

mound against the Latin America team and pitched a three-inning no-hitter. Laurel scored in the first inning when first-baseman Bree Venables was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded. Logan's sister, 14-year-old Regan Green, took over the mound in the fourth inning and gave up four hits—but no runs—over the last four innings to secure the final win and the championship.

Regan Green recalled her nervousness during that final game but said that her fellow players' teamwork gave her the confidence she needed on the mound. "It's always good knowing they have my back," she said.

Alyssa Givens set the stage for the "safety run" with a well-hit double in the sixth inning and then stole home from third base. Regan Green and the fielders took care of five batters in the seventh inning.

Finally, after years of coming close, the Laurel Senior League Softball team claimed the World Championship title.

Team Manager Brad Lee credited the victory to players' hard work and expressed the pride of his hometown. "There's nothing like playing for your hometown. This is something that these young ladies will remember forever, and to bring the trophy home to Laurel for the first time is an unbelievable feeling."

The State of Delaware—and especially the town of Laurel—share Manager Lee's sentiment.

Today, we congratulate the Laurel Senior League Softball team, manager Lee, and coaches Collins and Green. Through their commitment to excellence, perseverance, hard work and team work, they made their dreams come true and accomplished something that no other Delaware team, male or female, has ever done. In doing so, they have not only made the town of Laurel and its citizens proud; they have made all Delawareans proud.●

TRIBUTE TO SECOND LIEUTENANT VICKI ALTHAGE

● Mr. JOHANNIS. Mr. President, today I wish to acknowledge an important life milestone for a very patriotic young woman. On September 10, Officer Candidate Vicki Althage in the Nebraska Army National Guard will become 2LT Vicki Althage.

The Army commissions around 7,500 new officers every year, each and every one is a volunteer. Like most of her fellow lieutenants, Vicki did not have to follow this path. She has a college degree and a burgeoning career in public service. From the time she entered high school, the Nation has been at war in our struggle to defeat terrorism.

Vicki enrolled in the Army National Guard Officer Candidate School knowing that she will likely be called upon to serve overseas, perhaps in Iraq or Afghanistan. She also knows that upon becoming an officer, the welfare and lives of soldiers will become her direct responsibility.

The Nation pays frequent tribute to those who served in World War II—we call them the "greatest generation." On September 10, Officer Candidate Vicki Althage will take the oath of office and become an Army officer in what many today describe as the "next greatest generation."

Proud parents, other family members, and a fiancé will be on hand to witness her commissioning. Another group will also be thinking of her on that day. Vicki happens to be a member of my staff in Nebraska. I can assure you that the entire JOHANNIS office will be cheering loudly and filled with a sense of pride as Vicki accepts this new responsibility.

We hold our heads high when we talk about the strong tradition of military service in our great State. Today I am proud to salute this outstanding member of my staff and dedicated public servant. May God bless 2LT Vicki Althage and her family as she pursues a military career in the Nebraska Army National Guard.●

DELMONT, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of the founding of the community of Delmont, SD. I am proud to honor the people of Delmont and extend my congratulations to them on this memorable occasion.

Delmont was a railroad town along the Milwaukee Road even before South Dakota achieved statehood. An investor named Thomas Ball built the town at the top of a hill overlooking the East Choteau Creek Valley. Its railroad depot served the people of Douglas County.

Many of the people who originally settled Delmont were Germans from Russia. Today they still celebrate their heritage with the annual Old-time Harvest Festival. The residents use the celebration to honor their heritage with kuchen, a sweet German pastry with a custard topping, South Dakota's official dessert. This year's festival will be special in honor of the 125th anniversary. The 2-day festivities will include tractor pulls, demonstrations of frontier-era harvesting equipment, fireworks, and plenty of kuchen.

A hundred twenty-five years after its founding, Delmont continues to celebrate its rich heritage through the Old-time Harvest Festival. Though the railroad is gone, the community remains an important historical and cultural asset to South Dakota. I am proud to honor the achievements of Delmont on this memorable occasion.●

REMEMBERING MICHAEL GARAFANO

● Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to an authentic hero, Michael Garafano, who died tragically in Rutland, VT on August 28, 2011, during Tropical Storm Irene.

