

MR. BASEBALL, RICHARD A. SAUGET, TURNS 60

• Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Richard A. Sauget, an outstanding citizen, community leader, business entrepreneur, husband, father, and grandfather. His distinguished contributions and accomplishments have improved the economic prosperity, social welfare, and individual lives of so many people in Southwestern Illinois and the St. Louis region.

Richard A. Sauget was born on April 21, 1944. He was raised by his parents, Vincent and Estelle Sauget, in the Village of Sauget, which was founded by Rich's grandfather, Leo. Rich continues to reside in Sauget with his wife, Judee. The Sauget family was one of the first to settle in the area. Rich and Judee have five children, three grandchildren, and one grandchild on the way. His Catholic faith and family have always been his priorities.

After graduating with a B.A. from the University of Notre Dame and a M.A. from St. Mary's University, Rich began a successful professional baseball career. He played baseball with the Atlanta Braves and San Francisco Giants. During his career, he served as a backup for Joe Torre and a catcher for the great Satchel Paige.

Rich Sauget continues to be involved in baseball. Starting with the Sauget Wizards, a semi-professional team in the Mon-Clair Baseball League, Rich brought professional-level baseball to Southwestern Illinois. Today, his passion is the Gateway Grizzlies Baseball Team, a team he founded. Rich, a managing partner of the Grizzlies, was the driving force in designing and building the new Grizzlies GMC stadium in 2002. By the way, the Gateway Grizzlies won the Frontier League Championship in 2003.

Rich serves on several prominent sports association boards, including the St. Louis Sports Commission, Southwestern Illinois Officials Organization, the St. Louis Professional Baseball Scouts Association, and is the current president of the Frontier Professional Baseball League.

In addition to his sports accomplishments, Rich has been a highly-successful business entrepreneur. He is the founder and president of East County Enterprises, Inc., a real estate management company that has been in business for more than 35 years. East County Enterprises manages various properties in several Southwestern Illinois communities. The company has provided job opportunities and generated business growth in the region.

Rich Sauget is a dedicated community leader with a strong commitment to service. He has volunteered a great deal of time to the economic development of the St. Louis Metropolitan area by serving on many prominent boards, including the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association, the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois, the St. Louis Regional Business Council, the St. Louis Lam-

bert Airport Commission, and the Missouri Historical Society Board. He is the Chairman of the St. Clair County Building Commission which oversees the development of MidAmerica St. Louis Airport.

For years, Rich has emphasized the importance of bringing together and developing the entire St. Louis region as one united community, including a highly-integrated airport transportation system. His vision includes the eventual formation of a Regional Airport Authority to provide the St. Louis region with more efficient passenger, cargo, and maintenance services.

As chairman of the board of Touchette Regional Hospital and a member of the board of Kenneth Hall Hospital, Rich has been instrumental in the development and expansion of healthcare services to low income families, specifically underprivileged women and children, in the Southwestern Illinois region.

To further serve the Southwestern Illinois/St. Louis region, Rich has been working to develop a strong business leadership group, Archview Communities Economic Development Corporation. Archview is designed to enhance economic, social, and business development opportunities by facilitating partnerships between government programs, local municipalities, the area's healthcare network, the local education system, and many regional business owners.

It should also be noted that both Rich and Judee Sauget are involved in many charitable organizations in Illinois and Missouri.

Richard A. Sauget leads by example and sets a very high standard for all of us to follow. I congratulate him for his impressive accomplishments and heartfelt service to his community and look forward to many more years of working with him.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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 nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

NOTIFICATION OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER BLOCKING THE PROPERTY OF CERTAIN PERSONS AND PROHIBITING THE EXPORT OF CERTAIN GOODS TO SYRIA—PM

76

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message

from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with subsection 204(b) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(b) (IEEPA), and section 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1631, I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order (order) in which I declared a national emergency with respect to the threat constituted by certain actions of the Government of Syria. Further, in accordance with subsection 5(b) of the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003 (SAA), Public Law 108-175, this message also constitutes the report of my exercise of the waiver authority pursuant to that statute.

On December 12, 2003, I signed into law the SAA in order to strengthen the ability of the United States to effectively confront the threat to U.S. national security posed by Syria's support for terrorism, its military presence in Lebanon, its pursuit of weapons of mass destruction, and its actions to undermine U.S. and international efforts with respect to the stabilization and reconstruction of Iraq. These policies by the Government of Syria directly threaten regional stability and undermine the U.S. goal of a comprehensive Middle East peace. Despite many months of diplomatic efforts to convince the Government of Syria to change its behavior, Syria has not taken significant, concrete steps to address the full range of U.S. concerns, which were clearly conveyed by Secretary of State Powell to Syrian President Asad in May 2003. I find the actions, policies, and circumstances described above sufficiently grave to constitute a threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States, and thus have declared a national emergency to address that threat.

