

Marvin knows firsthand the true value and significance of a loving family. He has been married to his wife Joyce for 42 wonderful years and has the blessings of 5 grown children and the joy of 11 grandchildren. It is through Marvin's love of family and law enforcement experience that enabled him to expose the destruction that drug abuse wreaks on families.

I share my appreciation for Marvin Van Haaften along with my fellow Iowans for the invaluable service he has provided to our State and country. He has proven himself to be versatile and fully capable of accepting and mastering the tasks placed before him. His enduring commitment to the safety of Americans is cause for admiration.

Again, I offer my congratulations and sincere appreciation to Marvin Van Haaften for his remarkable achievements throughout his extensive and highly regarded career. His hard work and determination will be missed in Iowa and throughout the Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO JUSTIN MINKEL

● Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, it is with the greatest pleasure that today I honor Justin Minkel, a second grade teacher at Harvey Jones Elementary School in Springdale, AR, who was named a recipient of the 2006 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.

Since the inception of the Milken Foundation National Educator Awards Program in 1985, over 2200 outstanding men and women have been named Milken Educators. They are honored with both public recognition and financial reward for their exceptional educational talent and positive results in the classroom.

Justin Minkel teaches in a classroom where English is the second language for the majority of his students. His students have flourished under his instruction, with nearly a third becoming fluent in English. He uses hands-on experiences to show the relevance of math concepts, and makes subjects such as science, social studies and literature more meaningful by associating them with real-world experiences. He has shared these strategies with other professionals throughout his district and has also mentored student teachers from a local university.

During the 2007-2008 school year, Mr. Minkel will serve as an ex-officio member of the Arkansas State Board of Education. He will travel the State providing professional and technical assistance to other teachers.

My home State of Arkansas is fortunate to have men and women of Justin Minkel's caliber who devote their lives to providing quality education for our children. He exemplifies the commitment and energy that will help to build a brighter future for the generations to come, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Justin Minkel on receiving the 2006 Milken Family Foundation National Education Award. This is a well deserved honor.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 1, resolving that Karen L. Haas of the State of Maryland, be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives, and that Wilson S. Livingood of the Commonwealth of Virginia, be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, and that James M. Eagen, III, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, be, and is hereby, chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, and that Father Daniel P. Coughlin of the State of Illinois, be, and is hereby, chosen Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 2, resolving that the Senate be informed that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled, that NANCY PELOSI, a Representative from the State of California, has been elected Speaker, and Karen L. Haas, a citizen of the State of Maryland, has been elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Tenth Congress.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 3, resolving that a committee of 2 Members be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

The message also announced that the Speaker appoints as members of the committee on the part of the House to join a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has been assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make, the gentleman from Maryland Mr. HOYER and the gentleman from Ohio Mr. BOEHNER.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2005, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 19, 2006, subsequent to the sine die adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DAVIS of Virginia) had signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

H.R. 6111. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6143. An act to amend title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for providing life-saving care for those with HIV/AIDS.

H.R. 6344. An act to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy Act.

H.R. 6407. An act to reform the postal laws of the United States.

H.R. 6429. An act to treat payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments.

H.J. Res. 101. Joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Tenth Congress.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2005, the enrolled bills were signed on December 19, 2006, subsequent to the sine die adjournment, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. FRIST).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2005, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 19, 2006, subsequent to the sine die adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOLF of Virginia) had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 3248. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to assist family caregivers in accessing affordable and high-quality respite care, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5782. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for enhanced safety and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, to provide for enhanced reliability in the transportation of the Nation's energy products by pipeline, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6342. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to expand eligibility for the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2005, the enrolled bills were signed on December 20, 2006, subsequent to the sine die adjournment, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. ALLEN).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2005, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 27, 2006, subsequent to the sine die adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DAVIS of Virginia) had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 482. An act to provide for a land exchange involving Federal lands in the Lincoln National Forest in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

H.R. 486. An act to provide for a land exchange involving private land and Bureau of Land Management land in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, for the purpose of removing private land from the required safety zone surrounding munitions storage bunkers at Holloman Air Force Base.

H.R. 1245. An act to provide for programs to increase the awareness and knowledge of women and health care providers with respect to gynecologic cancers.

H.R. 4588. An act to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984.

H.R. 4709. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen protections for law enforcement officers and the public by providing criminal penalties for the fraudulent acquisition or unauthorized disclosure of phone records.

H.R. 4997. An act to extend for 2 years the authority to grant waivers of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to certain international medical graduates.

H.R. 5483. An act to increase the disability earning limitation under the Railroad Retirement Act and to index the amount of allowable earnings consistent with increases in the substantial gainful activity dollar amount under the Social Security Act.

H.R. 5946. An act to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to authorize activities to promote improved monitoring and compliance for high seas fisheries, or fisheries governed by international fishery management agreements, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5948. An act to reauthorize the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004.

H.R. 6060. An act to authorize certain activities by the Department of State, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6164. An act to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the authorities of the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6338. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent and repress the misuse of the Red Crescent distinctive emblem and the Third Protocol (Red Crystal) distinctive emblem.

H.R. 6345. An act to make a conforming amendment to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to examinations of certain insured depository institutions, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2005, the enrolled bills were signed on January 3, 2007, subsequent to the sine die adjournment, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

MEASURE HELD AT THE DESK

The following measure was submitted and ordered held at the desk:

S. Res. 19. A resolution honoring President Gerald Rudolph Ford.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 1. A bill to provide greater transparency in the legislative process.

S. 2. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 5. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

S. 113. A bill to make appropriations for military construction and family housing projects for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2007.

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-1. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluthiacet-methyl; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8108-8) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Zeta-Cypermethrin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8093-6) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3. 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 "Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State and Zone Designations; Texas" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0145) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flucarbazone-sodium; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8105-6) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5. 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 Fruits and Vegetables" (Docket No. 03-086-3) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticide Tolerance Nomenclature Changes; Technical Amendment" (FRL No. 8064-3) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Reporting Requirements for Introducing Brokers" (RIN3038-AC34) received on December 14, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluroxypyr; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8107-7) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions (Multiple Chemicals)" (FRL No. 8105-4) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-10. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dimethomorph; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8104-6) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-11. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Boscalid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8107-8) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-12. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Azoxytobin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 8100-9) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-13. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Glyphosate; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8105-9) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-14. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Metconazole; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 8095-4) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-15. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Myclobutanil; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8105-1) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-16. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Justin D. McCarthy, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-17. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the number of Army National Guard and Reserve Soldiers adversely affected by the disparate treatment of Army Incentive Pay; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-18. A communication from the Commander, Army Claims Service, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Claims Against the United States" (RIN0702-AA54) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-19. A communication from the Commander, Army Claims Service, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Claims on Behalf of the United States" (RIN0702-AA55) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-20. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, five quarterly Selected Acquisition Reports for the quarter ending September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-21. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Labor Reimbursement on Department of Defense Non-Commercial Time-and-Materials and Labor-Hour Contracts" (DFARS Case 2006-D030) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-22. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition