

who have stood shoulder to shoulder in the command over the past 50 years, I say thank you. We are proud of your professionalism, your commitment to your mission, and your tireless service to our countries. Congratulations on the 50th anniversary of NORAD, and congratulations on a job well done.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING CHRISTINE BARON

• Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I wish to honor an incredible woman, someone who enjoys a prominent and demanding business career while continuously dedicating her time, energy, and expertise to helping those around her. Chris Baron, president of Verizon's Philadelphia Tri-state Region, is receiving a prestigious and well-deserved honor from the Philadelphia Police Athletic League for her tireless community service. It is my honor to add my well-wishes to the festivities.

Chris has been involved in many charities in our region, but I got to know her through her commitment to combating domestic violence. Chris led Verizon's HopeLine program in my home State of Delaware, which provides domestic violence victims with free wireless phones and airtime.

Victims of domestic violence use the phones to contact family, friends, and employers, and they can be crucial in time of emergency. During Chris' tenure heading the program, victims have received over 6,500 wireless phones and Verizon has given more than \$150,000 to local organizations, shelters, and law enforcement in the ongoing struggle to curb domestic violence.

Every day, in every State, countless Americans step forward in the face of unimaginable fear. Chris Baron, and those like her, provide safety options, critical support, and services that victims so desperately need.

Receiving this award puts Chris in rare company. Past honorees include Walter Annenberg; Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell; Philadelphia district attorney Lynne Abraham; and Julius "Dr. J" Erving.

I have said many times on this floor that the Violence Against Women Act is my proudest legislative accomplishment. But I will be the first to acknowledge that VAWA means nothing without the hard-working men and women who implement its ideas. Chris Baron exemplifies the true heroes in our fight against domestic violence.●

RECOGNIZING LOUIS CARNEY

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, today I recognize a longtime and dear friend of mine, Louis Carney, on the occasion of his recent Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America. Louis has spent the better part of the last 50 years giving of himself not only to friends, neighbors and family members, but to the Boy Scouts as well. He

served as a cubmaster in 1964; den leader in 1965; Webelos leader in 1969; Boy Scout chairman in 1980; vanguard staff in 1987; District Cub Scout Committee in 1981; and District Eagle chairman from 2004 to today. Until very recently, Louis attended Scout Camp annually and is the recipient of countless Scout leadership awards including two Extra Mile awards, the Arrowhead honor, the District Award of Merit, the Eagle Feather award, the Wood Badge Training award, numerous leadership training awards, and an On My Honor award.

In addition to Louis's service to the Scouts, he is a Korean war veteran, worked in the U.S. Postal Service for 25 years and spent time as a potato farmer. During his adult life, he has volunteered at the Family Center, the food kitchen and the Museum of Idaho and served in many leadership positions in the LDS church all in my home town of Idaho Falls, ID. He also has spent thousands of hours volunteering in local schools. He has a reputation for reliability, and his selfless service has been demonstrated countless times and in countless ways when it comes to the youth and community in eastern Idaho. Many grown men who were Boy Scouts in their youth remember Louis's devotion to them and to Scouting, and his example of leadership through service has doubtless lived on in these individuals. When it comes to Scouting, Louis has said "I love Scouting; it's the one thing that can keep a family together."

His service went well beyond the Boy Scouts or his community volunteer activities—Louis and I served in our church together when we were both younger. His service was close to home as well. Many snowy mornings, we would wake up to find that Louis had plowed not only our driveway but those of our neighbors. He is the salt of the earth and made his community his neighborhood and made his community members, including me, his neighbors in the truest sense. My wife Susan and I offer Louis our heartfelt congratulations on his Silver Beaver Award and our gratitude for his kindness, generosity, and friendship over the years.●

RECOGNIZING SOUTH DAKOTA COMMUNITIES

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the community of Woonsocket, SD, on reaching the 125th anniversary of its founding. Woonsocket is a rural community located in Sanborn County, which is also celebrating the 100th anniversary of its courthouse.

The city of Woonsocket was founded in the summer of 1883 at the junction of the Chicago, Milwaukee, and Saint Paul Railroads, and it was given its name by the Superintendent of the railroad, C.H. Prior after his home town in Rhode Island. The city grew at a tremendous rate upon dedication as 50 lots were sold in the first day. The

first church service in the town was held just 3 days after the sale of the first lot. The population grew rapidly and the first business that opened was a saloon.

Woonsocket was named county seat of Sanborn County by the Territorial Legislature in 1884. In October 1906 the city of Woonsocket proposed a Sanborn courthouse. The proposal was accepted and a courthouse was built for \$50,000. It was dedicated May 22, 1908.