Michael Garafano was the water treatment and resource manager in the

Rutland City Department of Public Works, a position he held since 1981. He was known by his coworkers as someone who always went above and beyond the call of duty, and his work ethic was second to none. He took his responsibilities of protecting the Rutland water supply very seriously. He was a model of a dedicated public servant.

So it was not unusual that the night of August 28, as the heavy rains from Tropical Storm Irene started assaulting Rutland, Mr. Garafano, went to check on the city reservoir one more time, looking out for his fellow citizens as he had done so often, and so well, and with such dedication, over three decades. Tragically, his life was taken by the raging storm. Compounding his tragedy is another: Michael Garafano took his son Michael Jr. to check the city reservoir when he went out that night. Michael Garafano Jr. never returned from that journey and is still missing.

Alan Shelvey, Rutland Commissioner of Public Works, said of Michael Garafano, "He was doing what he always did—trying to make sure everything was right and the water supply was protected. We're going to miss him tremendously. He can't be replaced. People say that about people—in this case that's true."

Michael Garafano represented what is best about Vermont and about America: he worked hard and with great dedication, he loved his work, he cared about those who lived in the community where he lived. When there was a job to be done, a responsibility to be met, he responded with generosity and directness. He was the epitome of public service, and lost his life doing the job he cared so deeply about.

Michael Garafano was devoted to his family, and he was a friend to many who knew they could count on him when they were most in need.

It is people like Michael Garafano who make our communities and our entire Nation work and prosper, who make our cities and towns into communities and not just random groups of people. The State of Vermont grieves the loss of one of its unsung heroes.

He will be sorely missed by his family, by the city of Rutland, and by the many people whose lives he touched and enriched.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 74. Concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.J. Res. 66. Joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following joint resolution was read the first time:

S.J. Res. 26. Joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner no longer holds the confidence of Congress or of the people of the United States.

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-2912. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Softwood Lumber Research, Promotion, Consumer Education and Industry Information Order" (Doc. No. AMS-FV-10-0015; FR) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2913. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the National Organic Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Organic Program (NOP); Sunset Review (2011)" (Doc. No. AMS-TM-07-0136; TM-07-14FR) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2914. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington; Modifications of the Rules and Regulations" (Doc. No. AMS-FV-11-0024; FV11-946-3-FIR) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2915. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Dairy Promotion and Research Program; Final Rule on Amendments to the Order" (Doc. No. DA-08-07: AMS-DA-08-0050) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2916. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Veterinary Accreditation Program; Currently Accredited Veterinarians Performing Accredited Duties and Electing to Participate" (Doc. No. APHIS-2006-0093) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2917. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Swap Data Re-

positories: Registration Standards, Duties and Core Principles" ((17 CFR Part 49) (RIN3038-AD20)) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2918. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tetraconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8885-1) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2919. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Restoration Plan (ERP)" (RIN0572-AC16) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2920. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Agricultural Swaps" ((17 CFR Part 35) (RIN3038-AD21)) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 22, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2921. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities' Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2922. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred within the Defense Health Program, Operation and Maintenance account and at the Madigan Army Medical Center (MAMC), Tacoma, WA and was assigned Army case number 10-05; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2923. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of (6) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half), in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2924. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Mark D. Shackelford, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2925. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Defense Environmental Programs report for fiscal year 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2926. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Display of Department of Defense Inspector General Fraud Hotline Posters" ((RIN0750-AG98) (DFARS Case 2010-D026)) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2927. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Admiral Michael G. Mullen,

United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2928. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Defense Cargo Riding Gang Member" ((RIN0750-AG25) (DFARS Case 2007-D002)) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 25, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2929. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Syria that was originally declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004 and expanded in Executive Order 13572 of April 29, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2930. A communication from the Under Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2931. A communication from the Under Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Libya that was originally declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2932. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2933. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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EC-2937. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving Citibank, N.A. of New York, NY and The Boeing Company of Chicago, Illinois; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2938. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Kazakhstan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2939. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import