

International Space Station assembly mission and conducting a teaching lesson from space, of which I was fortunate enough to be a part on the ground in Boise.

Barbara is a teacher by training. In 1985, she was selected to be the backup candidate for the NASA Teacher in Space Program, and trained with the late Christa McAuliffe for 4 months. After the shuttle tragedy in 1986, she returned to Idaho and taught second and third grades at McCall-Donnelly Elementary School. She continued to work with NASA's Education Division as the space designee, speaking publicly, designing curriculum, serving on the National Science Foundation's Federal Task Force for Women and Minorities in Science and Engineering, and as an education consultant. In 1998, NASA began the Astronaut Educator Program which replaced its Teacher in Space Program and Barbara was selected to train as a mission specialist. She began her 2-year training period that year and, upon completion in 2000, was given technical duties with NASA. She continued her duties and ongoing training in preparation for Mission STS-118 last summer.

In a preflight interview before STS-118, Barbara's extraordinary commitment to learning was revealed as she recounted of the beginning of her pilot training. She came to flight training with no flying background, and her initial pilot training experience was in a Cessna. Being unfamiliar with the communication language between pilots and air traffic controllers, she went to Radio Shack and bought a radio that gave her access to air traffic control so she could listen and become familiar with the language. In the course of that interview, one of Barbara's insights about the basics of learning, be it in a career or in school, revealed itself in a fine point about the importance of "learning the language." She observed that once you master the "language," be it an actual language or a set of terms used in a particular vocation or field of study, things become much easier. She understands very well that learning the "language" is the pathway to success.

Barbara has learned many languages, from that of an elementary school teacher to that of a pilot and NASA astronaut. Boise State University is very fortunate that she will be bringing her science, math, and engineering language skills to its students. It has been an honor for me to pay tribute to Barbara's remarkable achievements today and in the past, and I am certain that there will be many more to come. I offer her, Clay, and their children my heartfelt congratulations and an enthusiastic "Welcome home to Idaho!"

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL GALEN JACKMAN

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I wish to publicly commend and congratulate MG Galen B. Jackman, U.S. Army,

upon his retirement after more than 35 years of military service. During the last 3 years, from July 2005 through July 2008, Major General Jackman served as the Army Chief of Legislative Liaison. He was instrumental in improving the understanding of Members of Congress and staff concerning a wide range of Army issues, in particular an understanding of the Army's role in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the resource requirements for an army at war, and the effect of those wars on the Army and its soldiers and their families. Major General Jackman worked tirelessly to ensure that soldiers and Army civilians had the resources necessary to maintain the Army as the world's preeminent land service. He forged effective relationships with congressional Members and staff, always responding quickly and effectively to congressional requests for information and assistance, and has been an invaluable advisor to the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Army.

General Jackman's assignment as Army Chief Legislative Liaison was the capstone to an outstanding career of service to our Nation. Prior to assuming this position, Major General Jackman served as the Commanding General, U.S. Army Military District of Washington and Commander, Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, DC. His other joint assignments include service as the Deputy for Training and Readiness, United States Pacific Command, and Director of Operations, United States Southern Command.

Major General Jackman served as the Chief of Staff and Assistant Division Commander, Support, for the 10th Mountain Division, Light, Fort Drum, NY, deploying with the Division in support of OPERATION JOINT FORGE, Bosnia-Herzegovina June 2000 to July 2001.

He began his service to our Nation in 1973 as a rifle platoon leader, Company A, 1st Battalion, Airborne, 508th Infantry, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC. His leadership positions include serving as a support squadron commander in 1st Special Forces Group, Airborne, Fort Bragg, NC; Commander, 2d Brigade, 7th Infantry Division, Light, Fort Ord, CA, and director, Combined Arms and Tactics Directorate, U.S. Army Infantry Center and School, Fort Benning. In his numerous leadership and command positions throughout his distinguished career, Major General Jackman demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the welfare of his soldiers and their families. Throughout his career, he played an important role in the development of the future officers and leaders of the Army.

Major General Jackman holds a master of science degree in procurement and contract management from the Florida Institute of Technology and a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Nebraska. He is a graduate of

the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

His outstanding Service has been recognized with numerous military awards including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, with Oak Leaf Cluster; the Legion of Merit, with Oak Leaf Cluster; the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; and the Meritorious Service Medal, with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters. He proudly wears the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge and the Ranger Tab.

Major General Jackman is married to the former Ms. Cathy Dowd. They have two children David, 20, and Patrick, 18. David will be a senior at Gilford College this fall, while Patrick will attend Virginia Military Institute. I also congratulate them on their husband's and father's retirement from the Army. The demands of military life are such that military families also sacrifice and serve the Nation along with their soldier.

Mr. President, the Army, the Congress, and the Nation have benefited greatly from the service of such a great leader and soldier. He will be sorely missed. ●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 802) to amend the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 6377. An act to direct the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to utilize all its authority, including its emergency powers, to curb immediately the role of excessive speculation in any contract market within the jurisdiction and control of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, on or through which energy futures or swaps are traded, and to eliminate excessive speculation, price distortion, sudden or unreasonable fluctuations or unwarranted changes in prices, or other unlawful activity that is causing major market disturbances that prevent the market from accurately reflecting the forces of supply and demand for energy commodities.

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-6881. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a legislative proposal that would increase the authorized strength for Army general officers; to the Committee on Armed Services.