

in the House Committee on Science and Technology, Zack Hester, attending North Carolina State University, interning in the House Committee on Science and Technology, Ashley McCabe, attending Florida State University, interning in the office of Sen. Robert Menendez, Chase Neely, attending George Mason University, interning in the office of Rep. Sam Farr, Christopher Neuman, attending the University of Pennsylvania, interning in the office of Rep. Robert A. Brady, Dwayne Petersen, attending the University of the Virgin Islands, interning in the office of Rep. Donna Christensen, Beersheba, Philippe, attending Boston University, interning in the office of Rep. Donald Payne, Jeleesa Randolph, attending Morgan State University, interning in the office of Rep. Donna Christensen, Ted Ratchford, attending Tulane University, interning in the office of Rep. Michael N. Castle, George Read, attending Amherst College, interning in the office of Sen. John Barrasso, Tyler Roth, attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison, interning in the office of Sen. Herb Kohl, Twaun Samuel, attending the University of Mississippi, interning in the office of Rep. Maxine Waters, Mary Lynn Seery, attending the Catholic University of America, interning in the office of Rep. Donald Payne, Niki Shah, attending Rutgers University, interning in the office of Rep. Donald Payne, Ken Story, attending Minot State University, interning in the office of Sen. Kent Conrad, Zachary Wittchow, attending Northwestern University, interning in the office of Rep. Thomas E. Petri, Alina Zarr, attending the University of Texas, interning in the office of Rep. Lynn Woolsey.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING ROBERT ROSAS

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am honored to remember U.S. Border Patrol agent Robert Rosas, who was killed in the line of duty at the age of 30.

On July 23, 2009, Agent Rosas was shot and killed after responding to a call in Campo, CA. Every day he placed duty ahead of his personal safety while protecting our Nation's Southwest border. In spite of the known dangers, Agent Rosas and thousands like him answer the call to service.

Agent Robert Rosas was born and raised in El Centro, a border city in Imperial County. He joined the U.S. Border Patrol in May 2006, and was assigned to the Campo Station in the San Diego sector. Agent Rosas was also a reserve officer for the El Centro Police Department, known as an outstanding officer and a positive role model in the community.

Agent Rosas is survived by his wife Rosalie, a son, Robert, age 2, and a daughter, Kayla Alisa, 11 months.

My thoughts and prayers are with Rosalie, Robert, and Kayla Alisa Rosas at this tragic time. They have lost a husband and father. I also send my deepest condolences to Agent Rosas' colleagues in the Border Patrol service. Theirs is a difficult and too often dangerous job. I commend their service, protecting our Nation, and our people. •

COMMENDING DR. GARY V. WHETSTONE

• Mr. KAUFMAN. Mr. President, I wish to honor Dr. Gary V. Whetstone, the senior pastor and founder of Victory Christian Fellowship and of Gary Whetstone Worldwide Ministries. He is a Delawarean who, over the past quarter century, has touched the lives of thousands through his proactive and inspirational ministry.

This week marks the 25th anniversary of Pastor Whetstone's ministry, and it will be celebrated in Wilmington this Thursday through Sunday at the Riverfront Center. The festivities will include renowned gospel preachers, including T.D. Jakes, Donnie McClurkin, Martha Munizzi, and Rod Parsley.

A man of great charity, Pastor Whetstone established over 85 outreach ministries throughout Delaware and the surrounding area. This includes the very successful "Blessings, Dressings, and More" program, begun more than a decade ago, which serves over 2,500 Delawareans in need with food and clothing each week.

His work with victims of HIV/AIDS, substance and alcohol abuse, and the incarcerated are testament to his mission to improve lives.

His hands-on approach to ministry has not stopped at the State line. Internationally, Pastor Whetstone has founded over 400 Bible schools in countries as far and varied as Ireland, Nigeria, and India. His vision to spread the teachings of his faith across the globe has undoubtedly been furthered by his comprehensive Bible learning programs.

Pastor Whetstone recently presented "Murder What's Next," an original dramatic production that teaches about effects on children of being raised in a fatherless home. This show, with its large cast and professional quality, delivers a powerful message about the benefits of involved fathers and of a strong spiritual foundation. Over the past 2 years, the production has been seen by over 35,000 people and has received local and national acclaim, including from the premiere Christian periodical, Charisma Magazine.

I am proud to offer Dr. Gary V. Whetstone my congratulations on the 25th anniversary of his ministry. I also wish him and his wife, Pastor Faye Whetstone, all the best as they continue in their noble work. •

RECOGNIZING COUNTY SUPER SPUDS

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, 2 weeks ago, residents in Aroostook County took part in the 62nd Annual Maine Potato Blossom Festival, a weeklong celebration of the indispensable role agriculture has played in Northern Maine's economy. Indeed, early in the 20th century, Northern Maine was known as the Potato Capital of America. While the times have changed and varieties of crops have expanded, po-

tato farming remains a prevalent way of life in rural Aroostook County. With this in mind, I wish to recognize a fifth-generation family-owned small potato company from Mars Hill, County Super Spuds, whose owners, the McCrum family, have been harvesting potatoes in Northern Maine since the mid-1880s.

It was Lemuel McCrum who, in 1886, moved across the border from New Brunswick, Canada, to the small town of Mars Hill in order to establish a future for his family in potato farming. Lemuel and his wife Ada had 14 children, teaching them the value of good stewardship of the land and work ethic, thus ensuring that future McCrums would harvest bountiful crops on the same land. In the 1960s, Dana McCrum, a member of the family's third generation, moved to a new location in Mars Hill, where County Super Spuds has been situated ever since. The fourth generation of McCrums Jay and David began their farming in the early 1970s, and they were joined by their sister's husband, Bobby Lunney, in 1981. By 2004, the family's fifth generation, Jay's sons, Darrell and Wade, and David's sons, Nicholas and Jonathan, began cultivating their own futures at County Super Spuds.

Since its founding, County Super Spuds has grown into a thriving business that now encompasses three subsidiaries: JDR Transport, a family trucking firm launched in 1992; Penobscot McCrum, LLC, a potato processing plant in Belfast that supplies spuds to customers and restaurants around the world; and Sunday River Farms, a 500-acre farming operation in Rumford Point. McCrum family members all operate and manage these firms, which stretch across the State of Maine. Additionally, the McCrum principle of seeking and finding resolutions to issues of quality assurance with their crops was epitomized by their decision in 2006 to begin utilizing a new GPS system. This technique assists the McCrums in accurate equipment placement within its fields in order to maintain the highest quality product for the Nation's dinner tables.

A proud family with a rich tradition of potato farming, the McCrums have been lauded with prestigious awards on numerous occasions. Jay McCrum was named Young Farmer of the Year in 1986 by the Maine Potato Board, the State's foremost advocate for the potato industry, and a decade later was also named as the Farmer of the Year. And in 2001, County Super Spuds received the Maine Potato Board's highest honor, as they were recognized as the Farm Family of the Year. These awards exemplify that this family has been and continues to be an example of the dedication and determination of the McCrum spirit to succeed within this prestigious profession through every season and every economic and environmental trial and tribulation.

However, many across Maine, and indeed the Nation, may know County

Super Spuds best for its most recent work. The company was one of five potato growers selected from farms across the Nation by FritoLay to star in a nationwide advertising campaign for Lay's Potato Chips, including television and print media, as well as on-pack and in-store displays. In fact, County Super Spuds has been working with Lay's for 23 years, and in that time, the firm has sold approximately 2,300 trailer loads of its delicious potatoes to FritoLay. In the television advertisement, Darrell McCrum, manager for the company's Northern Maine Farm Operations, states that, "We grow potatoes in New England, and Lay's makes potato chips in New England, so that's a pretty good fit." As part of the ad campaign's rollout, Darrell was invited to New York City in mid-May to join the four other farmers and ring the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange. This was a well-placed honor for a truly distinguished family-owned business with such deep roots in the local community. He simultaneously discusses a photograph showing nearly two dozen family members, once again showcasing that Lemuel and Ada McCrum planted their feet firmly in Aroostook County in 1886 with high hopes for their future and their family and over 12 decades later a legacy of 5 generations stand firmly on the foundation they built.

With annual growth of between 11 and 18 percent in recent years, County Super Spuds and the McCrum family have certainly made a positive impact not only within the Maine economy but across this Nation. Their high business acumen and work ethic have distinguished them as a profitable and trusted company. As the McCrum family continues in the footsteps of their forefathers, they remain an invaluable asset in one of Maine's most prestigious and vital industries. I congratulate the McCrums and everyone at County Super Spuds for their work to promote Maine potatoes across the country, and I wish them continued success in the decades to come.●

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE ACTIONS OF CERTAIN PERSONS TO UNDERMINE THE SOVEREIGNTY OF LEBANON OR ITS DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES AND INSTITUTIONS—PM 28

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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To The Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the

President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the Federal Register for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared with respect to the actions of certain persons to undermine the sovereignty of Lebanon or its democratic processes and institutions is to continue in effect beyond August 1, 2009.

In the past 6 months, the United States has used dialogue with the Syrian government to address concerns and identify areas of mutual interest, including support for Lebanese sovereignty. Despite some positive developments in the past year, including the establishment of diplomatic relations and an exchange of ambassadors between Lebanon and Syria, the actions of certain persons continue to contribute to political and economic instability in Lebanon and the region and constitute a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared on August 1, 2007, to deal with that threat and the related measures adopted on that date to respond to the emergency.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 30, 2009.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:58 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3357. An act to restore sums to the Highway Trust Fund and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 10:14 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 bills:

S. 1513. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

H.R. 838. An act to provide for the conveyance of a parcel of land held by the Bureau of Prisons of the Department of Justice in Miami Dade County, Florida, to facilitate the construction of a new educational facility that includes a secure parking area for the Bureau of Prisons, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD)

At 11:51 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 1665. An act to structure Coast Guard acquisition processes and policies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2034. An act to permit refinancing of certain loans under the Rural Housing Service program for guaranteed loans for rural housing, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2093. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to beach monitoring, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2529. An act to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to authorize depository institutions and depository institution holding companies to lease foreclosed property held by such institutions and companies for up to 5 years, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2623. An act to amend the Federal securities laws to clarify and expand the definition of certain persons under those laws.

H.R. 3072. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9810 Halls Ferry Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Coach Jodie Bailey Post Office Building".

H.R. 3139. An act to extend the authorization of the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3330. An act to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and the Federal Credit Union Act to provide more effective reviews of losses in the Deposit Insurance Fund and the Share Insurance Fund by the Inspectors General of the several Federal banking agencies and the National Credit Union Administration Board, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 159. Concurrent resolution recognizing the fifth anniversary of the declaration by the United States Congress of genocide in Darfur, Sudan.

At 1:44 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1107. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for a limited 6-month period for Federal judges to opt into the Judicial Survivors' Annuities System and begin contributing toward an annuity for their spouse and dependent children upon their death, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 29. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that John Arthur "Jack" Johnson should receive a posthumous pardon for the racially motivated conviction in 1913 that diminished the athletic, cultural, and historic significance of Jack Johnson and unduly tarnished his reputation.

S. Con. Res. 35. Concurrent resolution authorizing printing of the pocket version of the United States Constitution.

At 5:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 172. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.