

home bombed because of his outspoken views and his fight for racial equality.

In 1953, he became the presiding pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Birmingham, AL. He continued his call to preach in Cincinnati, OH, from 1961–1966 where he pastored the Revelation Baptist Church. Reverend Shuttlesworth remained in Cincinnati during his latter years and returned to Birmingham after his retirement in 2007. During that time, he continued his fight for racial equality and became a strong advocate for the homeless.

Although Reverend Shuttlesworth is no longer with us, his contributions to our Nation will not be forgotten.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING SALOMON E. RAMIREZ

• Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, Salomon E. Ramirez, New Mexico State executive director of USDA's Farm Service Agency, died October 22 at his family's ranch in Rociada, NM. He was 56 years old. Salomon came from a ranching family in San Miguel County and devoted his life to serving agriculture in New Mexico and the Nation.

He was born in Las Vegas, NM, attended Robertson High School, and graduated with a degree in agriculture from New Mexico State University. His passion for agriculture and a desire to help farmers and ranchers in New Mexico led him to a career at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, including positions at both the Farm Service Agency and the U.S. Forest Service. Because of his knowledge and experience, he spent time at USDA's headquarters in Washington helping to write a new farm bill and implement national farm policy.

Salomon Ramirez was a model public servant. He worked at USDA for over 30 years and was a tireless advocate for my State's farmers and ranchers. No one knew more about farm programs or understood how they could best be implemented to support the producers in my State. My staff and I frequently sought his counsel and valued his always astute advice. I was honored to recommend him to be the State executive director of the New Mexico Farm Service Agency and was pleased when President Obama appointed him to the position in 2009.

No State had a more capable or caring manager for its farm programs than New Mexico. He was a true friend of agriculture and everyone who depends on agriculture from producers to consumers—in fact, all of us. He will be greatly missed.●

ZERO LANDFILL WASTE CELEBRATION

• Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, it is with the greatest pleasure that today I recognize the achievements of the McKee

Foods Corporation plant in Gentry, AR. This plant reached the milestone of having zero landfill waste, a first for a McKee Foods production facility.

In 1934, under the shadow of the Great Depression, the late O.D. and Ruth McKee converted a cookie shop into a 5-cent bakery in Chattanooga, TN. With O.D.'s aptitude for sales and Ruth's management abilities, the duo took their small mom-and-pop bakery and expanded into what is now known as McKee Foods Corporation. The expansion into Gentry came in 1982 when the company needed a larger facility to serve the western United States and Mexico. Among other things, the Gentry plant produces a variety of "Little Debbie" snack cakes, a favorite treat among my family and staff.

It was 2 years ago that the Gentry plant management team challenged themselves and the more than 1,500 Gentry employees to reach a goal of zero landfill waste. Although seen as challenging, the entire plant knew this was achievable. Many recycling efforts were already under way, and the plant partnered with several local recycling companies to put processes in place to bring their landfill waste down to zero. For the Gentry plant, there will be no going back to the landfill.

With responsibility as a guiding value, McKee Foods has been and will continue to be a strong advocate for environmentally conscious business practices. On average, McKee Foods recycles 3,750 tons of cardboard, 10,000 gallons of used petroleum oil, over 100,000 wooden pallets, and 200 tons of scrap steel and other metals. While the Gentry plant is setting the bar high for other McKee facilities, the entire McKee Foods Corporation is to be commended for its environmental stewardship.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating the McKee Foods Corporation's Gentry plant on attaining zero landfill waste. As the company motto adopted by O.D. McKee makes clear, McKee Foods is committed to "finding a better way" of doing business, and the Gentry plant is leading the way. I am proud of all they have accomplished and look forward to their future successes.●

TRIBUTE TO NEIL BOWES

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Neil Bowes for 50 outstanding years at WNAX Radio. When Mr. Bowes first arrived at WNAX Radio, he was a new graduate of the University of South Dakota. He began his career on the business side of WNAX operations in 1961 and remained there for seven years before he decided to venture into sales in 1968. Ever since this transition, businesses that advertise on WNAX have had the privilege of dealing with Neil. For many of those clients, besides being a trusted businessman, he is also a friend.

Neil's duties have allowed him to broadcast live from numerous State

fairs, Dakota Fests, parades, grand openings, and other events over the years. Through his work, he has been able to see many parts of our great State in an effort to, as he puts it, "give businesses the opportunity to share their good news with listeners of WNAX." Neil also enjoys exploring the never-ending, "out-of-the-way spots" in South Dakota when he takes the long way home.

Mr. Bowes lives with his wife Mary Ellen near the Missouri River just west of Yankton. They have raised four kids who have in turn blessed them with seven grandchildren. His family, at home and at WNAX, is grateful for his long commitment to radio and dedication to his work.●

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL CHARLES YRIARTE

• Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, on November 4, one of the Oregon National Guard's most remarkable military leaders will retire: BG Charles Yriarte.

