

Baltimore Studio of Hair—to improve his skills when it came to cutting women's hair. As much as he enjoyed cutting and styling hair, however, his greatest satisfaction came from teaching others the same skill and giving people the chance to have a career and support themselves and their families. So Cy opened his own school in 1960, the Avara International Academy of Hair Design and Technology, in his southwest Baltimore neighborhood. That same year—when he was just 26—he also became a member of the Maryland State Board of Barber Examiners. A few years later, he became the youngest person ever elected to be national president of the Barber Examiners. He also served as secretary-treasurer of all union-affiliated barber schools in America and was president and founder of the Maryland Hair Designer's Association. In 1970, Cy opened his second barber school, Avara's Academy Of Hair Design, in Dundalk, MD. The two schools have trained well over 2,000 barber/stylists. In 2011, Cy was inducted into the National Barber Museum and Hall of Fame.

These accolades alone indicate that Cy lived a very successful life. But there was so much more to Cy. As a child, Cy was raised by his parents to appreciate his blessings and to help others who were less fortunate. For instance, his father gave haircuts to people who wanted to make a good impression so they could get a job; his mother provided food to those in need in their neighborhood. Cy never forgot these lessons in generosity. Starting in the mid-1960s, he became involved with St. Vincent's Center for Abused Children. Since then, once every month, he sent his barber students to St. Vincent's Center to cut the children's hair. He has also been a major contributor to the Ed Block Courage Award Foundation, which was started by one of his former barber students, Sam Lamantia, to honor professional football players who have overcome adversity and contributed to the betterment of their community. In the mid-1970s, Cy established a training program at the Maryland Correctional Institution in Hagerstown under the supervision of a master barber which helped students at the Institution receive credit toward the 1,200 hours required to obtain a license so that once they were released, they would have the opportunity to continue their training and obtain a job in the barber industry. Cy also travelled to Annapolis frequently to lobby on behalf of the integrity of the barber and cosmetology industry.

Cy was such an effective advocate for the industry that some of his children have followed in his footsteps. He saw his profession as a rewarding career opportunity for individuals from all walks of life. The important thing is to like people and to want to work hard. That is a pretty good description of Cy: he worked hard and he liked people, and made us feel welcome in his shop. But it was not hard work to him; it was

his passion. He was extraordinarily skilled at his job.

I may have a little bit less hair than I did when I first started going to Cy, but I am going to miss my friend who served his country, community, and family with such devotion. I am going to miss the special banter that may only occur between a barber and his long-time customers. I will take solace in the fact that there are literally thousands of barbers and stylists who were trained at one of Cy's schools and are carrying on the tradition he inherited from his father. On behalf of the entire Senate, I would like to extend my condolences to his wife, Rita T. Avara; his sons, Michael, Thomas, and Lawrence; his daughter, Susan Avara Watson; his sister, Carmelita Silanskas; his eight grandchildren, Lauren, Michele, Rachael, Joshua, Victoria, Jaclyn, Christopher, and Elise; and all the other family and friends of Cy Avara too numerous to mention.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 5759. An act to establish a rule of construction clarifying the limitations on executive authority to provide certain forms of immigration relief.

H.R. 5771. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and make technical corrections, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY) announced that on today, December 8, 2014, he had signed the following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 2040. An act to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 43. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Red River Avenue North in Cold Spring, Minnesota, as the "Officer Tommy Decker Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 451. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 North Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Beach, Florida, as the "Richard K. Salick Post Office".

H.R. 669. An act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

H.R. 1391. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 South Oak Street in London, Ohio, as the "London Fallen Veterans Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 3085. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3349 West 111th Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Captain Herbert Johnson Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 3375. An act to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Depart-

ment of Veterans Affairs to be constructed at 3141 Centennial Boulevard, Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the "PFC Floyd K. Lindstrom Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic".

H.R. 3682. An act to designate the community based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 1961 Premier Drive in Mankato, Minnesota, as the "Lyle C. Pearson Community Based Outpatient Clinic".

H.R. 3957. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218-10 Merrick Boulevard in Springfield Gardens, New York, as the "Cynthia Jenkins Post Office Building".

H.R. 4189. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4000 Leap Road in Hilliard, Ohio, as the "Master Sergeant Shawn T. Hannon, Master Sergeant Jeffrey J. Rieck and Veterans Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 4443. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 Vermilyea Avenue, in New York, New York, as the "Corporal Juan Mariel Alcantara Post Office Building".

H.R. 4919. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 715 Shawan Falls Drive in Dublin, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Wesley G. Davids and Captain Nicholas J. Rozanski Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 4924. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and to provide for the settlement of specific water rights claims in the Bill Williams River watershed in the State of Arizona.

H.R. 5069. An act to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase in the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5106. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Admiral Callaghan Lane in Vallejo, California, as the "Philmore Graham Post Office Building".

H.R. 5681. An act to provide for the approval of the Amendment to the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes.

At 3:29 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 121. Concurrent resolution providing for a correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3979.

The message further announced that the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3979) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care

Act, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 6:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 4812. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to establish a process for providing expedited and dignified passenger screening services for veterans traveling to visit war memorials built and dedicated to honor their service, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5108. An act to establish the Law School Clinic Certification Program of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes.

The bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 5759. An act to establish a rule of construction clarifying the limitations on executive authority to provide certain forms of immigration relief.

H.R. 5771. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and make technical corrections, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, December 8, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2040. An act to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, 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-8004. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza" ((RIN0579-AC36) (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0074)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8005. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County Oregon; Modification of Container Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0046; FV14-945-2 FIR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1,

2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8006. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Process for Establishing Rates Charged for AMS Services" ((RIN0581-AD36) (Docket No. AMS-LPS-13-0050)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8007. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mango Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Section 610 Review" (Docket No. AMS-FV-14-0047) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8008. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Avocados Grown in South Florida and Imported Avocados; Clarification of the Avocado Grade Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-13-0069; FV13-915-3 FR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8009. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Charles H. Jacoby, Jr., United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8010. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the permanent reduction of sizable numbers of members of the Armed Forces at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8011. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs), Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 1, 2014; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8012. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict), transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2014 annual report on the Regional Defense Combating Terrorism Fellowship Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8013. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Efficient Utilization of Department of Defense Real Property"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8014. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Global Security), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Proposed Obligations for Cooperative Threat Reduction"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8015. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2014-0002)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2014; to

the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8016. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Market Utilities" (RIN7100-AE09) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8017. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aging Management of Loss of Coating or Lining Integrity for Internal Coatings/Linings on In-Scope Piping, Piping Components, Heat Exchangers, and Tanks" (NRC-2014-0004) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8018. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) Test Sale 2014"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8019. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "American Energy Manufacturing Technical Corrections Act of 2012—Section 8 Best Practices for Advanced Metering"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8020. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eligibility for Minimum Essential Coverage Under Pregnancy-Based Medicaid and CHIP Programs" (Notice 2014-71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8021. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Transportation Fringe" (Rev. Rul. 2014-32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8022. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments—Uninsured Definition" (RIN0938-AQ37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8023. A communication from the Deputy Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Requirements for the Medicare Incentive Reward Program and Provider Enrollment" ((RIN0938-AP01) (CMS-6045-F)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8024. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of One-Per-Year Limit on IRA Rollovers" (Announcement 2014-32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8025. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary