

It was also my honor to present the Bronze Service Star for the National Defense Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Ribbon, and the Bronze Service Star for the Vietnam Service Medal.

These decorations are small tokens, but they are powerful symbols of true heroism, sacrifice, and dedication to service.

They are presented on behalf of a nation that will never forget Donald Singer's heroism.

#### 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.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of December 6, 2012, the following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, were signed on December 6, 2012, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. REID).

S. 3486. An act to implement the provisions of the Hague Agreement and the Patent Law Treaty.

H.R. 6634. An act to change the effective date for the Internet publication of certain financial disclosure forms.

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 7, 2012, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 6156. An act to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to products of the Russian Federation and Moldova and to require reports on the compliance of the Russian Federation with its obligations as a member of the World Trade Organization, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of December 6, 2012, the enrolled bill was signed on December 7, 2012, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. REID).

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 3664. A bill to provide for debt limit extensions.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, December 10, 2012, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 3486. An act to implement the provisions of the Hague Agreement and the Patent Law Treaty.

#### 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-8509. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Creation of a Low Power Radio Service" (MM Docket No. 99-25; FCC 12-144) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8510. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Shipping and Transportation; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments" (RIN1625-AB87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8511. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Schuylkill River, Philadelphia, PA" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0625)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8512. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW), Newport River, Morehead City, NC" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0628)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8513. 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 Regulations; Palm Beach World Championship, Atlantic Ocean; Jupiter, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0721)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8514. 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 Clearwater Super Boat National Championship Race, Gulf of Mexico; Clearwater, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0452)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8515. 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 Regulations; Red Bull Flugtag Miami, Biscayne Bay; Miami, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0728)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8516. 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 Regulations; 2012 Ironman 70.3 Miami, Biscayne Bay, Miami, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0559)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8517. 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; Columbus Day Weekend, Biscayne Bay, Miami, FL" ((RIN1625-AA11) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0191)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8518. 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; Thames River Degaussing Range Replacement Operations; New London, CT" ((RIN1625-AA11) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0623)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8519. 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; East River, Flushing and Gowanus Bays, and Red Hook and Buttermilk Channels; New York, NY" ((RIN1625-AA11) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0950)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8520. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inland Waterways Navigation Regulations" ((RIN1625-AB84) (Docket No. USCG-2011-1086)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8521. 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; Cruise Ships, Santa Barbara Harbor, Santa Barbara, California" ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0906)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8522. 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 Zones; USCGC WILLIAM FLORES Commissioning Ceremony, Ybor Channel; Tampa, FL" ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0885)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8523. 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; James River, Kingsmill Resort,

Williamsburg, VA” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0931)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8524. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fixed and Moving Safety Zone; Around the USACE Bank Grading Units, Mat Sinking Unit, and the M/V Harrison and M/V William James” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0738)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8525. 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; Bridge Demolition Project; Indiana Harbor Canal, East Chicago, Indiana” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0904)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8526. 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; 2012 Head of the South Regatta, Savannah River, Augusta, GA” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0913)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8527. 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; Wounded Warriors Benefit, Lake Erie, Huron, OH” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0889)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8528. 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; Sea World San Diego Fireworks, Mission Bay; San Diego, CA” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0874)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8529. 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; Submarine Cable Installation Project; Chicago River, Chicago, Illinois” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0886)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8530. 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, Changes to Original Rule; Boston Harbor’s Rock Removal Project, Boston Inner Harbor, Boston, MA” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0767)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8531. 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; Water Main Crossing; Choctawhatchee Bay; Santa Rosa Beach,

FL” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0518)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8532. 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; Alliance Road Bridge Demolition; Black Warrior River, Locust Fork; Birmingham, AL” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0902)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8533. 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; Oak Island, NC” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0811)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8534. 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; Carolina Beach, NC” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0741)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8535. 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; Bridge Demolition Project; Indiana Harbor Canal, East Chicago, Indiana” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0904)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8536. 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; Large Cruise Ships; Lower Mississippi River, Southwest Pass Sea Buoy to Mile Marker 96.0; New Orleans, LA” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0012)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8537. 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; Coast Guard Exercise, Hood Canal, Washington” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0822)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8538. 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; Oregon City Bridge Grand Opening Fireworks Display; Willamette River, Oregon City, OR” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0805)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8539. 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; DeStefano Wedding Fireworks Display, Patchogue Bay, Patchogue, NY” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0571)) received in the Office of the President

of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8540. 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; Research Vessel SIKULIAQ Launch, Marinette, Wisconsin” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0896)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8541. 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; Battle of Queenstown Heights Bicentennial, Niagara River, Lewiston, NY” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0849)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8542. 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; America’s Cup World Series Finish-line, San Francisco, CA” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0884)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8543. 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; Emerald Isle, NC” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0812)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8544. 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; Leukemia and Lymphoma Light the Night Walk Fireworks Display; Willamette River, Portland, OR” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0803)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8545. 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; Steam Ship Col. James M. Schoonmaker Relocation Project, Maumee River, Toledo, OH” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0939)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8546. 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; Cooper T. Smith Fireworks Event; Mobile River; Mobile, AL” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0869)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 5, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):