

that line was given the name Collis as a tribute to Collis P. Huntington, a member of the famed "Big Four" of western railroading. The first inhabitant, the caretaker of the pump and tank, resigned his job after just a few months, not because of the demands of the job but, rather, because the area was too desolate and barren.

As a speculative venture, the Bank of California purchased a large tract of land in every county in California. The arid land around what became Kerman was chosen as the allotment for Fresno County. After the death of its promoter, the once prominent bank became insolvent and its holdings were liquidated. In 1910, the property in Fresno County caught the attention of two Los Angeles capitalists, William G. Kerckoff and Jacob Mansar, who saw the tract as an opportunity to purchase a rich water supply from the newly constructed Enterprise Canal. Mr. Kerckoff and Mr. Mansar combined the first three letters of their names and renamed the area "Kerman."

Since its incorporation in 1946, Kerman has experienced steady growth while retaining its identity and character as a predominately agrarian community. Today, Kerman has joined with other thriving cities on the west side of Fresno County along the Interstate 5 corridor by reaching out to industry through the development of an industrial park.

From a remote outpost that was once deemed too isolated for a watering tank operator to one of the fastest growing cities in Fresno County, the city of Kerman has served as a shining example to the importance of agriculture in California and also to the virtues of community spirit and diversity.

As the residents of Kerman continue to work together to make their city a better place to call home, I congratulate them on their auspicious dual landmark anniversaries and wish them continued success and good fortune.●

HONORING MANUEL PORTILLO

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a remarkable citizen of my home State of California, Mr. Manuel Portillo, as National City dedicates the Casa de Salud Manuel Portillo Youth Center in his honor.

Throughout his lifetime, Mr. Portillo has played an exemplary role in empowering and improving the lives of children and young adults throughout the San Diego community. His tireless efforts to improve his beloved community and his selfless service to our Nation has made a tangible difference for countless people. The will and vision of Mr. Portillo serves as an inspiration to us all.

Born in 1920, Mr. Portillo rose from humble beginnings to become a leader in the San Diego community. As a youth, he developed a passion for the sport of boxing that he still enjoys today. At age 12, he was earning 25

cents an hour picking celery, yet the strength of character for which he has come to be known was only just beginning to emerge. By 17, Portillo was working for the Civilian Conservation Corps, helping develop bridges and campgrounds, many of which are still in use today throughout the State, including in Yosemite National Park.

In 1942, only 30 days after being married, Portillo was drafted by the U.S. Army and sent to join the Allied struggle in Europe during the height of World War II. While serving in the Army, Portillo honed his boxing skills to a fine art and often challenged his fellow soldiers. Portillo returned to National City after being honorably discharged and after receiving four bronze service stars as a Sergeant in Company A 378th Infantry.

After returning home, Portillo dedicated himself to improving his community by establishing positive programs for otherwise troubled neighborhood youth. He was able to keep many of these kids off the streets and out of trouble by teaching them the sport of boxing. With an emphasis on sportsmanship and discipline, Portillo has made a positive impact in the lives of countless children and young adults. His success inspired the creation of the Casa Knight, the Casa Men's Club, Santos and Peewees for boys, and the Knightetts. These recreational groups have become fundamental vehicles for social mobility, encouraging positive self-image and motivation in both an extracurricular and academic capacity.

It is with great pleasure that I commend Manuel Portillo for his passionate commitment to helping others and tireless efforts to improve the broader San Diego community. I wish him great success in the future.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2700. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to provide for a Federal Fuels List, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on April 27, 2006, she had presented

to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill and joint resolution:

S. 592. An act to amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska.

S.J. Res. 28. Joint resolution approving the location of the commemorative work in the District of Columbia honoring former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

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-6598. A communication from the Director, Office of Human Resources Management, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report on Category Rating; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6599. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Nonmilitary Helicopter Urban Noise Study"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6600. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Administrator, Maritime Administration, received on April 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6601. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, received on April 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6602. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule, Removal of Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder Trip Limit" (I.D. No. 032406B) received on April 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6603. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Annual Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments" (I.D. No. 112305B) received on April 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6604. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Shark Quotas and Season Lengths" ((RIN0648-AU17) (I.D. No. 012006B)) received on April 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6605. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Models Tay 650-15 and