In implementation of subsection 5(a) of the SAA, in the order I directed that action be taken to prohibit the export to Syria of products of the United States other than food and medicine, including but not limited to items on the United States Munitions List or Commerce Control List, and I prohibited commercial air services between Syria and the United States by aircraft of any air carrier owned or controlled by Syria, as well as certain non-traffic stops by such aircraft.

It is important to the national security interests of the United States, however, that certain discrete categories of exports continue in order to support activities of the United States Government and United Nations agencies, to facilitate travel by United States persons, for certain humanitarian purposes, to help maintain aviation safety, and to promote the exchange of information. Also, it is important to U.S. national security interests that aviation-related sanctions

take into account humanitarian and diplomatic concerns as well as the international obligations of the United States.

Accordingly, I have waived the application of subsections 5(a)(1) and 5(a)(2)(A) of the SAA to permit the export and reexport of: products in support of activities of the United States Government to the extent that such exports would not otherwise fall within my constitutional authority to conduct the Nation's foreign affairs and protect national security; medicines on the Commerce Control List and medical devices; aircraft parts and components for purposes of flight safety; exports and reports consistent with the 5(a)(2)(D) waiver outlined below; information and informational materials, as well as telecommunications equipment and associated items to promote the free flow of information; certain software and technology; products in support of United States operations; and, certain exports and reexports of a temporary nature. These items are further identified in the Department of Commerce's General Order No. 2, as issued consistent with my order. I have also waived the application of subsection 5(a)(2)(D) to permit the following with respect to aircraft of any air carrier owned or controlled by Syria: takeoffs or landings of such aircraft when chartered by the Government of Syria to transport Syrian government officials to the United States on official Syrian government business; takeoffs or landings for non-traffic stops of such aircraft that are not engaged in scheduled international air services; takeoffs and landings associated with an emergency; and overflights of U.S. territory.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 11, 2004.

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-7451. A communication from the Regulatory Contact, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fees for Official Inspection and Official Weighing Services" (RIN0580-AA80) received on May 10, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7452. 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 "Pine Shoot Beetle; Additions to Quarantined Areas" (Doc. No. 03-102-2) received on May 10, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7453. 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 "Veterinary Diagnostic Services User Fees" (Doc. No. 00-024-2) received on May 10, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7454. 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 "Importation of Orchids of the Genus *Phalaenopsis* from Taiwan in Growing Media" (Doc. No. 98-035-3) received on May 10, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7455. 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 "Karnal Bunt; Compensation for Custom Harvesters in Northern Texas" (Doc. No. 03-052-1) received on May 10, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7456. 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; Additional Restrictions" (Doc. No. 04-011-1) received on May 10, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7457. 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 "Procedures for Reestablishing a Region as Free of a Disease" (Doc. No. 02-001-2) received on May 10, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7458. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extra Long Staple Cotton Outside Storage and Strength Adjustment for Loan" (RIN0560-AH03) received on May 10, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7459. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk-Based Capital Guidelines; Capital Adequacy Guidelines; Capital Maintenance; Interim Capital Treatment of Consolidated Asset-Backed Commercial Paper Program Assets; Extension" (Doc. No. 1156) received on May 10, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7460. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995 with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Columbia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7461. A communication from the Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to funding for the State of Connecticut as a result of the record/near record snowfall on December 5-7, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7462. A communication from the Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to funding for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a result of the record/near record snowfall on December 5-7, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7463. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Ele-

vation Determinations; 69 FR 10927" (44 CFR Part 67) received on May 10, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7464. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations; 69 FR 10924" (44 CFR Part 67) received on May 10, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7465. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations; 69 FR 10923" (Doc. # FEMA-D-7553) received on May 10, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7466. A communication from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to foreign policy-based export controls on exports of protective and detection equipment and components not specifically designed for military use; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7467. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Alternative to 96-hour Rule for Critical Access Hospitals"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7468. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Hospitals Overhead and Supervisory Physician Components of Direct Medical Education Costs"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7469. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to rule 67 FR 13416 that described the payment system that CMS was proposing for LTCHs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7470. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Medical Nutrition Therapy"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7471. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the first report of the President's National Hire Veterans Committee; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7472. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prescription Drug Marketing Act of 1987; Prescription Drug Amendments of 1992; Policies, Requirements, and Administrative Procedures; Delay of Effective Date; Correction" (RIN0905-AC81) received on May 10, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7473. A communication from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" received on May 10, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.