

family to Calcutta, where they remained unsettled for many years. His father passed away just before he graduated from R.G. Kar Medical College in 1956. To support his family, he took the job of medical officer at the IISCO Hospital at Burnpur. In 1963, Dr. Chatterjee left India for the United Kingdom to further his studies. In 1971, he was recruited to direct the inpatient cardiology service at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. Dr. Chatterjee joined the UCSF Medical Center staff in 1975 as director of the cardiac care unit and associate chief of cardiology, where he became the Ernest Gallo Distinguished Professor of Medicine in the division of cardiology.

A beloved physician, teacher, and researcher, Dr. Chatterjee has worked tirelessly over the last 30-plus years in the fields of diagnosing and managing coronary artery disease, heart failure, and pulmonary hypertension. He is also a world-renowned researcher in vascular reactivity and heart failure and has pioneered the study of drugs, such as ACE inhibitors and vasodilators, that have become the standard of care for heart failure. With such a long-standing list of professional accomplishments, it is all the more touching to hear Dr. Chatterjee's patients speak with genuine gratitude and heartfelt emotion about his expertise and compassion.

As Dr. Chatterjee prepares to move on to his new half-time position at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, I wish him many more years of continued leadership and success in the field of cardiology.

I commend Dr. Chatterjee for his 34 years of dedicated service to the UCSF Medical Center community. Along with his friends and admirers throughout the San Francisco Bay area, I thank him for his tireless efforts and wish him the best as he embarks on the next phase of his remarkable life.●

REMEMBERING ALEX DEL RIO

● Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. President, every day, law enforcement officers across the Nation make tremendous sacrifices to fight crime and keep our communities safe. On November 22, 2008, one of those officers tragically lost his life while serving in the line of duty. The officer was 31-year-old Alex Del Rio, a Florida native, a loving son, and an outstanding member of the Hollywood, FL, police department.

Although Alex's life ended just 2 months short of his 32nd birthday, he lived his life to the fullest. He was born in Miami and attended Winston Park Elementary in Miami and McMillian Middle School in Kendall. At the MAST Academy High School in Miami, Alex was a tremendous student, a member of the JROTC Color Guard, and known by his friends as someone who always did the right thing.

After joining the Hollywood Police Department in 1996, Alex began his career as a part-time community service

aide and earned a full-time position on the force in 1999. He held positions in patrol, special operations motors and special operations for DUI traffic homicide. He was named Hollywood Police Department's "Officer of the Month" in October of 2003 and a finalist for the 2003 "Officer of the Year." His colleagues knew him for his sense of humor, his likability, and his love for the job.

Alex's mother Miriam Fernandez has turned her personal tragedy into opportunities for others by establishing the Alex Del Rio Foundation. The foundation aims to enrich the lives of children in south Florida by providing scholarships and promoting the ideals Alex embodied.

His commitment to serving others has touched not only those in Hollywood but also those who work in law enforcement in other States. Officer James E. Manley from the town of Lloyd, NY, was so inspired by Alex's story that he has decided to ride more than 300 miles to be here in Washington in Alex's honor. Officer Manley will join Alex's family and others this week in a candlelight vigil and memorial service for fallen officers at the National Law Enforcement Memorial. I join them in honoring Alex and the many other men and women of our nation's law enforcement agencies who have given their lives protecting and serving our communities.●

HONORING JOHN T. NOBLE TRUCKING

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, later this month, we will pause to commemorate those men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice to defend our Nation and the freedoms we enjoy. On Memorial Day, families of our fallen members of the Armed Forces visit the graves of their loved ones throughout our Nation, often at veteran's cemeteries, to remember our fallen heroes. I rise today with tremendous gratitude to recognize the generosity of two Mainers, John and Joyce Noble, and their business, John T. Noble Trucking, for their dedicated efforts in supporting the creation of the Northern Maine Veteran's Cemetery as a place of rest for thousands of Maine's bravest.

John T. Noble Trucking, a thriving business since 1957, is located in the Aroostook county city of Caribou. A multifaceted company, Noble Trucking provides its customers with a wide variety of services, including landscaping services, commercial deliveries of fuel products as well as truck maintenance, welding, painting, and body repair.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble are well known in the Caribou community for their philanthropic initiatives. The Nobles have donated to countless causes within their community, and in characteristic Aroostook County fashion, have made many of these donations on the condition of anonymity. Organizations like the Caribou Recreation Department, the Northern Maine Fairgrounds, Cary

Medical Center, The Christopher Home and the Caribou Historical Society are just a few of the many grateful County charities that have benefitted immensely from the Nobles' friendship and contributions. Perhaps their most notable work has been their advocacy and determination on behalf of the Northern Maine Veteran's Cemetery in Caribou.

The idea for Maine's northernmost veterans cemetery was first proposed in 1998. After serious study that found overwhelming support among the community, the initial approval was given by the governor in February 1999. In the spring of that year, the Northern Maine Veterans Commemorative Cemetery Corporation was formed to oversee all aspects of the cemetery's development.

John Noble, an honorably discharged veteran himself and his wife Joyce, who also admirably supported her husband's service to our country with stalwart dedication, certainly felt a particular kinship to the development of an appropriate resting place for our national heroes. In order to ensure that the dream of so many veterans became a reality, John and Joyce Noble stepped forward to offer 33.4 acres of their own land for use by the Corporation. Their heartfelt contribution expedited the plans for the Northern Maine Veteran's Cemetery and the seeds of charitable giving had taken root, facilitating a grassroots effort that culminated in what is today a regal and honored resting place for our most deserving men and women who served this country with honor and distinction.

The Nobles' ongoing efforts inspired a can-do spirit that sparked a dedicated group of volunteers into determined action. With the cemetery facing a delay in state funding, the Nobles offered to help with the construction and maintenance of the cemetery's lands until the funds became available. Additionally, the Nobles helped make the cemetery more private and solemn by planting trees around its perimeter. When the cemetery was finally dedicated on June 1, 2003, the Nobles had left a substantial mark on this sacred place and continue to support it today.

An extraordinarily modest couple, John and Joyce Noble have made significant contributions to the appearance and well-being of Caribou. Their beautiful gesture of kindness resulted in a respectable final resting place for those who gave our Nation the fullest measure of commitment. It is their selfless spirit and magnanimous nature that have made them stand out in the Caribou community for years. I thank Mr. and Mrs. Noble for their incredible generosity, and wish them and their company, John T. Noble Trucking, much success for years to come.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 5:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mr. Zapata, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 23. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.

H.R. 1178. An act to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the use of Civil Air Patrol personnel and resources to support homeland security missions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2020. An act to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize activities for support of networking and information technology research, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 23. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1178. An act to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the use of Civil Air Patrol personnel and resources to support homeland security missions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2020. An act to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize activities for support of networking and information technology research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1552. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's 2008 report to Congress on the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1553. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of T 37 Jet Trainer Aircraft and Parts from the Commerce Control List" (RIN0694-AC74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 4, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1554. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the DTV Delay Act" (MB Docket No. 09-17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 4, 2009; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1555. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Oolitic and Worthington, Indiana)" (MB Docket No. 07-125) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 4, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1556. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Kihei, Hawaii)" (MB Docket No. 08-217) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 4, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1557. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Cuba, Illinois)" (MB Docket No. 07-175) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 4, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1558. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Marquez, Texas)" (MB Docket No. 08-196) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 4, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1559. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Cadillac, Michigan)" (MB Docket No. 08-252) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 4, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1560. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Bryan, Texas)" (MB Docket No. 09-34) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 4, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1561. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Directed Fishing With Trawl Gear by American Fisheries Act Catcher Processors in Bycatch Limitation Zone 1 of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XO32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1562. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Trip Limit Reduction for the Commercial Fishery for Golden Tilefish for the 2009 Fishing Year" (RIN0648-XO46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1563. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries,

National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XO30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1564. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XO32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1565. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XO73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1566. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Correction" (RIN0648-AX01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1567. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Revisions to the Pollock Trip Limit Regulations in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-AW54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1568. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; Total Allowable Catch Harvested for Management Area 2" (RIN0648-XO47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1569. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; 2009 Georges Bank Cod Hook Sector Operations Plan and Agreement, and Allocation of Georges Bank Cod Total Allowable Catch" (RIN0648-XM11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1570. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; 2009 Georges