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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 19, 2007, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2007

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCGOVERN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 16, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMES P. MCGOVERN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God, who always speaks the word of salvation, in a world ruled by money, floating only on the currents of economic reports, people search for life-sustaining principles. Without Your gravity, none can be found.

In a democratic republic where equal justice under the law is the goal and diverse opinions are to be represented, without the inner sense of Your unified fervor, everyone feels left alone.

In the drowning news of corruption, hatred, and violence, hardworking people and their children have lost their sure footing. Cynicism has replaced all forms of true faith.

You, Lord God, speak to those who aspire to lead the most powerful Nation on Earth: "The greatest among you must be the servant of all. For the

one who exalts oneself will be humbled, and the one who humbles oneself in the service of the rest will be exalted."

Until humility before You is established, we shall all languish.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 15, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II

of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 5, 2007, at 5:45 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 20. With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 16, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 16, 2007, at 10:45 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 494.
That the Senate passed S. 655.
That the Senate passed S. 377.
That the Senate passed S. 676.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

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S. 377. An act to establish a United States-Poland parliamentary youth exchange program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

S. 655. An act to amend the Congressional Charter of The American National Red Cross to modernize its governance structure, to enhance the ability of the board of governors of The American National Red Cross to support the critical mission of The American National Red Cross in the 21st century, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

S. 676. An act to provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternative Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

S. Con. Res. 20. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that no funds should be cut off or reduced for American troops in the field which would result in undermining their safety or their ability to complete their assigned missions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 19, 2007, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

877. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries [I.D. 121206B] received February 28, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

878. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 060216044-6044-01; I.D. 013107A] received February 28, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

879. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction [Docket No. 001005281-0369-02; I.D. 013107B] received February 28, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

880. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Spiny Dogfish Fishery; Commercial Period 2 Quota Harvested [Docket No. 060418103-6181-02; I.D. 121306B] received February 28, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

881. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Amendment 16-4; Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery [Docket No. 060824226-6322-02; I.D. 082806B] (RIN: 0648-AU57) received February 28, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

882. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for New Jersey [Docket No. 051104293-5344-02; I.D. 111406C] received February 28, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.

801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

883. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fisheries; 2007 Atlantic Bluefish Specifications; Quota Adjustment; 2007 Research Set-Aside Project [Docket No. 061109296-7009-02; I.D. 110606A] (RIN: 0648-AT67) received February 28, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. FRANK: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 1227. A bill to assist in the provision of affordable housing to low-income families affected by Hurricane Katrina; with an amendment (Rept. 110-51 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union. Ordered to be printed.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII,

Mr. RENZI introduced a bill (H.R. 1558) to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study of certain land adjacent to the Walnut Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 579: Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. MCCOTTER, and Mr. BACHUS.

H. Res. 169: Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. SHULER, Mr. BOREN, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. WYNN.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAVID COX

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of David Cox, who died March 5th, 2007.

A lifetime resident of Nevada, David Cox made a huge impact on the lives of his community. David was in the first wave of men at Omaha Beach during World War II. Due to his service, he earned the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. David also made an impact by serving in the Clark County Planning Commission for 4 years. Then in 1951, he started his career by teaching 5th graders. He served as an assistant principal on two separate occasions until becoming the principal for Jim Bridger, Von Tobel, and Fremont Junior High Schools which position he held until he retired. His greatest accomplishment came when they dedicated an elementary school in his honor in 1990. David served as a teacher, principal, and an educator for Clark County School District for 29 years. He was always eager to get involved in his community.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life and legacy of David Cox for his work on behalf of the community and enriched countless lives in southern Nevada. He was dedicated to teaching and enriching the lives of his students. David will be profoundly missed.

CONGRATULATING THE TEXAS CLASS 5A BOYS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONS AT DUNCANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer a word of congratulations to the boys basketball team of Duncanville High School who captured the Class 5A Division I State Championship. Their 60–46 win over Humble Kingwood took place on March 10, 2007, at Frank Erwin Center in Austin, TX.

The boys made a promise from the start of the season to go undefeated and they kept it with an unblemished record of 39–0. The Duncanville Panthers are one of only 11 other Texas high school teams to have gone undefeated and win the UIL state title since 1970. HoopsUSA.com poll ranks Duncanville as No. 1 in the Nation.

The Panthers consist of 11 tremendous young men, including Seniors D'Walyn Roberts, Corey Johnson, and Brent Staton; Juniors Brian Talley, Victor Adewunmi, Marcus Gilmore, Jamal Lenzy, Josh Etheridge, and Kevin Butler; and Sophomores Shawn Williams, and Roger Franklin.

In Coach Phil McNeely's 23 year tenure at Duncanville, this is his third State champion-

ship. Coach McNeely said this team was his best defensively allowing an average of only 40.8 points in the final four playoff games.

Again, I offer my congratulations to the Duncanville High School boys basketball team for an outstanding and historic season.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JEFF FONTAINE

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jeff Fontaine, who was recently appointed as Executive Director of the Nevada Association of Counties, NACO.

Jeff joins NACO after years of distinguished public service. Prior to being named as Executive Director of NACO, Jeff served as Director of the Nevada Department of Transportation, NDOT, where he also held the position of Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer. In this capacity, Jeff, oversaw a \$600 million budget and 1,600 employees while engaging in road and bridge planning, designing, construction, and maintenance.

In the years before his work with NDOT, Jeff worked as a Public Health Engineering Supervisor with the Nevada State Health Division where he was the State Drinking Water Administrator who regulated the quality of water in the state's public water systems. Jeff also served as an environmental engineer for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX in San Francisco. In this capacity, Mr. Fontaine regulated the federal drinking programs on Indian Lands in three western states and in the island nations of Micronesia.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Jeff Fontaine. His dedication to the community is commendable and I wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR. LEVI C. CHAVOUS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Reverend Dr. Levi C. Chavous on the occasion of his retirement as Pastor of Ridgewood Baptist Church in Columbia, SC.

Reverend Chavous began his tenure at Ridgewood in 1967, becoming the church's third pastor. Throughout his 40 years of continuous service, Reverend Chavous has demonstrated extraordinary faith and leadership to the church, the Ridgewood community, and the religious life of the entire state.

A native of Aiken, Reverend Chavous entered the ministry 57 years ago. In preparation for the ministry, he received degrees from

Florida Normal College and Union Seminary. Early in his career in the ministry, Reverend Chavous pastored several churches across South Carolina.

Under Reverend Chavous' leadership, Ridgewood Baptist experienced tremendous growth in membership and established important new ministries and programs. Among the highlights are: the 7:45 a.m. Worship Service, the weekly Bible Study Class, the L.C. Chavous Ushers, the Tape and Sound Ministry, the Cherubs Choir, the Pulpit Aid Club, and the Christian Education Board. Reverend Chavous also commissioned the first recorded history of the church and established the Ridgewood Foundation.

In addition to new programs and organizations, Reverend Chavous oversaw the expansion of the church campus by acquiring the Mack's Nursery, the historic Holloway House, and additional parking. The crowning achievement of his administration was the construction of the Ridgewood Family Life Center, which was recently named in his honor.

Reverend Chavous has also served the greater community through his membership on the boards of Morris College in Sumter, South Carolina and his alma mater, Florida Normal College. Furthermore, he previously served as Moderator of the Gethsemane Association and President of the Fellowship Union; and has been active in the Baptist Education and Missionary Convention of South Carolina.

Madam Speaker, Reverend Levi C. Chavous has touched the lives of numerous individuals, and made an indelible impact on the members of his church and the entire community. Along with his lovely wife, Mrs. Lucille S. Chavous, he has won the admiration and respect of the members of the Ridgewood Baptist Church for his 40 years of dedicated service. On Sunday, March 25, 2007, Reverend Chavous will preach his final sermon as Pastor of Ridgewood Baptist Church and I wish him well and godspeed.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JERALD "JERRY" LUDWIG

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of my good friend Jerald "Jerry" Ludwig, who passed away on Monday March 5, 2007.

Jerry, born in Algona, Iowa in 1930, was a resident of Henderson, Nevada for more than 60 years. He graduated from Basic High School in 1950. Following his graduation from Basic High School, Jerry volunteered in service to his country and served as a photographer for the United States Navy during the

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Korean War, thereby kindling his passion for photography. After completing his military service, Jerry earned a degree in Political Science from Southern Nevada University in 1967. During his tenure at Southern Nevada University, Jerry also worked as the audio-visual coordinator for the Clark County School District.

