

the District of Columbia. The assistance Congress provided to this home during its early years stands today as a strong example of ways Congress can show support and lend short-term assistance to help an organization get its legs. By 1906, the trustees believed the home could manage without Federal assistance, and the congressional appropriation was discontinued. Today the home remains a self-sustaining organization funded through endowments and residents.

Today, Thompson-Markward Hall also remains, true to its founding principles, a safe, comfortable, moderately-priced place for young women to live when studying or establishing careers in Washington. Retaining the spirit of Mary G. Wilkinson's founding intentions, Thompson-Markward Hall has earned a reputation as a special place for its residents, helping equip them with a strong foundation for developing lifelong friendships and fostering a deep regard for Washington, DC, and the opportunities the city offers.

As Thompson-Markward Hall celebrates another important milestone in its history, it is important that we recognize and congratulate this organization and especially the many talented individuals who have worked hard and given of their time and talents to help found this residence and now work to maintain and further its rich legacy. It is the efforts of all of these individuals, and especially Mar G. Wilkinson, Bessie J. Kibbey, Flora Markward Thompson, and past and present Board of Trustee members and staff, who have helped make Thompson-Markward Hall a wonderful housing option for thousands of young women.●

RECOGNIZING TEXAS CENTER FOR SUPERCONDUCTIVITY

● Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, today, the Texas Center for Superconductivity at the University of Houston (TCSUH) commemorates 25 years of achievements following the discovery of the High Temperature Superconductor YBCO by Dr. Paul C. W. Chu and colleagues in 1987 and the establishment of the Center by the State of Texas.

With ongoing support from the State, the Center has continued to grow in size and in the breadth of its programs which include basic and applied research, technology development and transfer and advanced education and training. TCSUH maintains an infrastructure that supports the interdisciplinary research and education that is necessary to advance new fields and accelerate scientific discovery.

I am intensely committed to investing in science and research and Texas' place at the top of that ladder. In 2004, I worked to create TAMEST The Academy of Medicine, Engineering and Science of Texas a vehicle for Texas institutions to share knowledge and research, to know what others in the scientific fields were working on. Today,

with better information sharing, Texas has gone from sixth to third as a recipient of Federal research funding.

Science and technology are critical to the future growth and prosperity of our country. America must continue to prioritize scientific research and technological development that fuels our economy, creates jobs, improves health care and helps to promote our national security and global leadership.

This is incredibly important to both Texas and America. Since World War II, more than half of US economic growth can be attributed to technological innovation; part of this is a direct result of Federal investment in science and technology.

Texas' world-class research institutions and university-based innovation centers like TCSUH bring new technology and research together with savvy entrepreneurs, creating new businesses and, most important, creating jobs.

TCSUH contributes to the goals of strengthening the prominence of Texas as a national research leader by attracting top quality researchers to the State, educating the next generation of scientists and engineers, and building links with industry to commercialize new technologies and create quality jobs.

I congratulate Dr. Chu and his colleagues at TCSUH on this important occasion and extend my best wishes to all for many more years of continued success.●

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF DAKOTA RURAL ACTION

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I wish to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Dakota Rural Action. I am proud to honor the members and stakeholders involved in Dakota Rural Action and extend my congratulations to them on this memorable occasion.

Dakota Rural Action is a local, grassroots organization that exhibits leadership through community organizing. They strive to give South Dakotans a strong voice by working with local, State, and Federal Government officials on issues and decisions involving family agriculture, conservation, and overall quality of life. The members of DRA were also early vocal advocates of my Country-of-Origin Labeling, COOL, law, which has enabled consumers to access information about where their food is coming from and enabled producers to get a better price for their products.

The Dakota Rural Action organization started in 1985 as a steering committee called the South Dakota Rural Organizing Project. The committee was tasked with finding substantive and effective ways to organize citizens on a grassroots level, largely due to the farm crisis of the late 1980s. When the need for a more sustained, long-term organization became evident, Dakota Rural Action was formally created.

The founding members wanted to create a nonprofit, nonpartisan, community-driven organization that focused on the causes and larger issues affecting rural America, rather than just the effects of the farm crisis. On January 10, 1987, Dakota Rural Action held its first meeting in Brookings, SD, to adopt bylaws and an organizational structure, set membership dues, and to establish an issue platform.

Today, Dakota Rural Action remains a vibrant, statewide network of six chapters. They celebrated their 25th anniversary at their annual meeting in Brookings, SD on November 9 and 10, 2012. It is a great privilege for me to recognize Dakota Rural Action's 25 years of service to South Dakotans, as well as their continuing commitment to the issues and causes that affect South Dakota and rural areas across the Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO MIKE MODRICK

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Mike Modrick of Rapid City, SD. Mike, a recognized television personality in western South Dakota, is celebrating 25 years on October 26, 2012, as a meteorologist at KOTA Territory News and 30 years in weather forecasting. Mike is a graduate of Iowa State University with a bachelor of science degree in meteorology and a degree in speech. Shortly after graduating, Mike made his way to the beautiful, yet markedly unpredictable climate of western South Dakota where he has provided important safety and weather communications to the people of South Dakota for 25 years.

Mike has received the Seal of Approval for Television Weathercasting from the American Meteorological Society, which is considered the most prestigious award in weather broadcasting. His dedication to timely, reliable forecasting across western South Dakota is indicative of his passion and commitment to the safety of all South Dakotans. As Mike celebrates his silver anniversary with KOTA, it is my pleasure to thank him for his service.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. DUANE MEYER

● Mr. BLUNT. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Dr. Duane Meyer, historian, educator, author, former university president and my friend. Fittingly, the Greene County Historical Society honored Dr. Meyer in October with its Life Time Achievement Award for his body of work enriching Missouri's educational, historical and cultural life.

Dr. Meyer, through his dedication, is recognized as one of Missouri's most distinguished historians. Dr. Meyer served as a teacher for 18 years and as an administrator for 22 years (1971-1983 as president of what is today Missouri State University). He arrived in Springfield in 1955 with a Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. Dr. Meyer began his career as an assistant professor of history and later became a

full professor of history. By 1961 he was dean of facilities for what was then Southwest Missouri State College. Ten years later Dr. Meyer was selected as the sixth president of Southwest Missouri State College, which earned university status in 1972.

During his 12 years at the helm of Southwest Missouri State University, enrollment increased to an all-time high (62 percent), making it the second largest 4-year public institution of higher learning in Missouri. Southwest Missouri State University was transformed with the creation of an academic master plan, including a new business school, construction of a student event center and elevation of the athletic program to NCAA Division I competition. Academic achievements included new specialist degrees for graduate programs, new associate degrees for undergraduate students and cooperative education. Students were also given the opportunity to have learning experiences abroad. Faculty research was encouraged and research and service centers took form at Southwest Missouri State University during Dr. Meyer's tenure as president.

As the academic landscape changed, so did the look of the campus. The campus expanded to 125 acres, the first public-private building—Hammons Student Center—was constructed along with three new classroom buildings and four new residence halls. During that period, Southwest Missouri State University added the State Fruit Experiment Station in Mountain Grove and a new campus in West Plains, Missouri. In recognition of his contributions, Southwest Missouri State University honored Dr. Meyer by naming the school's new library after him.

After leaving the president's office, Dr. Meyer continued to teach as a professor emeritus of history. He also served as a member on the Missouri Council of Public Higher Education Board and on the Missouri Humanities Council. Dr. Meyer's research has produced two text books, including *The Heritage of Missouri: A History*, which serves as a valuable reference for students learning about Missouri history.

Dr. Meyer's leadership and dedication to excellence have reshaped one of the region's great universities and benefited countless students who have passed through its halls. Congratulations to Dr. Meyer for enhancing our understanding of Missouri history and making it available for future generations.●

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 messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on September 25, 2012, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LEWIS of California) has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

S. 300. An act to prevent abuse of Government charge cards.

S. 710. An act to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system.

H.R. 1272. An act to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, et al., by the United States Court of Federal Claims in the Docket Numbers 19 and 188, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1791. An act to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 101 South United States Route 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the "Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse".

H.R. 2139. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Lions Club International.

H.R. 2240. An act to authorize the exchange of land or interest in land between Lowell National Historical Park and the city of Lowell in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2706. An act to prohibit the sale of billfish.

H.R. 3556. An act to designate the new United States courthouse in Buffalo, New York, as the "Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse".

H.R. 4158. An act to confirm full ownership rights for certain United States astronauts to artifacts from the astronauts' space missions.

H.R. 4223. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit theft of medical products, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4347. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 709 West 9th Street in Juneau, Alaska, as the "Robert Boochever United States Courthouse".

H.R. 5512. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to realign divisions within two judicial districts.

H.R. 6189. An act to eliminate unnecessary reporting requirements for unfunded programs under the Office of Justice Programs.

H.R. 6215. An act to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to correct an error in the provisions relating to remedies for dilution.

H.R. 6375. An act to authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6431. An act to provide flexibility with respect to United States support for assistance provided by international financial institutions for Burma, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6433. An act to make corrections with respect to Food and Drug Administration user fees.

H.J. Res. 117. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the enrolled bills and joint resolution were subsequently signed on September 25, 2012, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on September 28, 2012, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 3624. An act to amend section 31311 of title 49, United States Code, to permit States to issue commercial driver's licenses to members of the Armed Forces whose duty station is located in the State.

S. 3625. An act to change the effective date for the internet publication of certain information to prevent harm to the national security or endangering the military officers and civilian employees to whom the publication requirement applies, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on September 28, 2012, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LEWIS of California) has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 3625. An act to change the effective date for the internet publication of certain information to prevent harm to the national security or endangering the military officers and civilian employees to whom the publication requirement applies, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the enrolled bill was subsequently signed on September 28, 2012, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. REID).

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 9, 2012, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS of Maryland) has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 3624. An act to amend section 31311 of title 49, United States Code, to permit States to issue commercial driver's licenses to members of the Armed Forces whose duty station is located in the State.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the enrolled bill was subsequently signed on October 9, 2012, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. WEBB).