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H.R. 3788. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3900 Darrow Road in Stow, Ohio, as the "Corporal Joseph A. Tomci Post Office Building".

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 209. A concurrent resolution recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Iranian hostage crisis, during which 52 United States citizens were held hostage for 444 days from November 4, 1979, to January 20, 1981, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 210. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1299) to make technical corrections to the laws affecting certain administrative authorities of the United States Capital Police, and for other purposes, with an amendment.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1838. An act to amend the Small Business Act to modify certain provisions relating to women's business centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 1845. An act to amend the Small Business Act to modernize Small Business Development Centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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at 3900 Darrow Road in Stow, Ohio, as the "Corporal Joseph A. Tomci Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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H. Con. Res. 209. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Iranian hostage crisis, during which 52 United States citizens were held hostage for 444 days from November 4, 1979, to January 20, 1981, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 2751. A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Big Spring, Texas, as the George H. O'Brien, Jr., Department of Veterans Medical Center; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. LEMIEUX, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2752. A bill to ensure the sale and consumption of raw oysters and to direct the Food and Drug Administration to conduct an education campaign regarding the risks associated with consuming raw oysters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. HAGAN:

S. 2753. A bill to suspend temporarily the suspension of duty on RSD 1235; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2754. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage teachers to pursue teaching science, technology, engineering, and math subjects to elementary and secondary schools; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BENNET, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2755. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an investment credit for equipment used to fabricate solar energy property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 2756. A bill to establish the Financial Services Systemic Risk Oversight Council, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. INOUE, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2757. A bill to authorize the adjustment of status for immediate family members of persons who served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States during the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2758. A bill to amend the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 to establish a national food safety training, education, extension, outreach, and technical assistance program for agricultural producers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KULSKI, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. Res. 345. A resolution deploring the rape and assault of women in Guinea and the killing of political protesters; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KIRK, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. Res. 346. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that, at the 21st Regular Meeting of the International Commission on the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, the United States should seek to ensure management of the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna fishery adheres to the scientific advice provided by the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics and has a high probability of achieving the established rebuilding target, pursue strengthened protections for spawning bluefin populations in the Mediterranean Sea to facilitate the recovery of the Atlantic bluefin tuna, pursue imposition of more stringent measures to ensure compliance by all Members with the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas' conservation and management recommendations for Atlantic bluefin tuna and other species, and ensure that United States' quotas of tuna and swordfish are not reallocated to other nations, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. Res. 347. A resolution congratulating the New York Yankees on winning the 2009 World Series; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. Res. 348. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 182

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 182, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 461

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 461, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 492

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 492, a bill to amend the

Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain employment as a member of a local governing board, commission, or committee from social security tax coverage.

S. 510

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 510, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of the food supply.

S. 611

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 611, a bill to provide for the reduction of adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 619

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 619, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antibiotics used in the treatment of human and animal diseases.

S. 825

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 825, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore, increase, and make permanent the exclusion from gross income for amounts received under qualified group legal services plans.

S. 870

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 870, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the credit for renewable electricity production to include electricity produced from biomass for on-site use and to modify the credit period for certain facilities producing electricity from open-loop biomass.

S. 1067

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1067, a bill to support stabilization and lasting peace in northern Uganda and areas affected by the Lord's Resistance Army through development of a regional strategy to support multilateral efforts to successfully protect civilians and eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army and to authorize funds for humanitarian relief and reconstruction, reconciliation, and transitional justice, and for other purposes.

S. 1147

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1147, a bill to prevent tobacco smuggling, to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 1160

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico

(Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1160, a bill to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans.

S. 1234

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1234, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S. 1237

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1237, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the grant program for homeless veterans with special needs to include male homeless veterans with minor dependents and to establish a grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, and for other purposes.

S. 1311

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1311, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to expand and strengthen cooperative efforts to monitor, restore, and protect the resource productivity, water quality, and marine ecosystems of the Gulf of Mexico.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KIRK) were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to improve and expand the Peace Corps for the 21st century, and for other purposes.

S. 1518

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1518, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune.

S. 1520

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1520, a bill to grant a Federal charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated.

S. 1553

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1553, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National Future Farmers of America Organization and the 85th anniversary of the founding of the National Future Farmers of America Organization.

S. 1583

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Massa-

chusetts (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1583, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2014, and for other purposes.

S. 1584

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. KAUFMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1584, a bill to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

S. 1598

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1598, a bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system.

S. 1606

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1606, a bill to require foreign manufacturers of products imported into the United States to establish registered agents in the United States who are authorized to accept service of process against such manufacturers, and for other purposes.

S. 1628

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1628, a bill to amend title VII of the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of physicians who practice in underserved rural communities.

