A vanguard for aspiring women professionals everywhere, Becky opened her own architectural practice in Marin County in 1951. In the midst of these professional milestones, Becky also gave birth to three wonderful children. As a working mother, Becky looked for ways to use her personal and professional talents to help those in need, becoming a tremendous source of support and energy to causes that she believed helped the community, including the Ecumenical Housing Association and Planned Parenthood.

Mr. President, 1948 saw Becky enter the political realm for the first time, by fundraising for Roger Kent, a local Democratic candidate for Congress. This initial political activity 60 years ago spearheaded a lifelong involvement with Democratic politics, a passion of Becky's that allowed her to work on the presidential campaigns for Adlai Stevenson, John Kennedy, Eugene McCarthy, George McGovern, and Jimmy Carter.

Inspired by Becky's trailblazing story and her fervent belief in good government, I first met Becky in the late 1970s when she helped me get reelected to the Marin County Board of Supervisors in 1980. As a young working mother myself, Becky quickly became a deeply admired mentor. As the years passed and our friendship grew, she was instrumental in helping me move up the political ladder to the House of Representatives and then to the U.S. Senate.

As we celebrate the 95th year of her remarkably courageous and passionate life, I remain in admiration of Becky's strong sense of civic duty, honesty, integrity, and perseverance. Along with hundreds of her family, friends, and admirers, I wish her many more years of continued happiness.●

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES H. ADAMS

● Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, on February 29, 2008, James H. Adams of Pittsfield, NH, retired as manager of the New Hampshire/Vermont District of the U.S. Postal Service after 35 years of service. I wish to thank Jim for all he has done for the people of New Hampshire over that time and for his efforts which have resulted in New Hampshire's outstanding reputation for mail operations, customer service, and worker safety.

Starting as a letter carrier in Manchester in 1973, Jim's career began when the price of a stamp cost a whopping 3 cents for a first class letter. His determination and drive for self-improvement soon led to night school classes and a degree in business management, and his talents were recognized with promotion to delivery supervisor, then superintendent of postal operations, in Concord, NH. He left our State for a time, tackling the duties of director of marketing for the Post Office in Syracuse, NY, then in a number of positions of increasing responsibility with the Postmaster General's Office in Washington, DC.

During his time in Washington, Jim worked with five U.S. Presidents and helped to develop several commemorative stamps, including those honoring our troops of Desert Storm, POW/MIAs, and even Elvis. He unveiled five World War II commemorative stamps to President George H. W. Bush in the Oval Office and was relied upon in Washington for his professional and personal knowledge of all facets of postal operations, his competent advice, and for the personal integrity with which he always conducted himself.

His return to New Hampshire to head the district in 1997 led to dramatic improvements in its operations. Overseeing a $500 million budget and 7,000 employees, Jim turned the district into one of the top 10 safest in the Nation. Similarly, with 6 million pieces of mail delivered each day in New Hampshire and Vermont, Jim's efforts led to a 96-percent on-time mail delivery record and the establishment of customer service that has been recognized as Best in the Nation for each of the past 6 years.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, which are many, Jim has remained true to his small-town roots and the honesty and decency of his upbringing. Pittsfield and all of New Hampshire can be proud of him and his success, and I am especially glad to have had the opportunity to work with Jim to serve the people of New Hampshire. Whether helping obtain a sought-after ZIP Code number to serve an entire community or making a personal commitment to ensuring an elderly or disabled customer off the beaten track received their mail at home, Jim dedicated himself to meeting the needs of those who counted on the U.S. mail coming through.

He can take great pride in his record of service. I want to take this opportunity to thank him, to recognize his contributions, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) reported that he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 1593. An act to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

At 2:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1187. An act to expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2342. An act to direct the President to establish a National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2515. An act to authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2675. An act to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3352. An act to reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3651. An act to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard.

H.R. 3891. An act to amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

H.R. 4933. An act to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to protect captive wildlife and to make technical corrections, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 302. Concurrent resolution supporting the observance of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1187. To expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2342. An act to direct the President to establish a National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2515. An act to authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2675. An act to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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H.R. 3891. An act to amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 4933. An act to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to protect captive wildlife and to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 302. Concurrent resolution supporting the observance of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following measure was discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

S. 2756. A bill to amend the National Child Protection Act to 1993 to establish a permanent background check system; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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–5502. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Pyraclostrobin; Pesticide Tolerance'' (FRL No. 8355–4) received on March 20, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–5503. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Milk in Appalachian, Florida and Southeast Marketing Area—Interim Order'' (Docket No. DA–07–03–A) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–5504. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Raisins Produced from Grapes Grown in California; Final Free and Reserve Percentages for 2007–08 Crop Natural Seedless Raisins'' (Docket No. AMS–FV–07) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–5505. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Walnuts Grown in California; Order Amending Marketing Order No. 984'' (Docket No. FV06–984–1) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–5506. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Multi-Year Increase in Fees and Charges for Egg, Poultry, and Rabbit Grading and Auditing Services'' (Docket No. AMS–PY–07–0065) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–5507. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California; Changes in Handling Requirements for Fresh Nectarines and Peaches'' (Docket No. AMS–FV–07–0160) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–5508. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Decreased Assessment Rate'' (Docket No. AMS–FV–07–0114) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–5509. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Honey Packers and Importers Research, Promotion, Consumer Education and Industry Information Order; Referendum Procedures'' (Docket No. AMS–FV–06–0176) received on March 25 , 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–5510. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Interim Final and Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 2007–2008 Marketing Year'' (Docket No. AMS–FV–07–0150) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–5511. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Onions Grown in South Texas; Order Amending Marketing Order No. 959'' (Docket No. AO–322–A4) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–5512. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Avocados Grown in South Florida; Order Amending Marketing Order No. 915'' (Docket No. FV06–915–2) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–5513. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al.; Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 2007–2008 Crop Year for Tart Cherries'' (Docket No. AMS–FV–07–0119) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–5514. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Olives Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate'' (Docket No. AMS–FV–07–0155) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–5515. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Myclobutanil; Pesticide Tolerance'' (FRL No. 8356–2) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–5516. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Boscalid; Pesticide Tolerance'' (FRL No. 8354–4) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–5517. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Sale and Issue of Marketable Book-Entry Treasury Bills, Notes and Bonds—Minimums and Multiple Amounts Eligible for STRIPS, Legacy Treasury Direct, and Certification Requirements'' (Docket No. BPD GSRS 08–01) received on March 19, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–5518. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Proposed Rule Changes of Self-Regulatory Organizations'' (RIN3235–AJ80) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–5519. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the actions taken by the Commission relative to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–5520. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Banks of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export of eight Boeing 737–800 aircraft to Turkey; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–5521. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Lending Limits'' (RIN1557–AD08) received on March 24, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–5522. A communication from the General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, ''Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress''; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–5523. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, ''Fundamental Properties of Asphalts and Modified Asphalts—II''; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–5524. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Advanced Television Systems and Their Impact Upon the Existing Television Broadcast Service'' (FCC Docket No. 08–72) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–5525. A communication from the Deputy Division Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Amendment of the Commission's Rules Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Mobile Handsets, Petition of American National Standards Institute Accredited Standards Committee'' (FCC Docket No. 08–68) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–5526. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled