

sons and six grandchildren. I extend my sincere congratulations and thanks to Frank McDonough for making his State of New Jersey a better place to live and work.●

REMEMBERING RONALD EUGENE RAIKES

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to a good friend who touched the lives of many Nebraskans. Ronald Eugene Raikes of Lincoln passed away tragically at the age of 66 after a farming accident on September 5, 2009, at his farm in Saunders County, NE.

As Nebraska's Governor, I had the honor of appointing Ron to my home State's unique one-house legislature in 1997 to finish the term of the late Senator Jerome Warner. I chose Ron for this legislative seat because he was a brilliant and dedicated individual, and because he shared many other of the wonderful qualities of Senator Warner who was a storied lawmaker in his own right. The choice turned out to be inspired, as Ron quickly won the respect of his fellow state senators.

Ron served in the Nebraska Unicameral as the representative from District 25 in southeast Lincoln. He was elected to two 4-year terms before retiring in 2008 due to term limits. As chair of the Legislature's Education Committee, he was a tireless advocate for children and helped develop a number of major initiatives aimed at addressing the needs of minority and underprivileged youth.

The life of Ronald Eugene Raikes, both in public and private, was one filled with quiet dignity and integrity. He always said that our aim, whether as elected officials or individuals, should be to make a contribution. Ron succeeded in that endeavor and, as such, is sorely missed by his fellow Nebraskans. Our hearts go out to his wife Helen; his children Heather, Abbie and Justin; his brother Jeff; and his sisters Ann, Susan and Mary Jo, as well as all those who knew and worked with him. The life of Senator Ron Raikes leaves behind a legacy in Nebraska for many generations to come.●

TRIBUTE TO THE HEATWOLE FAMILY

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I am a proud member of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, and each year I participate in the Angel of Adoption program to recognize a family, caseworker, or judge who works in my State to promote adoptions and permanency for vulnerable children.

Throughout my career in the U.S. Senate, I have worked hard on Federal legislation to promote adoptions and permanency, and to invest in the child welfare system to improve our care and services. I am truly motivated by the families and dedicated professionals I meet thanks to the Angels in Adoption event.

This year, I was proud to accept the nomination of the West Virginia Children's Home Society of the family of Dawn and Dave Heatwole as the 2009 West Virginia Angel in Adoption.

This award is used to recognize those who reach out to vulnerable children and provide them with a safe and loving home. David and Dawn have an amazing story that has touched the lives of so many needy children, and I would like to share their story with you now.

Dawn and David had been married several years when they were told that it was unlikely they would be able to have children. Rather than becoming discouraged, the couple decided that they would like to adopt a young boy from Russia who they had found out about through their church. While waiting for the lengthy international adoption process to go through, Dawn and David decided to become foster parents.

In April 2005 the Heatwoles undertook the challenge of caring for a 7-month-old boy with serious medical problems. Less than a year later the child was placed on a donor list because he required a liver transplant. As his condition continued to worsen, Dawn's sister volunteered to be tested and proved to be an appropriate donor match. The surgery was successful and their adopted son, Adam, is now a healthy 4 year old.

Shortly after bringing Adam into their home, David and Dawn took in another infant foster child, Ethan. Nine months later they welcomed Ethan's brother Asa into their growing family. In January of 2007, the Heatwoles were able to adopt Pasha from Russia, and they did not stop there. In May of 2008, they also accepted Adam's sister as another precious child in their home.

Over the past 5 years, the Heatwoles have provided a safe and loving environment for nine children. They have opened their home to children in need, and have fought to ensure that children are the top priority in the foster care system. Dawn and David have endured the challenges that accompany ailing and drug dependent infants, as well as the challenge of helping a non-English speaking child adapt to a new culture.

Mr. President, I have been delighted to share the Heatwole family's touching story with you. It is my firm belief that the people of West Virginia possess a great compassion to help those in need. The Heatwoles are an inspiration to us all.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:53 p.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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 860. An act to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1080. An act to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2265. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Magna Water District water reuse and groundwater recharge project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2522. An act to raise the ceiling on the Federal share of the cost of the Calleguas Municipal Water District Recycling Project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2741. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2802. An act to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2971. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 630 Northeast Killingsworth Avenue in Portland, Oregon, as the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Post Office".

H.R. 3113. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Elk River in the State of West Virginia for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

At 1:15 p.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, without amendment:

S. 1677. An act to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes.

At 4:18 p.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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3607. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3614. 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.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 860. An act to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1080. An act to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2265. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Magna Water District water reuse and groundwater

recharge project, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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H.R. 2971. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 630 Northeast Killingsworth Avenue in Portland, Oregon, as the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3113. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Elk River in the State of West Virginia for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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-3109. A communication from the Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Competitive and Noncompetitive Non-Formula Federal Assistance Programs—Specific Administrative Provisions for the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program" (RIN0524-AA59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3110. A communication from the Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Competitive and Noncompetitive Non-Formula Federal Assistance Programs—General Award Administrative Provisions and Program-Specific Administrative Provisions for the Specialty Crop Research Initiative" (RIN0524-AA28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3111. A communication from the Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Competitive and Noncompetitive Non-Formula Federal Assistance Programs—Specific Administrative Provisions for the New Era Rural Technology Competitive Grants Program" (RIN0524-AA60) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3112. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Halosulfuron—methyl; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8436-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3113. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Metolachlor, S—Metolachlor, Bifenazate, Buprofezin, and 2,4—D; Tolerance Actions" (FRL No. 8438-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3114. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Certain Money Market Fund Portfolio Holdings" (RIN3235-AK33) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3115. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Certain Industrial Equipment: Energy Conservation Standards and Test Procedures for Commercial Heating, Air-Conditioning, and Water-Heating Equipment" (RIN1904-AB83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3116. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of Energy Conservation Standards Activities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3117. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Lead (Pb) Maintenance Plan Update for Marion County" (FRL No. 8961-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3118. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Revisions to the Alabama State Implementation Plan; Birmingham and Jackson County; Correction Notice" (FRL No. 8960-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3119. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the New Source Review (NSR) Program for Particulate Matter Less Than 2.5 Micrometer (PM_{2.5}); Final Rule to Stay the Grandfathering Provision for PM_{2.5}" (FRL No. 8961-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3120. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List, Final Rule No. 47" (FRL No. 8961-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3121. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources: Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators" (FRL No. 8959-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3122. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Industry Director's Directive No. 2 on Super Completed Contract Method" (LMSB-4-0209-0006) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3123. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2009 National Pool" (Rev Proc 2009-40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3124. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tier III — Industry Director Directive — Field Directive on the Planning and Examination of IRC Section 263A Issues in the Auto Dealership Industry" (LMSB-04-0909-035) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3125. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates — October 2009" (Rev. Rul. 2009-33) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3126. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2009-0162-2009-0164); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3127. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles to support maintenance and reconstitution of Prepositioned War Reserve Material on behalf of U.S. Air Force Central Command to Oman and the United Arab Emirates in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3128. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of technical