S. 1646

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1646, a bill to keep Americans working by strengthening and expanding short-time compensation programs that provide employers with an alternative to layoffs.

S. 1660

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1660, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the emissions of formaldehyde from composite wood products, and for other purposes.

S. 1668

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1668, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain active duty service in the reserve components as qualifying service for purposes of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1730

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1730, a bill to provide for minimum loss ratios for health insurance coverage.

S. 1739

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1739, a bill to promote freedom of the press around the world.

S. 1834

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1834, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally.

S. 1927

At the request of Mr. REID, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1927, a bill to establish a moratorium on credit card interest rate increases, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1927, *supra*.

S. 1939

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) were added as cosponsors of S. 1939, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 2097

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2097, a bill to authorize the rededication of the District of Columbia War Memorial as a National and District of Columbia World War I Memorial to honor the sacrifices made by American veterans of World War I.

S. 2128

At the request of Mr. LEMIEUX, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2128, a bill to provide for the establishment of the Office of Deputy Secretary for Health Care Fraud Prevention.

S. RES. 210

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 210, a resolution designating the week beginning on November 9, 2009, as National School Psychology Week.

S. RES. 278

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 278, a resolution honoring the Hudson River School painters for their contributions to the United States Senate.

S. RES. 340

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr.

RISCH) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 340, a resolution expressing support for designation of a National Veterans History Project Week to encourage public participation in a nationwide project that collects and preserves the stories of the men and women who served our Nation in times of war and conflict.

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 340, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 2733

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2733 proposed to H.R. 3082, a bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2737

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2737 proposed to H.R. 3082, a bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 345—DEPLORING THE RAPE AND ASSAULT OF WOMEN IN GUINEA AND THE KILLING OF POLITICAL PROTESTERS

Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mrs. MCCASKILL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 345

Whereas, on December 23, 2008, a group of military officers calling itself the National Council for Democracy and Development (referred to in this preamble as the "CNDD") seized power in a coup in Guinea, installed as interim President Captain Moussa Dadis Camara, and promised to hold elections;

Whereas, on September 28, 2009, tens of thousands of unarmed opposition protesters met in and around an outdoor stadium to protest statements made by Captain Camara that he may run for president, after he said that he would not;

Whereas government security forces killed at least 157 demonstrators, after opening fire on the crowd, and brutalized and raped dozens of women openly in public;

Whereas, according to Human Rights Watch, these killings and assaults were part

of a "premeditated massacre" in which the "level, frequency, and brutality of sexual violence that took place at and after the protests strongly suggests that it was part of a systematic attempt to terrorize and humiliate the opposition, not just random acts by rogue soldiers";

Whereas, according to the humanitarian organization CARE, "What happened in Guinea is an outrage—and a stark reminder of a larger epidemic of violence against women and girls around the world.";

Whereas members of the United Nations Security Council condemned "the violence that caused reportedly more than 150 deaths and hundreds of wounded and other blatant violations of human rights including rapes in public streets in broad day light, and violence that led to the arrest of opposition party leaders";

Whereas the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights characterized the events as a "blood bath" and stated that they "must not become part of the fabric of impunity that has enveloped Guinea for decades";

Whereas Amnesty International reports that violence against women knows few bounds, and that "in armed conflicts, countless women and girls are raped and sexually abused by security forces and opposition groups as an act of war, and often face additional violence in refugee camps. Government sponsored violence also exists in peacetime, with women assaulted while in police custody, in prison, and at the hands of any number of state actors." and that "violence against women is a violation of human rights that cannot be justified by any political, religious, or cultural claim"; and

Whereas, on October 16, 2009, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon announced the creation of an international commission of inquiry to investigate the events: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) deplores the rape and assault of women and the killing of political protestors in Guinea, and calls for an immediate cessation of violence, including gender-based violence and targeted killings by security forces;

(2) strongly supports efforts by the United Nations Security Council's commission of inquiry into the violence, and calls for Captain Moussa Dadis Camara and the National Council for Democracy and Development to abide by their pledge to cooperate with the commission;

(3) urges the identification and prosecution, by the appropriate authorities, of those responsible for orchestrating or carrying out the violence in Guinea;

(4) urges President Barack Obama, in coordination with leaders from the European Union and the African Union, to seriously consider punitive measures that could be taken against senior officials in Guinea found to be complicit in the violence, in particular the atrocities perpetrated against women and other gross human rights violations; and

(5) encourages President Obama to remain actively engaged in the political situation in Guinea, to continue to convey that the blatant abuse of women will not be tolerated, and to continue supporting the efforts of the appointed facilitator, President Blaise Compaore of Burkina Faso, to pave a way forward to credible elections.