

served with distinction as a member of my staff in Washington, DC. Soon, Sonya will be leaving Columbiana to join her children on the west coast.

I am sure that Sonya will be sorely missed in Columbiana, whose residents will reap the benefits of her contributions to their community for years to come. Regardless of where she resides, I know that she will continue to touch the lives of everyone fortunate enough to meet her.

I wish Sonya luck on her journey west, and I ask this entire Senate to join me in recognizing and honoring the life and career of my good friend Sonya Lefkovits.●

#### RECOGNIZING AXIOM TECHNOLOGIES

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I have long held the belief that the availability of broadband undoubtedly contributes to business expansion, employment growth, and greater educational opportunities. Indeed, the Internet can truly transform the way small firms do business. This is particularly the case in places like my home State of Maine, which is not only largely rural, but is home to over 150,000 small businesses. As such, it is with great admiration that today I recognize Axiom Technologies, based in the town of Machias, for the firm's outstanding commitment to the goal of bringing broadband Internet service to rural Maine communities that have not previously known its remarkable power.

Founded in 2004 by Nelson Geel and Chris Moody, Axiom originally sought to provide inexpensive consulting services to small businesses and communities in Washington County, Maine's easternmost county. Yet the two quickly realized that there was a growing desire for affordable broadband in the area, which was largely overlooked by corporate providers. As such, the company reevaluated its business vision in an attempt to allow rural areas of the State to benefit from the same advantages of broadband Internet provided to Maine's more urban regions.

In addition to operating on a sustainable financial basis, Axiom Technologies prides itself on always attempting to hold true to a unique social mission as well. Axiom is well aware "of the central role that business plays in society" and seeks to solidify this responsibility "by initiating innovative ways to improve the quality of life in the communities in which [it] operate[s]." Not only has the company done this by spreading equality of access to information through broadband services, but its employees also take it upon themselves to improve their community.

One shining example is Susan Corbett, Axiom's CEO, who was instrumental in the development of a type of community-minded, service-based listserv for Washington County called Mighty Women. In 2006, she, along with some of her entrepreneurial and social

service peers, created the "rolodex" of e-mail contacts that could be solicited to assist those in need throughout eastern Maine. Indeed, in 2009, the Mighty Women listserv mobilized to raise last minute funds for Washington county children who were in need of toys and warm clothing for the holiday season. With just a week before Christmas, the group raised approximately \$3,000 to help give the children the holiday joy that they deserved.

People such as Susan Corbett are representative of the family-like mentality which Axiom Technologies hopes to foster among its employees and within the greater community. Small businesses around the country have historically helped build a sense of community in the areas in which they operate, and Axiom is no exception. The ability to access information via broadband should be something available to all people across America, and Axiom Technologies has built its business around fulfilling this goal. The company has done it economically, but most inspiringly, Axiom has attempted to promote the well-being of the people in the communities they serve. When a business cares about helping others as does Axiom, the community can rest assured that Axiom's employees share their goals and aspirations for improving the overall community.

While small businesses are duly noted as the drivers of the Nation's economy, they cannot be overlooked for their positive social impacts on the communities in which they operate. Although they may serve a relatively small market, Axiom is certainly on the cutting edge when it comes to promoting broadband equality, a goal of national importance. I thank everyone at Axiom for their numerous and varied contributions to the health of Maine's economic future and general welfare, and I wish them much success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ALTON "RED" FRANKLIN

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I wish to acknowledge Coach Alton "Red" Franklin for his dedicated service to Louisiana and in particular to Haynesville High School in northern Louisiana. I would like to take some time to make a few remarks on his accomplishments.

Throughout his distinguished career as the Haynesville High School football coach, he won 27 district championships and participated in the State playoffs 31 times. The team had 8 undefeated seasons and 191 shutouts. Coach Franklin led the team to 11 State championships in four decades winning four consecutive State championships from 1993 to 1996. Coach Franklin was inducted in the Louisiana High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1991. He was also named State coach of the year 6 times and district coach of the year 23 times throughout his career.

When Coach Franklin retired in January of 2002, he retired as the second most winningest football coach in Louisiana history and number 15 nationally. Coach Franklin had accumulated a remarkable record of 366 wins, 76 losses, and 8 ties.

Even after his outstanding career, Red Franklin continued to be actively involved in his community, returning to Haynesville High in 2003 as a volunteer assistant coach for his son David, the current head coach. In 2009, Red Franklin won his first State championship as an assistant coach to his son. On July 10, 2010, Red Franklin received the high honor of being inducted into the National Federation of State High School Associations Hall of Fame Class of 2010.

Thus, today, I honor a fellow Louisianian, Coach Alton "Red" Franklin, for his exceptional and distinguished service to Haynesville High School and to our State.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:13 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 2693. An act to amend title VII of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4380. An act to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5566. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit interstate commerce in animal crush videos, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5716. An act to provide for enhancement of existing efforts in support of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application activities to advance technologies for the safe and environmentally responsible exploration, development, and production of oil and natural gas resources.

The House also announced it passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1053. An act to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date.

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

H. Con. Res. 292. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Aerospace Week, and for other purposes.

At 3:00 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4213) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 4:31 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. 4213. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

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

### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2693. An act to amend title VII of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 292. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Aerospace Week, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 3628. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit foreign influence in Federal elections, to prohibit government contractors from making expenditures with respect to such elections, and to establish additional disclosure requirements with respect to spending in such elections, and for other purposes.

### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3643. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to reform the management of energy and mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf, to improve oil spill compensation, to terminate the moratorium on deepwater drilling, and for other purposes.

### 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-6789. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dairy Product Price Support Program and Dairy Indemnity Payment Program" (RIN0560-AH88) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6790. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wheat and Oilseed Programs; Durum Wheat Quality Program" (RIN0560-AH72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6791. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Re-

serve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6792. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Posting of Flight Delay Data on Websites" (RIN2105-AE02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6793. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise and Construction Noise" (RIN2125-AF26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6794. 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 "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Skate Complex Fishery; Amendment 3" (RIN0648-AW30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6795. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for 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 Sea Scallop Fishery; Framework Adjustment 21" (RIN0648-AY43) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6796. A communication from the Acting Director for Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Closure" (RIN0648-XW90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6797. A communication from the Acting Director for Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Suspension of the Primary Pacific Whiting Season for the Shore-based Sector South of 42 Degrees North Latitude" (RIN0648-XW80) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6798. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Model 777 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2009-1249)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6799. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Re-Registration and Renewal of Aircraft Registration" ((RIN2120-AI89) (Docket No. FAA-2008-0188)) received in

the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6800. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certification of Aircraft and Airmen for the Operation of Light-Sport Aircraft; Modifications; OMB Approval of Information Collection" ((RIN2120-AJ10) (Docket No. FAA-2007-29015)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6801. 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—August 2010" (Rev. Rul. 2010-19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6802. 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 "Preventive Services Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" ((RIN1545-BJ60) (TD 9493)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6803. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "2010 Data Book: Healthcare Spending and the Medicare Program"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6804. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting a legislative proposal relative to authorizing the President to transfer certain naval vessels by grant; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6805. A communication from the General Counsel, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Implementing the Freedom of Information Act" (29 CFR Part 2201) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6806. A communication from the Chief Privacy Officer, Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Privacy Office Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2010 Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6807. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Tribal-State Road Maintenance Agreements Report; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-6808. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, a report on the Verification of the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (The New START Treaty) (OSS Control No. 2010-1146) signed in April 8, 2010 in Prague; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6809. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the transfer of detainees (OSS Control No. 2010-1061); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6810. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the progress and status of compliance with