

economic interests. Many observers are pessimistic, but I prefer to think of the glass as half full, and ready to be filled to the brim.

The Prime Minister's sentiments raise many issues, including: the nation's commitment to an environment conducive to free speech and citizen participation; a commitment to building an informed and engaged citizenry as a key to inclusive, long term economic development; a call for the quick and unconditional release of journalists and political prisoners as a measure of good faith; and commitment to a diverse and multi-party election in 2015, free from federal government interference.

Hopeful as I am, I urge my Senate and House colleagues to re-commit to assistance we have offered the people of Ethiopia and their government in the past.

Let us help build a national consensus on the value of the following goals in Ethiopia: robust public institutions that represent the diversity of perspectives in Ethiopia; free and fair political processes drawing legitimacy from broad citizen participation; an independent judicial system as outlined in Ethiopia's constitution; a press with institutional independence and legal protection to enable it to accommodate a broad range of perspectives and ensure the free flow of information, ideas and opinions that are necessary in a democratic society, as outlined in Ethiopia's constitution; an environment where each citizen can take advantage of Ethiopia's economic success; and the security that comes with the assurance that universal rights are respected and protected.

Our international partnerships are stronger and more enduring when we share values of opportunity and freedom with our partners. A more democratic Ethiopia would represent a more stable and reliable partner for the United States and serve the long-term interests of peace and security in the Horn of Africa. A more democratic Ethiopia would ease the free flow of information, which would ease trade and ensure more informed investments. A more democratic Ethiopia would ensure that government policies are the result of broad national consultation with all segments of society.

Such are hallmarks of inclusive and sustainable economic growth, and they provide a return of accountability and transparency to both American taxpayers and Ethiopian citizens. Let's do what we can to help our fast and true friend, Ethiopia, extend opportunity and freedom to the majority of its citizenry.

CONGRATULATING THE SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY MEN'S RUGBY TEAM

Mr. REED. Madam President, today I congratulate the Salve Regina University men's rugby team for winning the 2012 National Small College Rugby Or-

ganization's Division III National Championship on April 29, 2012, in Glendale, CO.

The Salve Regina Seahawks, ranked number one by the National Small College Rugby Organization, were undefeated this season with a record of 11-0. The team earned a spot in the national semifinals when it defeated Tufts University on November 13, 2011, in the New England Championship and then went on to defeat Molloy College on November 19, 2011, in the Northeast Region Championship.

Reestablished in 2007, the Salve Regina Seahawks men's rugby team has appeared in the final four of the National Small College Rugby Organization's Division III national tournament three times in the past five years. The Seahawks' 21-15 victory over the California Maritime Academy Keelhaulers in the championship match was the first national championship victory for Salve Regina University in any sport.

I am especially pleased and proud to share that the members of the Salve Regina Seahawks men's rugby team demonstrated great sportsmanship and represented both their school and the State of Rhode Island with distinction.

I would like to recognize the Seahawks head coach Michael Martin and his assistant U.S. Air Force Colonel Dan Lockert; team president Richard Casey; captains Paul Schacter and Jesse DiTullio; and members Andrew Baik, Jeffrey Bouley, Patrick Brown, Chris Buckman, Michael Burlingame, Brian Cronin, Christopher Dieselman, Matt Dougenik, Zachary Faiella, Brian Goodridge, James Horn, Martin Kelliher, Alfred Knapp, John Kuchac, Shane Lange, Robert LaRiviere-Tougas, Stephen McEnery, Glen Miles, Zackary Moreau, Daniel Murphy, Troy Ochoa, Joshua Patterson, Nicholas Patti, Nicholas Pesce, Anthony Pesce, Russell Petrucci, Jacob Piazza, Nicholas Pinto, Evan Raiff, Rylan Richard, Nathan Rose, Kyle Russell, Justin Ryel, Carlos Santos, David Seguin, Colby Sherman, Ryan Shilalis, Connor Taub, Grant Thiem, Quinn Turner, Patrick Wendt, and Joseph Zoeller.

I would also like to acknowledge the contributions of Salve Regina's president Sister Jane Gerety, RSM, chancellor Sister M. Therese Antone, RSM, and athletic director Colin Sullivan. Once again, congratulations to the members of the Salve Regina Seahawks men's rugby team on this outstanding achievement and well-deserved championship.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING EDWARD MALLOY

• Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Madam President, today I wish to mourn the passing of Edward J. Malloy, who dedicated his life as a champion for hard working men and women in New York State and throughout the country.

Mr. Malloy was a tireless advocate for workers' rights, serving as presi-

dent of the Building and Construction Trades Council of greater New York from 1992 to 2008 and as president of the New York State Building and Construction Trades Council from 1992 until his retirement earlier this year. Prior to his service in these capacities, Mr. Malloy served as president of the Enterprise Association of Steamfitters Local Union 638, where he began as an apprentice, rose to journeyman and was a longtime member. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Mr. Malloy was a driving force for private economic development and public infrastructure improvements throughout New York State. He was instrumental in promoting measures to contain construction costs and maximize employment opportunities for workers. His signature achievement in this regard was the advancement of project labor agreements for major public works projects, which are now widely used to deliver construction in a cost-efficient and timely manner.

Mr. Malloy was also a strong supporter of promoting opportunity and diversity in the construction industry's workforce, helping launch programs to provide access to careers in the building and construction trades for youth, veterans of the U.S. Armed Services, minorities and women. In particular, an organization that Mr. Malloy helped found has to date placed more than 1,300 youth, public housing residents and other city residents into unionized apprenticeships, 89 percent of whom are African American, Hispanic, Asian and other minorities. The results of these efforts are evident today, with the majority of union apprentices and workers in New York City's construction industry being African American, Hispanic, Asian and other minorities.

