

(the “Act”), I hereby designate for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism all funding so designated by the Congress in the Act pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, as outlined in the enclosed list of accounts.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed memorandum from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 4, 2015.

HONORING THE REMARKABLE LIFE OF FATHER THEODORE HESBURGH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 6, 2015, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the great life of Father Hesburgh.

Today I looked up on Wikipedia some information about Father Hesburgh. It says:

Born: Theodore Martin Hesburgh, May 25, 1917, Syracuse, New York, United States. Died: February 26, 2015 (age 97), Notre Dame, Indiana, United States. Alma mater: The Catholic University of America. Profession: Priest. Religion: Roman Catholic.

And then it shows his signature.

Well, today, in South Bend, Indiana, and on the University of Indiana, flags are flown at halfstaff to honor the passing of a giant among men, a warrior for peace and a champion for civil rights, Father Theodore Hesburgh.

I want you to just think for a minute and let your mind drift to what we will see in the future as a tombstone that is going to have Father Hesburgh’s name, and it is going to say: Born May 25, 1917; died February 26, 2015. And I want you to forget about those two dates and, for a minute, think about the 97 years in between those dates—not just the day Father Hesburgh was born or the day Father Hesburgh died, but the 97 years that Father Hesburgh spent on Earth doing great work because, truly, a man is measured not so much by his years on Earth but what he accomplished while he was here.

For those of us at Notre Dame, I think it is important to go back and think about just who Father Ted was. Father actually passed away last Thursday at 11:30 p.m.

I want you to think about Father Hesburgh’s last day. He rose in the morning. It was very important for him to celebrate Mass, which he did that day. Throughout the course of the day, he wasn’t feeling quite right; but, again, he was 97 years old. That evening, as he was accustomed to do, he smoked a cigar, and then he went to bed. And for whatever reason, he was surrounded by some very good friends, but he was also surrounded by a nun.

Father Hesburgh’s last moments were the recitation of the rosary. Now,

he was very fluent in five different languages. The language that he thought was the most beautiful was the French language, and the rosary was recited in French.

□ 1545

Picture, if you can, a 97-year-old man lying in a bed, friends around him, knowing that something was going to happen, and Father Hesburgh closed his eyes and passed. But think about the glorious moment right after the closing of those eyes. Because in the next instant they were opened, not on Earth, not on the University of Notre Dame, not in a bed where he was a dying old man, but in Heaven, surrounded by all those folks who knew Father Ted, who loved Father Ted, and who have been patiently waiting for his arrival, because that is what we believe. We know that he is at home.

Now, I told you Father Hesburgh was born in Syracuse, New York. He was educated at Notre Dame and at the Gregorian University in Rome, from which he received a bachelor of philosophy degree. He was ordained a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross in Sacred Heart Church, now the Basilica, on Notre Dame campus in June of 1943.

Earlier today, Mr. Speaker, at 2 o’clock, the funeral mass for Father Hesburgh was held at this very same church, Sacred Heart Basilica on our beautiful and beloved campus. Now, as I stand here, the funeral mass for Father Ted is concluding, and the Notre Dame community will be following Father Ted on St. Mary’s Road out to his final resting place at the Holy Cross Community Cemetery. It will be a sad march, but it will also be a rejoicing march because certainly we miss him, and we are going to miss him, but we rejoice in what he was able to accomplish.

For generations of students at Notre Dame, Father Hesburgh was simply known as Father Ted. That is all—Father Ted. Now, I was one of those people that was fortunate enough to be there when Father Ted was there. And some of my colleagues, I think that PETER KING was there, PETER VISCOSKY was there, KEITH ROTHFUS was there, and my good friend Senator JOE DONNELLY was there. Today Senators DONNELLY and COATS and I wanted to pay tribute to this national treasure by introducing a bicameral resolution to honor the life of this truly amazing man. Father Ted faithfully served Notre Dame for decades. He served as Notre Dame’s president from 1952 to 1987.

Now, I want you to think about what Father Ted has done, because mostly when people talk about Notre Dame, they say, oh, yeah, heck of a football team, and at times we have been very good. But he was able to transition us from not just a team or a little school in the Midwest that was known for the way it played football—and we were originally called the Ramblers. We were not called the Fighting Irish. We

were called the Ramblers because we had no home, and so we kind of had to go around the country to play different teams, so we kind of rambled around the country. We were the Ramblers. Then we adopted the name Fighting Irish, and it was for the very immigrants that came to the university. It was one of those universities that honored the fact that people were coming from all over the world. They were coming to the United States, and there were really not a lot of institutions of higher learning that they could get entrance to. Notre Dame was one of those institutions.

So his leadership at Notre Dame just didn’t stop in South Bend, and it certainly didn’t stop at the university’s gates. His commitment to education and social justice extended way beyond the boundaries of my alma mater and well beyond Indiana and, in fact, well beyond America’s shores. His dedication is one of shared humanity that knew absolutely no bounds.

His strong belief that what unites us is far greater than that which divides us made him a champion of civil discourse and social justice. One only needs to look at a photo that I brought with me today, and in the annals of America, it is hard to look at Dr. King and Father Ted and not look at these two lions for social justice, these two lions for civil rights, to understand that they were locked arm in arm on a mission that they knew had to take place and that they could no longer turn a blind eye or a deaf ear to. That is who Father Ted was. He believed to the very soul of who he was, the very fabric of who this man was, that this is what America needed. He not only preached it, he not only taught it, he lived it.