Jerry was also very involved in the community, and was well known for his public service and mentoring abilities. Jerry was very active in the Boy Scouts and was instrumental in the development of the Boulder Dam Area Boy Scout Council in the late 1940's. He was also very impassioned about his involvement with the Henderson Rotary Club and boasted nearly 50 years of perfect attendance; Jerry also served as the President of the organization from 1995–1996 and held many other offices.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life and memory of my good friend Jerald "Jerry" Ludwig. His dedication to the community and service to his country are commendable. He will be deeply missed by all those whose lives he touched.

IN HONOR OF THE HALL OF FAME
OF DELAWARE WOMEN 2007 HON-
OREES

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to five exemplary women as they are inducted into the Hall of Fame of Delaware Women. Sujata Kumari Bhatia, Carolyn S. Burger, Liane M. Sorenson, Shirley M. Tarrant, and Val Whiting all possess extraordinary abilities which they have used to achieve great things and better their communities. Each inductee is truly deserving of this high distinction for the profound impact they have made not only upon Delaware, but the entire country.

SUJATA KUMARI BHATIA

To achieve her goals, Dr. Bhatia pursued a rigorous academic career. In only four years at the University of Delaware, she obtained three bachelors degrees in the fields of biology, biochemistry and chemical engineering in addition to a master's degree in chemical engineering. She then went on to earn both her MD and PhD at the University of Pennsylvania. Since her graduation, the University of Delaware has presented her with the 1999 Woman of Promise award as well as the 2006 Presidential Citation for Outstanding Achievement. She has also been invited to attend several symposiums for the Nation's top engineers.

With advanced training in both the fields of engineering and medicine, Dr. Bhatia has positioned herself to bring a great deal of innovation to the world of biomedical materials. She currently works for DuPont Central Research and Development as the only physician-scientist. She is actively putting her unique expertise to work by spearheading a project to develop a surgical sealant which will greatly advance the way doctors care for wounds.

Beyond her worthwhile professional endeavors, Dr. Bhatia has also dedicated herself to helping the community. By mentoring young women at the University of Delaware's Engi-

neering Department and also the Charter School of Wilmington, she positively impacts the engineering field as a whole, as well as individual lives. She further demonstrates her charitable spirit and leadership skills by serving on the Board of Directors of the University of Delaware Engineering Alumni Association, the Delaware Governor's Council on Lifestyle and Fitness, and the Delaware section of the American Chemical Society. On top of all this she is still able to find time and energy to donate to other causes such as the Ronald McDonald House, the Salvation Army, American Heart Association and the Special Olympics to name only a few.

CAROLYN S. BURGER

Carolyn S. Burger is a pioneer in the telecommunications industry. Her outstanding work ethic, effective managerial and interpersonal skills, intelligence, and perseverance have enabled her to break through the many barriers that stood in her way.

After graduating from Wilson College, Ms. Burger quickly ascended the ranks at the former Bell-Atlantic Company. She was the first woman in every management position she held at the company. She attained her goals by delivering quality, bottom-line results while still treating her employees and co-workers with the utmost respect. Ms. Burger became the first woman in the United States to lead a telecommunications company when she was promoted to President and CEO of Bell Atlantic Delaware. In this position she achieved a great deal. She is well known for bringing about legislative reform in the Delaware General Assembly which provided customers with more competitive rates. She retired from the company in 1996, leaving behind an unparalleled legacy.

Ms. Burger utilizes her strong leadership skills to effect change in the community. She champions many important issues as well as other charitable causes. She is the cofounder of "Swinging with a Star" golf tournament, which facilitates networking among women in business and raises money for girls programs throughout the state of Delaware. Her philanthropic spirit and business prowess has secured a healthy financial future for the Delaware Art Museum and helped fund programs which are invaluable to the state of Delaware.

LIANE MC DOWELL SORENSON

Throughout her prolific career, Liane Sorenson has actively demonstrated her deep commitment to women, children and families. As the Director of Women's Affairs at the University of Delaware, she championed issues relating to date rape and gender-based harassment. In addition to establishing Sexual Assault Awareness Week at the University, she lobbied to improve procedures for handling reports of rape and harassment.

A passion for public service brought her to the State Senate, where she is now a Senator and the Minority Whip. She has proven herself to be a true leader by advancing important legislative issues concerning cancer, women's health, historical preservation, and child advocacy. In recognition of her hard work she was awarded the Legislative Award from the Delaware Recreation and Parks Society in 2001.

While maintaining a busy work schedule, Senator Sorenson still finds time to give back to the community. She is Chair of the Advisory Board of the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition, a founding member and past President of the Hockessin Historical Society, and a mem-

ber of the Newark Symphony Orchestra, to name only some of the ways she gets involved. She has received many awards for her efforts including ones from the Delaware Humanities Forum and the Newark Branch of the NAACP.

SHIRLEY M. TARRANT

Shirley M. Tarrant was the founder and president of the Suburban County Hospital Task Force. In this role she tirelessly fought to bring a much needed hospital to the Newark Delaware area. After seven years of overcoming obstacles, Shirley's dream was realized when Christiana Hospital finally came to be.

Ms. Tarrant is passionate in whatever she does. On top of her devotion to bringing quality healthcare facilities to Delawareans, Ms. Tarrant is active within the community. When the University of Delaware's medical technology program was almost terminated, Ms. Tarrant played a pivotal role in saving it. She was the Founder and First President of the Newark Girls Club, the Chairperson and member of the Delaware Health Facilities Authority, and the Secretary of the University of Delaware Alumni Association among a long list of other activities.

On many occasions Ms. Tarrant has been recognized for her achievements. Delaware Today Magazine named her one of the 30 people who "changed Delaware". She was also named the University of Delaware's Most Outstanding Alumnus in 1985. She has received the Dr. Wallace M. Johnson Community Service Award in addition to many other awards commending her outstanding accomplishments.

VAL WHITING

Val Whiting is an accomplished athlete, scholar, and leader in the Delaware community. Her basketball career took off when she was in high school and played in many state championships. At Stanford University, she led her team to two NCAA Championships and was named Pac-10 Conference Player of the Year. Ms. Whiting was an alternate to the 1995 National Team, which took the gold medal at the 1996 Summer Olympics. Recently both ESPN and the NCAA recognized Ms. Whiting as one of the "Top 25 NCAA Players of the Past 25 Years."

Although she was accepted to medical school, Ms. Whiting pursued her athletic dreams of playing professional basketball. After playing abroad in Italy, Brazil and elsewhere, she returned to the United States to play in the WNBA for the Detroit Shock and then the Minnesota Lynx. She is now one of a few African-American women trainers in the state of Delaware.

Ms. Whiting is an active leader in the Delaware community. She works to motivate young people to make good decisions and lead successful lives. She is a spokesperson for AIDS Delaware in addition to volunteering for the Police Athletic League and serving on the Board of Directors of Girls Inc. She founded GAMESHAPE, a life skills program for young girls, as well as the Ms. Whiting Economic Literacy League for girls. For her efforts she has received awards from the WNBA, Wilmington Mayor James Baker, the Police Athletic League and many others.

I cannot applaud the accomplishments of these five women enough. Their ceaseless commitment to their personal goals as well as those of the broader community is testament

to their rich quality of character. They are great role models for the people of Delaware and I would like to commend their outstanding accomplishments. I wish them all the best as they accept the well-deserved honor of being inducted into the Hall of Fame of Delaware Women.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOANN
STRAND

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Joann Strand and congratulate her on becoming National Board Certified in 2006.

Joann, a teacher at Foothill High School in Las Vegas, has a long and distinguished career as an educator and greatly deserves this notable recognition. Joann is one of two educators in Henderson, NV to earn National Board Certification in 2006. National Board Certification is a process that requires from one to three years of preparation and testing. Joann had to complete a portfolio of assignments, essays, and videotapes as well as tests which assessed her knowledge of the individual subjects she teaches. Only 116 of more than 20,000 teachers in the Clark County School District, less than 1 percent, have earned this distinction. Joann has made a profound difference in our community and we are most fortunate to have this leadership which positively impacts student achievement.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Joann Strand. Her efforts to improve the educational experiences of the student at Foothill High School are commendable. I congratulate her on her much deserved recognition and I wish her continued success.

TRIBUTE TO COACH BOB WILSON
AND THE WILSON TIGERS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to the outstanding members of the South Carolina AAA High School Boys' Basketball State Championship team, the Wilson High School Tigers, and their exceptional coach, Bob Wilson.

Wilson High School is located in the 6th Congressional District which I proudly represent. On Saturday night, March 3, Coach Wilson led the Tigers to the first State Championship for a Florence team in 20 years.

That State Championship game took place at the Colonial Center in Columbia, South Carolina. And although the Tigers did not score a single point until the 4th minute of the game, they gathered their wits and started playing with true determination and it all paid off in the end. I am proud of these exceptional athletes and so is their community. They won 23 out of their 29 games this season.

