

of Commerce Board of Directors, and was corporate board member of the Baptist Medical Center System. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of First National Bank and is a member of the Mountain Home Rotary Club.

I congratulate Dr. Ed Coulter for his outstanding achievements in education and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his accomplishments. I wish him continued success in his future endeavors and I am grateful for his years of service and leadership to Arkansas.●

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE MOSES

● Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate George Moses of Pittsburgh, PA, on his selection by the National Low Income Housing Coalition for the Cushing Niles Dolbeare Lifetime Service Award. Mr. Moses has dedicated his life to helping others and this award serves as recognition of a lifetime of service to those in need.

Mr. Moses' life has been one of service, perseverance, and leadership. He served his country as a soldier in the United States Army from 1963 until his honorable discharge in 1965. He then returned to work in Pittsburgh, including as a laborer in the city's steel mills. In 1990, his life underwent a significant change. Following a major surgery, he was unable to climb stairs and as a result moved into an apartment in the East Liberty section of Pittsburgh. Mr. Moses took a leadership role, working to help his fellow residents, and together with them founding an organization called the Federal American Coalition of Tenants, which focused on educating residents to fight for fair and equal housing practices.

Mr. Moses has continued his work on behalf of low-income residents to this day. His leadership and advocacy were instrumental in assisting hundreds of people who lived in Pittsburgh's Northside avoid eviction. When a HUD-Assisted rental housing development tried to evict many of its residents, Mr. Moses stepped in and helped to organize the Northside Coalition for Fair Housing. The Northside Coalition's actions were successful in helping keep many of the residents in their homes, and to this day, the Northside Coalition helps to manage the properties and provide social services to the residents.

For the past 12 years, Mr. Moses has been a strong advocate for affordable housing at the national level, serving on the Board of Directors of the National Low Income Housing Coalition. For the last 6 years he has served as Chairman of that board. The Lifetime Service Award being given to him by the Coalition is a fitting tribute to the leadership and service he has devoted to it. I thank him for his service to Pennsylvania and the Nation, and offer him my warmest congratulations on this well-deserved award.●

TRIBUTE TO LTC DAREN S. SORENSON

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, it is my privilege to recognize LTC Daren S. Sorenson, an extraordinary American, whose heroic acts to defend his country and fellow servicemembers has earned him a second Distinguished Flying Cross, DFC. The State of Nevada and the U.S. Air Force are proud to commend Lieutenant Colonel Sorenson for all of his accomplishments.

I am grateful and humbled to honor Lieutenant Colonel Sorenson for his dedication and sacrifice to this Nation. He has been deployed seven times and served as the deputy mission commander during the first preemptive strike on the inaugural night of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. During this combat operation, Lieutenant Colonel Sorenson earned his first DFC for targeting and assisting the destruction of an armored unit of the Iraqi Republican Guard. Not only has Lieutenant Colonel Sorenson been recognized for this prestigious award once, but he received his second DFC during his deployment to Afghanistan for air support in Operation Enduring Freedom.

On May 25, 2011, during an operation in Eastern Afghanistan, Lieutenant Colonel Sorenson implemented techniques and strategies learned at Nevada's Nellis Air Force Base to defend and save the lives of nearly 50 coalition members. Lieutenant Colonel Sorenson's valiant aeronautic techniques drew away opposing fire and enabled air controllers and ground forces to locate combatants and defeat the enemy. His devotion to duty in the face of perilous flying conditions is admirable and maintains the highest standards and traditions of the U.S. Air Force.

As America's oldest military aviation award, the DFC was created by Congress more than 85 years ago to award individuals for acts of heroism or achievement in aeronautics. I applaud Lieutenant Colonel Sorenson for earning this prestigious award twice during his service. His continuous acts of bravery are a testament to his commitment to the United States.