So this week, Mr. Speaker—and, truly, I think it is almost providential—is the 50th anniversary of the march on Selma’s Edmund Pettus Bridge, commemorates the 50th anniversary. Again, this was called Bloody Sunday. This was in 1965. It is hard for us to imagine that that could have taken place, but it did. In fact, we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of it this Saturday. That is what helped secure the passage of the Voting Rights Act so that every American citizen could equally participate in her democratic process. This was a milestone. This just wasn’t something to be marked on a calendar. This was a great event in terms of how we advanced democracy in our country.

Now, as we honor Selma’s legacy this Saturday, I know that the spirits of these two great lions, these people that really stood up and took time to stand up when it wasn’t really easy to stand up and it certainly took a lot of courage, they stood up to what they knew to be right, for what they knew to be true, and for what they knew to be truly American.

Now, as I said earlier, I just can imagine right now that when Father closed his eyes last Thursday night and

then suddenly opened them, again, who was around him? Who surrounded him? Whom he was able to share that moment with is incredible. I am sure Dr. King was there with him.

Now, over the years, this man, Father Hesburgh, held 16 Presidential appointments that covered every type of major social concern and civil rights concern to Third World development that a person could possibly understand, and also campus unrest. He won the Presidential Medal of Freedom. He won the Congressional Gold Medal. He won the Sylvanus Thayer Award, and he won the Public Welfare Medal. And though he counseled Popes and Presidents, Father Hesburgh was first and foremost a priest, a priest on the campus of Notre Dame. He had said: “I never really wanted to be anything but a priest, which is in itself a great and unearned grace. I hope to live and die a priest, nothing more, but nothing less either.”

Now, for decades, he has been considered the most influential priest in America, and the world he looked at as his flock. He was truly a shepherd who lived with his flock. He demonstrated this by his tireless work and his historic service to our country, to our church, and to the world.

Robert Whittington, a contemporary of Sir Thomas More, in 1520 wrote of Sir Thomas More:

“He is a man of angel’s wit and singular learning. I know not his fellow. For where is the man of that gentleness, lowliness, and affability? And, as time requireth, a man of marvelous mirth and pastimes, and sometime of as sad gravity. A man for all seasons.”

At the end of the day, Father Hesburgh was truly America’s Renaissance man. He was truly our “man for all seasons.” And much like Sir Thomas More was to his contemporaries over 500 years ago, Father Ted has left this world a better place because he took it upon himself the responsibility to inspire others here and abroad to pursue a life of justice and peace. Truly blessed are the peacemakers.

Now, as Father Hesburgh was known to say, he, too, is “resting in the loving hands of our Savior, bathed in the light of eternal life.” These words were spoken by Father Hesburgh to Secretary Condoleezza Rice upon the passing of her father. He is now at peace with God. He is with the God he served so well during his lifetime on Earth.

I will leave you with this one thought. A good friend of mine that I grew up with and graduated with, a guy named Larry Vuillemin, had gone to see Father.

KEITH ROTHFUS and I, by the way, a year ago, received his blessing when he was here. We were celebrating his birthday. We knelt down, and he gave us his blessing.

Father said to Larry Vuillemin when they were having a talk about ethics, he said: Larry, ethics is fun to intellectualize, but ethics without the heart is missing something.

So if we can just concentrate on those words, let those words soak in and seep in to who we are, then I think we can truly not only honor him, but honor him in a way that really means the most, and that is by emulating his life and trying to carry forward the same issues that Father had.

I know he is now at peace with the God he has served so well during his life. May peace be with him.

I yield back the balance of my time, Mr. Speaker.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 240. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes.

H.R. 431. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Foot Soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday, Turnaround Tuesday, or the final Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in March of 1965, which served as a catalyst for the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o’clock and 57 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, March 6, 2015, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker’s table and referred as follows:

643. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a statement pursuant to Sec. 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended, on a 15-month transaction specific revolving credit facility under Export-Import Bank’s Working Capital Guarantee Program to Accelerant Technologies LLC; to the Committee on Financial Services.

644. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office’s final rule — Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Establishment of the Multi-State Plan Program for the Affordable Insurance Exchanges (RIN: 3206-AN12) received March 1, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

645. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting reports submitted in accordance with Sec. 36(a) and Sec. 26(b) of the Arms Export Control Act, Report by the Committee on Foreign Affairs (H. Rept. 96-70), and Report by the Committee on Government Operations (H. Rept. 97-214) for the first quarter FY 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

646. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department’s final rule —

Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List; and Removal of Person from the Entity List Based on a Removal Request [Docket No.: 141230999-4999-01] (RIN: 0694-AG46) received February 26, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

647. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report concerning international agreements other than treaties, entered into by the United States, to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

648. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-611, “Parkside Parcel E and J Mixed-Income Apartments Tax Abatement Temporary Amendment Act of 2014”; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

649. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-610, “Prohibition of Pre-Employment Marijuana Testing Temporary Relief Act of 2014”; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

650. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-622, “Nuisance Abatement Notice Temporary Amendment Act of 2015”; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

651. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-623, “Not-For-Profit Hospital Corporation Certificate of Need Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2015”; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

652. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-625, “Classroom Animal for Educational Purposes Clarification Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2015”; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

653. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-626, “Apprenticeship Modernization Temporary Amendment Act of 2015”; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

654. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-627, “Fiscal Year 2015 Revised Budget Request Temporary Adjustment Act of 2015”; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

655. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-628, “Lots 36, 41, and 802 in Square 3942 and Parcels 0143/107 and 0143/110 Eminent Domain Authorization Temporary Act of 2015”; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

656. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-629, “Market-based Sourcing Inter Alia Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2015”; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

657. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-630, “Ticket Sale Regulation Temporary Amendment Act of 2015”; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

658. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. Act 20-594, “St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment Support Act of 2014”; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

659. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting