

past August, the Freestore Foodbank hosted the 20th Annual Rubber Duck Regatta. To celebrate this milestone, Bob set the ambitious goal of raising \$1 million dollars, which equates to approximately 3 million meals for hungry children and families. With Bob's leadership, that goal was reached.

In 2002 Bob received the Bengals Community Quarterback Award, the NFL league-wide volunteer recognition program, and in 2006 he received the Volunteer of the Year Award from Feeding America. Bob also served as president of the Dan Beard Council, Boy Scouts of America and founded the Council's United Food and Clothing Drive, serving as its general chairman for 2 years. He was awarded the Silver Beaver from the Boy Scouts and the Outstanding Citizenship Award from the United Way of Greater Cincinnati.

In 2010, Bob received the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Jefferson Award, the Nobel Prize for public service honoring community and public volunteerism in America. Bob was a graduate of Marietta College, and in 2011 he was added to Marietta College's prestigious Hall of Honor. He was also an active member of the Armstrong Chapel United Methodist Church.

Bob Edwards was a source of inspiration and he touched the lives of so many people throughout southwest Ohio. His extraordinary legacy lives on, and the impact he made in and around Cincinnati will serve as an example to many. He will be missed, but he will not be forgotten.

#### WORLD WAR II VETERANS VISIT

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, last month, 20 World War II Veterans and 3 Korean War Veterans from the Last Frontier Chapter of the Honor Flight Network traveled from Alaska to Washington, DC, to visit their memorials on October 21. I know you will join me in recognizing these heroes for their service to our Nation.

I would like to record the individual names of those who traveled from Alaska to be here to see the Nation's capital on October 21, 2014: Mr. Norman B. Bean, U.S. Army, Korean War; Mr. William R. Elam, U.S. Army, World War II; Mr. Henry E. Farrar, U.S. Coast Guard, World War II; Mr. Roy Harold Fay, U.S. Navy, World War II; Mr. Roland Henry Frank, U.S. Air Force, Korean War; Mr. Dewey Max Hodel, U.S. Army, World War II; Mr. Paul Patrick Jenkins, U.S. Army, World War II; Mr. Andrew Marion Johnson, U.S. Marine Corps, World War II; Mr. Arthur F. Jones, U.S. Air Force, World War II; Mr. Daniel K. Karmun, Army National Guard, World War II; Mr. Kenneth L. Krasselt, U.S. Navy, World War II; Ms. Vickey Malone, U.S. Navy, World War II; Mr. Henry Nosek, U.S. Air Force, World War II; Mr. Clyde Frank Oberg, U.S. Army, World War II; Mr. David C. Pratt, U.S. Air Force, World War II; Ms. Mary Julia Quesnel, U.S. Army Nurse Corps, World War II; Mr. John

Martin Schwulst, U.S. Marine Corps, Korean War; Mr. Harold Walter Stover, U.S. Navy Construction Battalion, World War II; Mr. Jean R. Therrien, U.S. Army, World War II; Mr. Calvin C. Topliff, U.S. Army, World War II; Mr. John Lindsay Tullis, Sr., U.S. Navy, World War II; Ms. Marcella Green Vreeland, U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve, World War II; Mr. Henry N. Warren, U.S. Army, World War II.

These veterans from Alaska join over 120,000 other veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have traveled to our Nation's capital to visit and reflect at memorials built here in their honor. This Honor Flight was made possible by generous public donations and contributions from those who wish to honor these heroes.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING HORSES4HEROES

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize a national nonprofit organization within Las Vegas known as Horses4Heroes for being awarded the American Horse Council Time to Ride 100-Day Horse Challenge by introducing the most newcomers to horses in just 100 days. This unique program works to improve the lives of more than 6 million Americans who serve in the military, National Guard, as first responders and their families, by making horseback riding more affordable and accessible. As a longtime horse owner and horse enthusiast myself, I recognize the importance horses play as both companion animals and to our Nation's economy.

The brave men and women who have served the United States and fought to protect our freedom have often come home suffering from the effects of post-traumatic stress, PTS. Veterans faced dangerous situations in order to protect Americans from harm, and we owe them a debt of gratitude. Horses4Heroes is a shining example of the kind of initiatives that will help to reintegrate our veterans into civilian life, combat the effects of PTS, and help reduce the rates of suicide, while also providing comfort to grieving families.

There is no way to adequately thank the men and women that lay down their lives for our freedoms, but the founders and volunteers at Horses4Heroes are working to assist our Nation's veterans by giving them the opportunity to use horses to help reconnect and get reacquainted with their families. The organization was founded by Sydney Knott in 2006 operating out of her backyard and has now grown to incorporate affordable recreational, instructional, and morale-boosting health & wellness programs at more than 200 therapeutic equestrian centers across the country. This organization's continued dedication to serving veterans in the Silver State and the country is commendable.

As a member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, I know the struggles that our veterans face after returning home from the battlefield. Congress has a responsibility not only to honor these brave individuals, but to ensure they receive the quality care they have earned and deserve. I remain committed to upholding this promise for our veterans and service members in Nevada and throughout the Nation. I am very pleased that veterans' service organizations like Horses4Heroes are committed to ensuring that the needs of our veterans are being met.

Today, I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in recognizing Horses4Heroes, an organization whose mission is both noble and charitable. I am both humbled and honored to recognize Horses4Heroes and I wish them the best of luck in all of their future endeavors.●

##### CONGRATULATING OKLAHOMA UNIVERSITIES

• Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I wish to applaud the University of Central Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma for being recognized by the Military Times as among the 100 best colleges for our Nation's veterans. With over 2,400 students who are veterans between them, UCO and OU provide outstanding support and academic experiences for our Nation's heroes after they have returned from their service to our Nation in uniform.

Founded in 1890 as one of Oklahoma's first institutions of higher learning, the University of Central Oklahoma is ranked 40th on this list and cultivates creativity and innovation from its 17,000 students, of which more than 700 are veterans. Students have the opportunity to earn diplomas from the more than 100 major areas of study offered at UCO. In 2010, UCO established the Veteran's Hero office to address the unique needs of our veterans and their families as they transition from the battlefield to the classroom. Continuously recognized as among the best universities in the Nation, UCO puts the extra effort into taking care of our veterans and has earned distinction in this area for 3 consecutive years in similar rankings by Victory Media, a nationwide veterans' employment recruiting service.

Also founded in 1890, the University of Oklahoma ranks 85th on this list and has nearly 30,000 students, of whom more than 1,700 are veterans who are earning degrees from the more than 150 majors offered on three campuses. Through the Veterans Support Alliance, faculty and staff volunteers at the University of Oklahoma have provided a positive and supportive learning environment for veterans. OU's efforts have helped student veterans and servicemembers achieve academic excellence and personal success. As a pacesetter for public higher education, OU is also ranked by the Princeton Review as among the top 10 public universities in the nation in terms of academic excellence and cost for students.

On behalf of the great State of Oklahoma, I commend UCO and OU for making the “Best for Vets: Colleges 2015” list and salute their steadfast efforts to provide quality education for those who have defended our freedoms at home and abroad.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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

At 2:44 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, without amendment:

S. 898. An act to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation.

S. 1934. An act to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey the Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse to Teton County, Wyoming.

The message also announced the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5266. An act to reauthorize the National Estuary Programs, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1233) to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4194) to provide for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 4. An act to make revisions to Federal law to improve the conditions necessary for economic growth and job creation, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 2. An act to remove Federal Government obstacles to the production of more domestic energy; to ensure transport of that energy reliably to businesses, consumers, and other end users; to lower the cost of energy to consumers; to enable manufacturers and other businesses to access domestically produced energy affordably and reliably in order to create and sustain more secure and well-paying American jobs; 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-7489. 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: Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts” ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0708)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7490. 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, Hydrocross, Lake Dora; Tavares, FL” ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0691)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7491. 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, Change of Enforcement Period, Chesapeake Bay; Between Sandy Point and Kent Island, MD” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0296)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7492. 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; Detroit Offshore Grand Prix, Detroit River, Detroit, MI” ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0729)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7493. 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 and Safety Zone; Marine Events in Captain of the Port Long Island Sound Zone” ((RIN1625-AA08 and RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0717)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7494. 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; Gulfstar 1 SPAR, Mississippi Canyon Block 724, Outer Continental Shelf on the Gulf of Mexico” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0242)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7495. 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 Zones, Facilities on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Gulf of Mexico” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0874)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7496. 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: Urban Shield 2014, South San Francisco Bay, Oakland, CA” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0658)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7497. 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, Shallowbag Bay; Manteo, NC” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0723)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7498. 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; Seafood Festival Fireworks, Fox River, Menasha, WI” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0748)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7499. 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, Lower Mississippi River Mile 94.0 to Mile 95.0; New Orleans, LA” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0531)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7500. 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; San Diego Tri-Rock Triathlon; San Diego Bay, San Diego, CA” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0600)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7501. 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; Vigor Industrial Ferry Construction, West Duwamish Waterway, Seattle, WA” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0805)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7502. 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, Tarague Basin; Anderson AFB, GU” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0732)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7503. 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; Lucas Oil Thunder on the River; Thompson Bay, Lake Havasu City, AZ” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-