It requires a great deal of discipline to properly balance athleticism and academic require-

ments, but these young men have excelled at both. There are six seniors on the team this year, and all of them deserve congratulations for their hard work this season.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate each of them on behalf of this Congress: Sam Muldrow, Dominique Lacy, Antwain Lyde, Greg White, Rico Young, Dalwayne Rhodes, Hiram Echols, Jamal Banks, Jamar Graham, Denzel Belin, Daron Cooper, Tracy McFadden, Shamel Brackett, Alan-Michael Thompson, and Trevonte Dixon. Their assistant coaches, Pete McCants, Rodney Barr, and David Littlefield, also deserve recognition for their hard work and devotion to these young men.

Coach Wilson's career speaks for itself: before coming to Wilson High School in 2000, he spent 5 years as head basketball coach for West Florence High School. Prior to becoming a head coach, he served as an assistant at Francis Marion University and West Florence High School.

Remarkably, Coach Wilson was involved in another historic state championship for Florence: he was the assistant coach when West Florence High School won the State Championship in 1986, the last time a Florence basketball team had won until this season.

Throughout his career, Coach Wilson has been a sterling example to his players both on and off the court. The entire State of South Carolina is fortunate to have such a dedicated and tireless advocate and role model for young men and women.

Madam Speaker, I admire the effort and teamwork the members of this team have demonstrated throughout the season and I ask you and my colleagues to join me in wishing them good luck and Godspeed in the future.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TECHNICAL
SERGEANT DELANO M. JACKSON

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend Technical Sergeant Delano M. Jackson for his long and distinguished career in the United States Air Force.

Sergeant Jackson first began his long and illustrious career in 1986 for the purpose of continuing his education. Jackson attended Technical Training at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, Texas where he received training as a Technical Aircraft Maintenance Specialist, however he always had a passion to become an Air Force recruiter and expose prospective Airmen to the opportunities that the United States Air Force provides. Sergeant Jackson's first assignment was in South Korea attached to the 51st Generation Squadron. His next assignment was to the 2952 Combat Logistics Support Squadron at Hill AFB in Utah; where he received training as an Aircraft Battle Damage Repair Technician and was subsequently deployed to Saudi Arabia and Qatar in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Upon returning to the United States after the First Gulf War, Sergeant Jackson pursued his desire to become a recruiter and attended the

Air Force Recruiting School, from where he graduated in 2001. His first assignment after Recruiting School was in Muskegon, Michigan, where he was awarded three senior recruiter badges during his three years assigned there. Sergeant Jackson was then assigned to the 339 Recruiting Squadron as an Operations NCO, and subsequently a Marketing NCO. In October 2001, Jackson was assigned to the USAF Air Demonstration Squadron (Thunderbirds), at Nellis AFB, Nevada, as a recruiter. Sergeant Jackson was then assigned to the 368th Recruiting Squadron to recruit for the Nurse, Dental, and Officer Training School programs in October 2002.

Over the course of his long and distinguished career, Sergeant Jackson received numerous accolades. His decorations include the Air Force Commendation Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Outstanding Unit Award with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Good Conduct Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters, the National Defense Medal, the Southwest Asia Medal with 2 devices, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Korean Defense Medal, the Air Force Recruiter Ribbon with 4 devices, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Technical Sergeant Delano M. Jackson. His distinguished record of service to the United States Air Force is commendable and I thank him for his many years of admirable service. I wish Sergeant Jackson the best in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present in the Capitol on Monday, March 12 and was unable to cast votes on the House Floor that evening.

However, had I been present I would have voted aye on H.R. 85, a bill to provide for the establishment of centers to encourage demonstration and commercial application of advanced energy methods and technologies; and aye on H.R. 136, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that individuals and appropriate authorities are notified by the Commissioner of Social Security of evidence of misuse of the Social Security account numbers of such individuals.

I also would have voted aye on House Resolution 89 which expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that a day should be established as Dutch-American Friendship Day to celebrate the historic ties of the United States and the Netherlands. My own district exemplifies how America has been enriched through our relationship with the Netherlands. One of the cities in my district, Artesia, was founded by Dutch dairy farmers in the first half of the twentieth century. While the farms are no more, the descendants of these settlers now thrive in business, the arts and public service. I am proud of the contributions Dutch-Americans have made and pleased to voice my support for this resolution.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. JOEL
AND CAROL BOWER

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Joel and Carol Bower whose civic and professional contributions to Henderson have motivated the Clark County School District to name the student health center at Basic High School in their honor.

