

at 4285 Payne Avenue in San Jose, California, as the "Anthony J. Cortese Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4861. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1343 West Irving Park Road in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Steve Goodman Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on April 27, 2010, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1963. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide assistance to caregivers of veterans, to improve the provision of health care to veterans, and for other purposes.

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 Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 3261. A bill to establish the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area in the State of Texas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. BOND):

S. 3262. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the volume cap for private activity bonds shall not apply to bonds for facilities for the furnishing of water and sewage facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 3263. A bill to establish a Chief Veterinary Officer in the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 3264. A bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to provide for regulation of debt settlement services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 3265. A bill to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 3266. A bill to ensure the availability of loan guarantees for rural homeowners; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 3267. A bill to improve the provision of assistance to fire departments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. Res. 501. A resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of Sexual Assault Awareness Month; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. Res. 502. A resolution eliminating secret Senate holds; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BURRIS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. TESTER, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. Con. Res. 61. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that general aviation pilots and industry should be recognized for the contributions made in response to Haiti earthquake relief efforts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 182

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) 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. 435

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 435, a bill to provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention to help build individual, family, and community strength and resiliency to ensure that youth lead productive, safe, healthy, gang-free, and law-abiding lives.

S. 504

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 504, a bill to redesignate the Department of the Navy as the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps.

S. 891

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 891, a bill to require annual disclosure to the Securities and Exchange Commission of activities involving columbite-tantalite, cassiterite, and wolframite from the Democratic Republic of Congo, and for other purposes.

S. 1055

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1055, a bill to grant the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, United States Army, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

S. 1057

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr.

INOUE) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1057, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1190

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1190, a bill to provide financial aid to local law enforcement officials along the Nation's borders, and for other purposes.

S. 1235

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1235, a bill to amend the Public Health Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for treatment of a minor child's congenital or developmental deformity or disorder due to trauma, infection, tumor, or disease.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend section 340B of the Public Health Service Act to revise and expand the drug discount program under that section to improve the provision of discounts on drug purchases for certain safety net providers.

S. 1598

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) 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. 2882

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2882, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to the treatment of individuals as independent contractors or employees, and for other purposes.

S. 2989

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 2989, a bill to improve the Small Business Act, and for other purposes.

S. 3065

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3065, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the readiness of the Armed Forces by replacing the current policy concerning homosexuality in the Armed Forces, referred to as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell", with a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

S. 3178

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Ohio, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3178, a bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to provide for the establishment of Youth Corps programs and provide for wider dissemination of the Youth Corps model.

S. 3213

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3213, a bill to ensure that amounts credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used for harbor maintenance.

S. 3244

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3244, a bill to provide that Members of Congress shall not receive a cost of living adjustment in pay during fiscal year 2011.

S. 3259

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3259, a bill to amend subtitle A of the Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act of 2004 to make the operation of such subtitle permanent law.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 3261. A bill to establish the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area in the State of Texas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a bill to designate the Buffalo Bayou as a National Heritage Area. This legislation will designate the 25-mile stretch of the Houston Ship Channel as the first National Heritage Area in Texas. This distinction will allow up to \$1 million annually for 10 years to the area and provide the tourism benefits of Federal recognition without restriction on land or commerce.

In 2002, Congressman GENE GREEN and I introduced the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Study Act, which directed the U.S. Department of the Interior to conduct a study to determine if the Buffalo Bayou was eligible to receive National Heritage Area distinction. The Department of the Interior has concluded that the Buffalo Bayou has met the criteria needed for National Heritage Area distinction, and I support this distinction. I wish to recognize Congressman GREEN for spearheading the efforts to designate the Buffalo Bayou as a National Heritage Area.

The Buffalo Bayou has played an important role in the development of Texas and our nation's commerce. The Buffalo Bayou has helped the City of Houston become the fourth largest city

in the United States by supporting oil refining, petrochemical production and commercial trade.

The history of the Buffalo Bayou begins on August 30, 1836, when Augustus Chapman Allen and his brother, John Kirby Allen, founded the City of Houston near the banks of the Buffalo Bayou. The city was incorporated on June 5, 1837, and named after the former General and President of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston. One of the most significant battles in the history of Texas, the Battle of San Jacinto, was fought at the mouth of Buffalo Bayou and the San Jacinto River. It paved the way for the Republic of Texas to become an independent country.

If approved by Congress, the Buffalo Bayou's National Heritage Area status would enhance as well as promote the national significance of this historic waterway.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 3263. A bill to establish a Chief Veterinary Officer in the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a bill, along with Senator ENSIGN, to establish a Chief Veterinary Officer within the Department of Homeland Security. I want to acknowledge the leadership that our colleagues in the House, especially Representative ROGERS of Alabama, have shown in introducing a bipartisan companion bill. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation advances increased focus on veterinary health, food defense, and agricultural security within the Department of Homeland Security. Importantly, it does this without creating an additional layer of management within the Department.

Animal disease and zoonotic outbreaks are a looming threat to the United States. A major foreign animal disease outbreak, such as foot-and-mouth disease, could have far-reaching effects, threatening our food supply and harming both domestic commerce and international trade. The Department of Homeland Security would be called upon to provide leadership and to integrate the necessary assets and people from across the Nation to respond to such an incident.

This bill would strengthen the Department's capacity to prepare for and respond to such a crisis by ensuring that there is a veterinary leader within the Department who is fully prepared and empowered to respond. The Secretary of Homeland Security would be required to appoint a veterinarian with expertise in veterinary public health, emergency preparedness, and other related fields as the Department's Chief Veterinary Officer. He or she would lead the division of the Department with primary responsibility for veterinary issues, food defense, and agricul-

tural security, and would serve as the Department's lead policy advisor and principal point of contact on those issues. This senior leader also would provide overall guidance for the health of the Department's working animals that play a vital role in the Nation's defense.

I have long been concerned about the Nation's ability to prepare for and respond to agriculture disasters, such as a catastrophic foreign animal disease outbreak. In February, 2009, I held a hearing on protecting public and animal health and received testimony from several agencies, including the Government Accountability Office, GAO, which had recently completed a review of the Federal veterinary workforce. GAO reported troubling shortfalls in our veterinarian workforce and our planning to respond to foreign animal disease and zoonotic outbreaks. I believe that this bill will help address this challenge and support a more capable and prepared Department of Homeland Security.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 3263

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CHIEF VETERINARY OFFICER OF DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 317. CHIEF VETERINARY OFFICER.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—There is in the Department a Chief Veterinary Officer, who shall be appointed by the Secretary.

“(b) REPORTING RELATIONSHIP.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Chief Veterinary Officer shall report directly to the Chief Medical Officer.

“(2) EXCEPTION.—If an individual other than the Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs is serving as the Chief Medical Officer, the Chief Veterinary Officer shall report directly to the Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs.

“(c) QUALIFICATIONS.—The individual appointed as Chief Veterinary Officer shall be a veterinarian who possesses—

“(1) a demonstrated ability in and knowledge of veterinary public health and emergency preparedness; and

“(2) other professional experience, as determined by the Secretary, including experience in agriculture, food defense, and disaster medicine.

“(d) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Chief Veterinary Officer shall—

“(1) be the head of the division of the Department with primary responsibility for veterinary issues, food defense, and agriculture security; and

“(2) have primary responsibility within the Department for responsibilities relating to veterinary medicine and veterinary public health, including—

“(A) serving as the principal authority in the Department responsible for advising the