Edward J. Malloy was respected by all who knew him as not only a tireless advocate for working men and women, but an advocate for our great city and State. His hard work and wit allowed him to pass easily from union halls to business board rooms and the chambers of government.

This dedication and personality served members of organized labor well for decades as he worked to promote job creation, economic development and fairness. His contributions are immeasurable and we owe him an enormous debt of gratitude for them. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family on behalf of an entire industry. Mr. President, today, I ask all members of this esteemed body to join me in honoring Edward J. Malloy's lifetime of commitment to improving the lives of working men and women from around the country.●

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

• Mrs. HUTCHISON. Madam President, today, I want to congratulate and acknowledge the University of Texas at Austin's Department of History for creating an interactive website that offers

a unique outlet for promoting information and enhancing understanding about U.S. and world history. This new site puts the expertise of the University of Texas world-renowned faculty at the service of the general citizenry, and provides a public forum for the discussion of historical and contemporary events.

The title of the website, www.notevenpast.org, "Not Even Past," (NEP) derives its name from William Faulkner's famous line that, "The past is never dead. It's not even past." It acknowledges the professional and ethical commitment to understanding history as a public conversation about the importance of the past for our actions, values, and beliefs in the present, and for the decisions we make today that will affect our lives tomorrow.

I would like to congratulate particularly the efforts of Professor Joan Neuberger, Chairman Alan Tully, the department's 60-person faculty, and the input of graduate students for establishing this project in 2010.

NEP brings together a diverse group of historians in every major historical field by using modern technology as a vehicle to share their perspectives on topics related to Texas, the United States, and world history. The website allows people from around the world with an interest in history and historical events to take advantage of the University of Texas' new resource. This unique and innovative website offers book and film recommendations, movie clips, podcasts, links to historical documents and artifacts, as well as a fact-checker series and free virtual courses.

The development of NEP reinforces the reputation of the University of Texas Department of History. I believe this website is an invaluable resource of remarkable range and interest, and will advance the university's goal of undertaking programs of civil, educational and social services.

Since NEP was launched in January 2011, the website has enabled hosting and sponsoring events devoted to the history curriculum, organization of a book club with award-winning professors and students of history, accumulation of an extensive library of podcasts, short articles and recommended movies related to all aspects of history, and even virtual history courses that are offered through the University of Texas. In June 2012, NEP will also begin posting university, high school, and middle school students' history projects.

Congratulations to the University of Texas Department of History for creating this interactive website.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. LEWIS N. WALKER

● Mr. LEVIN. Madam President, today I, along with my Senate colleague from Michigan, Senator STABENOW, recognize Dr. Lewis Walker, a dynamic and forward thinking leader who has been a

driving force behind Lawrence Technological University's growth and continued success. Dr. Walker retires in June after 18 years at Lawrence Tech, the last 6 as President and CEO.

Ensuring students acquire the skills necessary to meet the challenges of an ever-changing, global workplace has been a central tenet of Dr. Walker's work at Lawrence Tech. Since joining Lawrence Tech in 1994, Dr. Walker has sought innovative ways to expand the university's academic footprint. A hallmark of his tenure has been his commitment to broadening academic opportunities for students, pursuing international partnerships, and expanding the university's technological infrastructure.

This work led to the creation of a number of certificate and degree programs at Lawrence Tech, from the associate to the doctoral level, and notably includes programs in robotics, defense and sustainability. Impressively, during his tenure, the number of academic programs the university offers has expanded from 60 to more than 100 and more than 40 "fast track" certificate programs have been created to help dislocated workers transition to new career paths.

Dr. Walker also emphasized leadership, believing that "Our aim has been to imbue in our graduates the ability to have confidence in themselves." This focus is truly perceptive. Seeking to integrate leadership throughout the University experience, Lawrence Tech now includes leadership training as part of its undergraduate experience. Under Dr. Walker's leadership Lawrence Tech also forged a partnership with the Ferndale Public Schools to establish the University High School, a high school designed to challenge its students academically and expose them to the university experience. Its core focus is to prepare public high school students for success in college and beyond.

Dr. Walker has a distinguished academic background. He holds 3 degrees, including a Ph.D. in electrical engineering and has published more than 50 technical papers. Before joining Lawrence Tech, he served at the University of Hartford in various capacities, including dean of engineering and special assistant to the president. Earlier this year, he was awarded the 2012 Gold Award from the Affiliate Council of Engineering Society of Detroit for his outstanding work in science and engineering.

Throughout his professional career, Dr. Walker has worked tirelessly to find solutions to pressing concerns and to position Lawrence Tech to meet the challenges of tomorrow. The Lawrence Tech community is a better place as a result of his efforts, and we know his wife, Nancy and their children and grandchildren are proud of his many accomplishments over his long and illustrious career. We wish Dr. Walker and his family the best as he embarks on the next chapter of his life.●

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 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 THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13303 OF MAY 22, 2003, RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON MAY 18, 2012—PM 50

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, within 90 days 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 the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication continuing the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq. This notice states that the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, as modified in scope and relied upon for additional steps taken in Executive Order 13315 of August 28, 2003, Executive Order 13350 of July 29, 2004, Executive Order 13364 of November 29, 2004, and Executive Order 13438 of July 17, 2007, is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2012.

Obstacles to the orderly reconstruction of Iraq, the restoration and maintenance of peace and security in the country, and the development of political, administrative, and economic institutions in Iraq continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Accordingly, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to this threat and maintain in force the measures taken to deal with that national emergency.

Recognizing positive developments in Iraq, my Administration will continue to evaluate Iraq's progress in resolving