Dr. Joel Bower and Carol Bower were both active in their communities. Dr. Bower was the Medical director of Planned Parenthood of Southern Nevada, Director of Family Planning Clinic, on the Executive Committee for the American Red Cross, Chairperson for Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board, and on the Ethics Committee for St. Rose Dominican. He was also a faculty member for University of Nevada Reno, Touro University, and Nathan Adelson Hospice. As a result of his commitment to the community they recently renamed the Winter Ethics Symposium in his name. Carol was involved in organizations such as Court Appointed Special Advocate, St. Rose Hospital Women's Committee, Prenatal Clinic, and Boulder City Art Guild. She has also authored six books through the St. Rose Dominican women's Committee. Joel and Carol both volunteered at the Salvation Army.

Dr. Joel and Carol Bower have been instrumental in acquiring medical equipment for Basic's Health Center. Dr. Bower is also the acting medical director and the lab director for the facility. Dr. Bower still continues to volunteer his time and talents to the community.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Dr. Joel and Carol Bower and their many achievements. Their dedication to the community is remarkable and I wish Dr. Bower continued success in his future endeavors.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHNRAY
EGELHOFF

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Johnray Egelhoff for his 41 years of dedicated service to the U.S. Postal Service.

Johnray began his long and distinguished career in the U.S. Postal Service in Phoenix, AZ, in 1966. Soon thereafter, Johnray enlisted in the service of his country. Upon his return to civilian life, he decided to pursue a Bachelors Degree from Arizona State University. Johnray graduated with a Bachelors of Arts in Education in 1972. While pursuing his higher education goals, Johnray continued to work for the Postal Service and witnessed a number of profound changes in the mail system.

Throughout the course of his career, Johnray has held many leadership positions with the U.S. Postal Service. During the postal reorganization of 1970, Johnray became a supervisor and was subsequently promoted a number of times in Plant Operations from general supervisor to Sectional Center Director of Mail Processing for the Phoenix Mail Service Center. He has served as Postmaster in both Casa Grande, Arizona and Chandler, Arizona and has also served as Officer In Charge in Anaheim, CA, and Tucson, AZ. In 1998, Johnray was named the Postal Career Executive Service Postmaster in Phoenix, AZ, and held this position until being named the Las Vegas District Manager/Lead Executive.

Johnray's leadership skills have not only been influential in the Southwestern United States, he has also made an imprint on several national programs within the U.S. Postal Service. He was instrumental in developing the Master Instructor Series training courses for supervisors, managers and Postmasters. As a result of his role in developing this program, Johnray was selected as the first master instructor in the Nation.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Johnray Egelhoff. I commend his exceptional leadership and his distinguished service to the U.S. Postal Service. I thank him for his commitment to public service and I wish him the very best in his retirement.

Daily Digest

Senate

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2007.

Measures Reported:

Submitted during the adjournment of the Senate:
S. Con. Res. 21, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: GAO/GPO/CBO/OOC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine pro-

posed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; William H. Turri, Acting Public Printer, Government Printing Office; Peter R. Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office; and Tamara E. Chrisler, Acting Executive Director, Peter Eveleth, General Counsel, and Barbara L. Camens, Member, Board of Directors, all of the Office of Compliance.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 1558, was introduced. **Page H2624**

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1227, to assist in the provision of affordable housing to low-income families affected by Hurricane Katrina, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110-51, Pt. 1). **Page H2624**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McGovern to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2623**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H2623.

Senate Referrals: S. 377, S. 655, and S. 676 were referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, S. Con. Res. 20 was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and S. 494 was held at the desk. **Pages H2623-24**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at noon and adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

WHITE HOUSE PROCEDURES FOR SAFEGUARDING CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Held a hearing on White House Procedures for Safeguarding Classified Information. Testimony was heard from James Knodell, Director, Office of Security, Executive Office of the President; J. William Leonard, Director, Information Security Oversight Office, National Archives and Records Administration; Valerie Plame Wilson, former Employee, CIA; and public witnesses.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, March 19

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, March 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will begin consideration of S. 214, Preserving United States Attorney Independence Act, and consider certain amendments during 6 hours of controlled debate.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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