

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 This unique and innovative website offers book and film recommendations, movie clips, podcasts, links to historical documents and artifacts, as well as a fact-checker series and free virtual courses.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

outstanding debts and claims arising from actions of the previous regime, so that I may determine whether to further continue the prohibitions contained in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, as amended by Executive Order 13364 of November 29, 2004, on any attachment, judgment, decree, lien, execution, garnishment, or other judicial process with respect to the Development Fund for Iraq, the accounts, assets, and property held by the Central Bank of Iraq, and Iraqi petroleum-related products, which are in addition to the sovereign immunity accorded Iraq under otherwise applicable law.

BARACK OBAMA,
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 18, 2012.

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 May 18, 2012, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2072. An act to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4045. An act to modify the Department of Defense Program Guidance relating to the award of Post-Deployment/Mobilization Respite Absence administrative absence days to members of the reserve components to exempt any member whose qualified mobilization commenced before October 1, 2011, and continued on or after that date, from the changes to the program guidance that took effect on that date.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the enrolled bills were signed on May 18, 2012, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:04 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. 4970. An act to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

H.R. 5740. An act to extend the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other Purposes.

The message further announced that the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4849) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue commercial use authorizations to commercial stock operators for operations in designated wilderness within the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the British-American Inter-parliamentary Group: Mr. PETRI of

Wisconsin, Mr. CRENSHAW of Florida, Mr. LATTA of Ohio, and Mr. ADERHOLT of Alabama.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 703(c) of the Public Interest Declassification Act of 2000 (50 U.S.C. 435 note), and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Speaker reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Public Interest Declassification Board for a term of 3 years: Admiral William O. Studeman of Great Falls, VA.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4970. An act to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

H.R. 5740. An act to extend the National Flood Insurance Program, 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-6161. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "MARPOL Annex V Special Areas: Wider Caribbean Region" ((RIN1625-AB76) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0187)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6162. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Standard Numbering System, Vessel Identification System, and Boating Accident Report Database" ((RIN1625-AB45) (Docket No. USCG-2003-14963)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6163. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sea-going Barges—Correcting Amendment" ((RIN1625-AB71) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0363)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6164. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Zidell Waterfront Property, Willamette River, OR" ((RIN1625-AA11) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0254)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6165. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Pacific Sound Resources and Lockheed Shipyard EPA Superfund Cleanup Sites, Elliott Bay, Se-

attle, WA" ((RIN1625-AA11) (Docket No. USCG-2010-1145)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6166. 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; Wells, ME" ((RIN1625-AA01) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0231)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6167. 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; Subpart A—Special Anchorage Regulations, Newport Bay Harbor, CA" ((RIN1625-AA01) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0929)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6168. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Innovation in the Broadcast Television Bands: Allocations, Channel Sharing and Improvements to VHF" (ET Docket No. 10-235; FCC 12-45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6169. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standardized and Enhanced Disclosure Requirements for Television Broadcast Licensee Public Interest Obligations; Extension of the Filing Requirement For Children's Television Programming Report" (MB Docket Nos. 00-168 and 00-44; FCC 12-44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6170. 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; Rolls-Royce plc Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0959)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6171. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Closure of the Trimester 1 Longfin Squid Fishery" (RIN0648-XB145) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6172. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher/processors Using Trawl Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB174) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6173. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled