration of sections 248, 819, 836, and 911 of the House bill and sections 801, 814, 833, 834, 912 and division F of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to