Today, we commend Lieutenant Colonel Sorenson's acts of valor and the continuous sacrifices made by all of our servicemembers to ensure the safety and security of our Nation. We owe them and their families a great deal of gratitude for their personal sacrifices. I am proud to join the citizens of Nevada in recognizing Lieutenant Colonel Sorenson's accomplishments. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating him for his incredible bravery on behalf of his comrades and this great nation.●

TRIBUTE TO ROBIN A. DOUTHITT

● Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I would like to take time to recognize Robin A. Douthitt, who is stepping down as dean of the School of Human Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I

would also like to wish her a happy birthday. As a proud alumnus of UW-Madison, it is an honor to congratulate Dean Douthitt on her outstanding and exemplary service at UW over the years.

For the past 12 years, Dean Douthitt has given her unwavering commitment to students, faculty, staff, campus, the community, and the State. She began as a professor in the Consumer Science Department, was appointed interim dean of the School of Human Ecology in 1999, and was named dean in 2001. She will be leaving a legacy of courage and visionary leadership. Dean Douthitt has been called the "People's Dean" because she is always approachable and has touched the lives of many of her colleagues and friends.

Dean Douthitt made countless contributions to the University of Wisconsin during her service. She founded the UW Women's Faculty Mentoring Program that has led to the university's retention of female faculty and has become a model for other universities. She helped establish the Nancy Denney House, a cooperative undergraduate residence for single parents and their children. In recognition of her teaching and publishing extensive research on women's unpaid work and its social value, Dean Douthitt has been named a Vaughan Bascom Professor of Women and Philanthropy and a Vilas Associate in the Social Sciences.

Her contributions at UW do not stop there. Dean Douthitt served on the UW Athletic Board, chairing its Academic Affairs Committee, and representing UW faculty to the Big Ten. She has been honored on the School of Human Ecology's Roster of 100 Women—Wall of Honor, in recognition of her contributions to family, community, and her embodiment of the school's mission to improve the quality of human life. In addition, Dean Douthitt provided vision in leading a successful \$52 million effort to renovate the School of Human Ecology's historic 1914 building and build a new addition to ensure the school's continued presence at the forefront of education, research, creative scholarship, and outreach in the 21st century.

On behalf of my constituents from the great State of Wisconsin, we say a heartfelt thank you and happy birthday to Dean Robin A. Douthitt. We wish her all the very best in her future endeavors.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 2:33 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 bill:

H.R. 886. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 225th anniversary of the establishment of the Nation's first Federal law enforcement agency, the United States Marshals Service.

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

At 3:21 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5. An act to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431 note) as amended, and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Speaker appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term effective March 23, 2012, and ending May 14, 2014: Mr. Robert P. George of Princeton, New Jersey.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 5. An act to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

S. 2230. A bill to reduce the deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers.

S. 2231. A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act, to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, 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-5441. 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; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0112)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5442. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amdt. No. 3465" ((RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5443. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amdt. No. 3464" ((RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5444. 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; Eurocopter Deutschland Model EC135 Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0453)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5445. 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; CPAC, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1128)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5446. 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; Mooney Aviation Company, Inc. (Mooney) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0182)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5447. 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; Aviation Communications and Surveillance Systems (ACSS) Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System (TCAS) Units" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-1204)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5448. 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; Cessna Aircraft Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1245)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5449. 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 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1171)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5450. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Considerations for Lavatory Oxygen Systems" ((RIN2120-AJ92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5451. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class D and Class E Airspace; Hawthorne, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0610)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5452. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; South Bend, IN" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0250)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5453. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anchorage Regulations; Newport, RI" ((RIN1625-AA01) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0443)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5454. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; HITS Triathlon; Corpus Christi Bayfront, Corpus Christi, TX" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0785)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5455. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Vicinity of Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-1166)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5456. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; M/V Del Monte Live-Fire Gun Exercise, James River, Isle of Wight, Virginia" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0010)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5457. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Mississippi River, Mile Marker 230 to Mile Marker 234, in the Vicinity of Baton Rouge, LA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0841)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5458. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Ice Rescue Exercise; Green Bay, Dyckesville, Wisconsin" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-1161)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5459. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Mile Marker 35.2 to Mile Marker 35.5, Larose, Lafourche Parish, LA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-1128)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5460. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Potomac and Anacostia Rivers,