General Yriarte has served the citizens of Oregon, and the United States, in the Oregon National Guard for over 40 years. He joined as a private and has held numerous positions, including troop commander, battalion commander, brigade commander, and is ending his service as an assistant adjutant general.

Oregonians hold the men and women of our National Guard in high regard, and General Yriarte is one example of why. While serving as a model citizen soldier, he has raised his children, maintained a civilian career as a U.S. Forest Service civil servant and also assisted his family with their cattle ranch in Burns, OR. His dedication to his family runs deep. When General Yriarte was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General, the ceremony was held at St. Charles Hospital in Bend, Oregon, so his father, who was undergoing treatment, could be present. But, when duty has called, General Yriarte has always answered, many times at great sacrifice to himself. Joining the Forest Service in 1974 was his dream job, but after the attacks of September 11, 2001, he took on a number of critical full-time assignments in the Oregon National Guard.

General Yriarte deployed to Iraq shortly after the war commenced and was placed in charge of Joint Base Ballad, in an extremely hazardous environment, with the duty of making the base functional for U.S. and allied soldiers. General Yriarte worked to improve relations with local leaders to lessen the daily mortar attacks and reduce the threat to his soldiers and the base in the early stages of the war. This outreach was a tremendous success and led to a strong relationship and enduring friendship with many of the local community leaders. His tireless effort to secure the base ensured the safety of several thousand servicemembers on base and reduced the attacks and violence outside the perimeter. General Yriarte accomplished this

mission in spectacular fashion and he successfully returned his unit to Oregon with no casualties.

In each command, the units under him excelled in every way. His mentorship of young officers and non-commissioned officers has been truly exceptional. The soldiers that he has taught are now serving in the most important positions in the Oregon National Guard. These soldiers will have positive impacts on the institution for decades to come. General Yriarte's legacy will be lasting and profound within the Oregon National Guard.

To understand General Yriarte's ability to inspire, here is what he said during his unit's homecoming event:

Every person in this room has sacrificed. I wouldn't be here today without your sacrifices. You did this country great, and I applaud you. This room is filled with heroes both past and present. I went to Iraq because I love my country. I found out that the Iraqis are good people and like everyone are looking for safety for themselves and their families. I already knew, but it was proven that American soldiers never quit. They do their job. You are this nation's greatest generation, and you became leaders when you came home. Our soldiers are doing that now. Our nation is great, we remain great. . . .

These words also say an enormous amount about him.

So, if I can use the general's own words, let me say that general, you have sacrificed. Your country is better because of your many sacrifices. You have done your State and Nation proud. You are a giant to all you have touched and your love of home and country are an inspiration. You have protected everyone in your charge. You have always given your best. Our Nation will remain great because we have men and women like you in every generation. Like the great military leaders before you, your words and action will positively influence our Nation far into the future.

Therefore, it is my honor and great privilege to commend BG Charles Yriarte, assistant adjutant general, Oregon National Guard, for his more than 40 years of service to our country. Mr. President, today, I join my fellow Oregonians in recognition and celebration of the great achievements of Brigadier General Yriarte, as he begins this new chapter in his life with his beloved wife Christine.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13413 WITH RESPECT TO BLOCKING THE PROPERTY OF PERSONS CONTRIBUTING TO THE CONFLICT TAKING PLACE IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON OCTOBER 25, 2011—PM 30

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 with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the related measures blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in that country are to continue in effect beyond October 27, 2011.

The situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which has been marked by widespread violence and atrocities that continue to threaten regional stability, continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency to deal with that threat and the related measures blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the conflict in that country.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 25, 2011.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 25, 2011, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 489. An act to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes.

H.R. 765. An act to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1843. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located

at 489 Army Drive in Barrigada, Guam, as the "John Pangelinan Gerber Post Office Building".

H.R. 1975. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 281 East Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena, California, as the "First Lieutenant Oliver Goodall Post Office Building".

H.R. 2062. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45 Meetinghouse Lane in Sagamore Beach, Massachusetts, as the "Matthew A. Pucino Post Office".

H.R. 2149. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4354 Paoa Avenue in Honolulu, Hawaii, as the "Cecil L. Heftel Post Office Building".

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:03 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 295. 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. 320. An act to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California.

H.R. 441. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for microhydro projects in nonwilderness areas within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve, to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc., and for other purposes.

H.R. 461. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes.

H.R. 674. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the imposition of 3 percent withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities, to modify the calculation of modified adjusted gross income for purposes of determining eligibility for certain healthcare-related programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 818. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District.

H.R. 1160. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey the McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery to the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1904. An act to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2042. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to establish a program to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2447. An act to grant the congressional gold medal to the Montford Point Marines.