Today, Woonsocket is still a thriving community, with many restaurants, local businesses and churches all nestled around scenic Lake Prior. With excellent schools, Woonsocket school district boasts a 100-percent graduation rate.

The people of Woonsocket celebrate this momentous occasion on the Fourth of July and are marking the 100-year anniversary of the courthouse on May 22. One hundred and twenty-five years after its founding Woonsocket remains a vital community and a great asset to the wonderful State of South Dakota. I am proud to honor Woonsocket and Sanborn County on these historic milestones.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO FORT A.P. HILL

• Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate the soldiers and civilian employees at Fort A.P. Hill for winning the Army Chief of Staff Communities of Excellence Award competition for fiscal year 2008. This prestigious annual award recognizes the tremendous effort made by Fort A.P. Hill to support soldiers, civilian employees, retirees, and their families. In addition, it highlights the superior business practices that have sparked innovation and enhanced efficiency at the installation.

Fort A.P. Hill, as one of the Army's premier installations, has also achieved high marks in this competition in the past, finishing in third place each of the last 3 years. This year, the post hosted a week long visit by a team of evaluators who reviewed every facet of Fort A.P. Hill's operations. Following a scoring assessment by a panel of judges, Fort A.P. Hill was named the competition winner and was awarded \$2 million to continue efforts to improve the post.

With nearly 76,000 acres, including a 27,000-acre live fire complex that hosts personnel from every service in the Armed Forces, Fort A.P. Hill is rightly known as "The Place Where America's Military Sharpens Its Combat Edge." I offer my congratulations for a job well done to Fort A.P. Hill's outstanding team.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO DEFENSE SUPPLY CENTER RICHMOND

• Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate the 3,000 military and civilian employees at Defense Supply Center Richmond for winning the

Army Chief of Staff Communities of Excellence Award competition for fiscal year 2008. This prestigious annual award recognizes the tremendous effort made by Defense Supply Center Richmond to support members of the Armed Forces, civilian employees, retirees, and their families. In addition, it highlights the superior business practices that have sparked innovation and enhanced efficiency at the center.

As one of three defense supply centers in the country, Defense Supply Center Richmond serves as the lead aviation supplier for the Defense Logistics Agency, managing more than 1.2 million repair parts and operating supply items. This includes over 1,300 major weapons systems and all manner of aircraft parts, manufacturing equipment, and environmental products. Defense Supply Center Richmond annually handles 5.3 million requisitions and supports over 24,500 customers across the globe.

With ongoing military operations around the world, the exceptional work done by the dedicated workforce at Defense Supply Center Richmond has never been more appreciated or come at a more critical time. I offer my congratulations for a job well done to Defense Supply Center Richmond outstanding team.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:00 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. 1512. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for compensation to States incarcerating undocumented aliens charged with a felony or two or more misdemeanors.

H.R. 4279. An act to enhance remedies for violations of intellectual property laws, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5512. An act to reduce the costs of producing 1-cent and 5-cent coins, provide authority to the Secretary of the Treasury to perform research and development on new metallic content for circulating coins, and to require biennial reports to Congress on circulating coin production costs and possible alternative metallic content.

H.R. 5690. An act to remove the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for certain acts or events, provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5818. An act to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make loans to States to acquire foreclosed housing and to make grants to States for related costs.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1512. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for compensation to States incarcerating undocumented aliens charged with a felony or two or more misdemeanors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 4279. An act to enhance remedies for violations of intellectual property laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN, from the Committee on Armed Services, without amendment:

S. 3001. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-335).

S. 3002. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

S. 3003. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military construction, and for other purposes.

S. 3004. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 3001. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 3002. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 3003. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military construction, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 3004. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 3005. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish procedures for the timely and effective delivery of medical and mental health care to all immigration detainees in custody, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BAYH, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 3006. A bill to establish procedures for the expedited consideration by Congress of certain proposals by the President to rescind amounts of budget authority; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 3007. A bill to hold the surviving Nazi war criminals accountable for the war crimes, genocide, and crimes against humanity they committed during World War II, by encouraging foreign governments to more efficiently prosecute and extradite wanted criminals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOND (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. DOLE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 3008. A bill to improve and enhance the mental health care benefits available to members of the Armed Forces and veterans, to enhance counseling and other benefits available to survivors of members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 3009. A bill to designate the Federal Bureau of Investigation building under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "J. James Exon Federal Bureau of Investigation Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 558. A resolution designating June 10, 2008, as "National Hunger Awareness Day" and authorizing the collection of food donations during the period beginning May 12, 2008, and ending June 10, 2008, from concerned Members of Congress and staff to assist families suffering from hunger and food insecurity in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. BURR, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BROWN, Mr. STEVENS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. Res. 559. A resolution designating May 15, 2008, as "National MPS Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. INHOFE):