

best small cities in which to raise a family. The rankings were determined through criteria examining education, crime rate, housing affordability, jobs, diversity, health care, and arts and leisure.

I also commend Rogers' community leaders, including Raymond Burns, president and chief executive of the Rogers-Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. The tireless efforts by these leaders to build and maintain a safe, desirable community helped make this top ranking a reality. They represent the best of our state, and I am proud of their accomplishments for their community.

I salute the entire Rogers community for their efforts to maintain the heritage, beauty, and history of their community. I join all Arkansans to express my pride in this jewel of Arkansas.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID DANIEL

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I congratulate Mr. J. David Daniel, a resident of my home State, as he nears the end of his term as the 105th chairman of the Nation's largest insurance association, the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America, IIBA. Mr. Daniel was elected to the IIBA's executive committee in 2004 and was installed as the association's chairman last September.

Founded in 1896, IIBA, or the Big "I" as it is better known, is the Nation's oldest and largest association of independent insurance agents and brokers, representing a network of more than 300,000 agents, brokers, and their employees. During his term as chairman of the Big "I," David Daniel has been a leader on a number of issues for the association including health care overhaul legislation and financial services regulatory reform. In a time of tectonic shifts in the financial services industry landscape, Mr. Daniel has proven to be a strong leader and a steady hand for the association and the insurance industry as a whole.

David Daniel is president of Daniel and Eustis Insurance in Baton Rouge, LA. Prior to his election to the IIBA Executive Committee in 2004, he served on the board of directors of the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of Louisiana, IIBAL, for eight years before becoming president in 1997. Daniel served as Louisiana's national board director beginning in 1998 and has acted as the State association's representative to the Louisiana Insurance Rating Commission. Mr. Daniel is also the recipient of IIBAL's Lifetime Achievement Award and the Outstanding Committee Chairman Award. On the national level, Mr. Daniel has served on IIBA's Technical Affairs Committee and was chairman of the Governance and Communication Task Force.

David Daniel has long been praised for his work in Baton Rouge as well as the insurance industry. For 28 years he has been a member of the Capital City

Kiwanis and was once awarded the George R. Hixson award for community service. As a pioneering member of the Christmas on the River Committee, Daniel worked to revitalize the riverfront area in Baton Rouge. He has been a volunteer youth basketball coach for the YMCA and is a founding member of the Vision 21 Foundation, an organization that collects and distributes grant money to nonprofit groups in the Baton Rouge area.

I would like to sincerely thank David Daniel for his commitment to his profession, his community, and the state of Louisiana. His efforts are greatly appreciated, and I wish Mr. Daniel, his wife Janet, and their family all the best in their future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO JIM FUNK

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Mr. Jim Funk for his leadership and dedication to the Louisiana Restaurant Association. Mr. Funk has served as the president and chief executive officer of the Louisiana Restaurant Association for almost 30 years, and announced his retirement earlier this year. I would like to take some time to remark on his work and his contribution to the State of Louisiana.

First founded in 1946, the Louisiana Restaurant Association promotes, protects, and serves the interests of Louisiana's food service and hospitality industry. Now one of the premiere associations in the Nation, the Louisiana Restaurant Association has grown in membership and status with Jim Funk at the helm during the past three decades. Through recessions, hurricanes and the most recent oil spill, Mr. Funk has led the industry through a business climate that has challenged Louisiana's restaurants on many levels.

Mr. Funk has also been recognized nationally for his success in association management, for his clout in Louisiana's politics, and for his dedication to culinary education. In 2007, he received the industry's highest honor—induction into the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation College of Diplomats. Mr. Funk was also an impressive advocate for the employees of the hospitality industry. As the head of the Louisiana Restaurant Association, he created the LRA's Self Insurer's Fund for Worker's Compensation, which provides important and necessary insurance to Louisiana restaurants and their workers. The fund now ensures more than 2,300 restaurants and hotels in Louisiana.

Mr. Funk also fought to protect the integrity and reputation of Louisiana restaurants and food products. At the National Restaurant Association Show on May 22 of this year, he stressed the need to protect the wetlands and Louisiana's prominent fishing and seafood industry. Having guided the LRA through the devastating destruction of Hurricane Katrina and the current oil-spill threatening our shores, Mr. Funk has shown laudable leadership.

The profile of Louisiana's restaurants industry and culinary traditions has been significantly enhanced during Mr. Funk's tenure as president of the Louisiana Restaurant Association. Thus, today, I am proud to honor Jim Funk and thank him for his dedication to the Louisiana Restaurant Association and to the State of Louisiana.●

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL ALVIN B. LEE

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I wish to acknowledge the service of COL Alvin B. Lee as he relinquishes command of the New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Colonel Lee, the New Orleans District's 60th commander and district engineer, took command on July 20, 2007, and has served in that position for the past 3 years.

The New Orleans District is the largest district within the Corps of Engineers. The complexity and magnitude of the issues dealt with in this command are staggering. In addition to the normal operating budget of \$550 million, this district includes the \$14 billion hurricane and storm damage risk reduction system, HSDRRS, program for the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan area. No other colonel in the Corps of Engineers is given responsibility even remotely close to this.

Previous to his service as commander, New Orleans District, Colonel Lee served in other key command and staff positions which include: Company Commander, 317th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 24th Infantry Division, Mechanized; Commander, Alaska Projects Office, Cold Regions Research Laboratory; Battalion Executive Officer of the 10th Engineer Battalion, and the Engineer Brigade Operations Officer, Third Infantry Division, Mechanized. Colonel Lee also served in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom as the Deputy Commander for the Afghanistan Engineer District. This resume serves as a testament to the character of Colonel Lee.

While it is no secret that I do not see eye-to-eye with the Army Corps of Engineers as an organization, I can say that I greatly appreciate the efforts of Colonel Lee individually. Colonel Lee earned the respect of many within the local Louisiana communities over the past three years through his strong leadership and hard work. He is a fine officer who has given much in service to the Nation. I wish him well in future endeavors.●

TIMBER LAKE, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Timber Lake, SD. Founded in 1910, the town of Timber will celebrate its 100th anniversary this year.

Located in Dewey County, Timber Lake possesses the strong sense of community that makes South Dakota

an outstanding place to live and work. Throughout its rich history, Timber Lake has continued to be a strong reflection of South Dakota's greatest values and traditions. The community of Timber Lake has much to be proud of and I am confident that Timber Lake's success will continue well into the future.

The town of Timber Lake will commemorate the 100th anniversary of its founding with a celebration held from July 19 through July 25, featuring events such as a community play, rodeo, demolition derby, parade, and a fireworks display. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Timber Lake on this milestone anniversary and send my best wishes to them in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 10:24 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 5502. An act to amend the effective date of the gift card provisions of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

At 11:10 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. 1722. An act to require the head of each executive agency to establish and implement a policy under which employees shall be authorized to telework, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2864. An act to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes.

H.R. 5390. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13301 Smith Road in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "David John Donafée Post Office Building".

H.R. 5450. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3894 Crenshaw Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, as the "Tom Bradley Post Office Building".

H.R. 5712. An act to provide for certain clarifications and extensions under Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

At 2:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its reading clerks, Mrs. Cole, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1508. An act to amend the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note) in order to prevent the loss of billions in taxpayer dollars.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:48 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 689. An act to interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3360. An act to amend title 46, United States Code, to establish requirements to ensure the security and safety of passengers and crew on cruise vessels, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4840. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1981 Cleveland Avenue in Columbus, Ohio, as the "Clarence D. Lumpkin Post Office".

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

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 5:52 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4173. An act to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1722. An act to require the head of each executive agency to establish and implement a policy under which employees shall be authorized to telework, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2864. An act to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 5390. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13301 Smith Road in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "David John Donafée Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5450. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3894 Crenshaw Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, as the "Tom Bradley Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3588. A bill to limit the moratorium on certain permitting and drilling activities issued by the Secretary of the Interior, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 5712. An act to provide for certain clarifications and extensions under Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

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-6633. A communication from the Executive Analyst, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the discontinuation of service in acting role and action on the nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6634. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2009 Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act (MDUFMA) Financial Report"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6635. A communication from the Program Manager, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Health Information Technology: Initial Set of Standards, Implementation Specifications, and Certification Criteria for Electronic Health Record Technology" (RIN0991-AB58) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 13, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6636. A communication from the Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Circular 2005-44, Introduction" (FAC 2005-44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6637. A communication from the Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Circular 2008-039, Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards" (FAC 2005-44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6638. A communication from the Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Circular 2005-44, Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2005-44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6639. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the position of Administrator, U.S. Fire Administration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6640. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's annual report on Federal agencies' use of the physicians comparability allowance (PCA) program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.