

winners. Students at Marian continued to consistently score above State and national averages on the SAT and ACT tests, a testament to the high standard of excellence cultivated at Marian High School.

I know my Senate colleagues join me in extending my congratulations to the faculty, staff, alumni, and students of Marian High School on the school's 50th anniversary. I wish them the best as they continue this important work for another half century.●

WEST VIRGINIA ANGELS IN ADOPTION

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, today I honor the love and commitment exhibited by two of my fellow West Virginians, Jeff and Amy Dunford of Spanishburg, my 2008 nominees as West Virginia's Angels in Adoption. I have participated in this program by the Congressional Caucus on Adoption since its inception, and I am proud to talk about this year's West Virginia family.

In 2003, Jeff and Amy made the wonderful decision to become foster parents. They, like many caring West Virginia families, opened up their home and created a loving environment for children in need of such a place.

The Dunfords started with a sibling group, and by the spring of 2005, the Dunfords have successfully adopted three children, all the while continuing to provide both a short-term and long-term home for additional foster children. In fact, it was not long after the adoption process was completed that another sibling group was placed in the Dunford home. These three boys, all under the age of 3, would also be adopted by the Dunfords.

Being a foster and adoptive family always has its challenges, as well as its unique rewards. Taking care of young children often means sleepless nights, unexpected emergency room visits, and countless parent-teacher conferences. They were also faced with situations unique to foster families, including biological parent visits and counseling sessions. Through it all, the Dunfords faced these challenges with love and determination and now six children have a permanent and loving home.

Today, the Dunford family consists of Jeff and Amy, Jeremy, Walter, Holly, Richard, Greg, and Christopher. Jeff and Amy continue to be active in the foster care system, providing assistance with recruitment and training.

Jeff and Amy are a testament to the wonderful men and women involved in foster care and adoption services. Throughout my Senate career and as a member of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption, I have worked hard in a bipartisan manner to expand and support adoptive and foster parents. Over the years, progress has been made, and since the 1997 Adoption and Safe Family Act which I fought for, adoptions for foster care have doubled—a true

sign of success. But with over 100,000 children still in foster care and waiting to be adopted, there is more to do.

This year, I am working with a bipartisan coalition to expand the adoption incentives program, improve adoption assistance and on programs enhancing foster care. As important as policy can be, the true heroes are the parents like the Dunfords, who have selflessly opened up their home to vulnerable children. I hope their story, and the stories of all this year's Angels in Adoption, will inspire my colleagues and families nationwide to promote adoption and other supports for vulnerable children.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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.6168. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building".

H.R.6575. An act to require the Archivist of the United States to promulgate regulations to prevent the over-classification of information, and for other purposes.

H.R.6630. An act to prohibit the Secretary of Transportation from granting authority to a motor carrier domiciled in Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border unless expressly authorized by Congress.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 6168. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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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-7500. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency

with respect to certain terrorist attacks; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7501. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Singapore; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7502. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to the Republic of the Philippines; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7503. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. Exports to Hong Kong; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7504. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((73 FR 46809)/(44 CFR Part 65)) received on August 27, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7505. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((73 FR 46811)/(44 CFR Part 67)) received on August 27, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7506. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eligibility of Students for Assisted Housing Under Section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937; Conforming Amendment to Include Students with Disabilities Receiving Assistance as of November 30, 2005" ((RIN2501-AD43)(FR-5226-F-01)) received on August 27, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7507. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Kosovo in the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AE34) received on August 29, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7508. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the District of Columbia's Budget Request Act for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7509. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the organization's inventory of commercial activities for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7510. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's FAIR Act inventory for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7511. A communication from the Chief of Staff and Director of Communications, Office of Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Special Counsel's

Buy American Act report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7512. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's inventory of non-inherently governmental activities during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7513. A communication from the Acting Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Critical Position Pay Authority" (RIN3206-AK87) received on August 26, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7514. A communication from the Deputy Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program" (RIN3206-AL03) received on August 26, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7515. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items that will not measurably improve the missile or space launch capabilities of the People's Republic of China (one two-inch fluid energy mill); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7516. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, a correspondence from the Chairman of Bahrain's Council of Representatives; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7517. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, weekly reports relative to post-liberation Iraq for the period of June 15, 2008, through August 15, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7518. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the employment of an adequate number of Americans during 2007 by the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7519. A communication from the Acting Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2008-129-2008-139); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7520. A communication from the Acting Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2008-140-2008-147); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7521. A communication from the Secretary General, Inter-Parliamentary Union, transmitting, documents relative to the International Day of Democracy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 3052. A bill to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients (Rept. No. 110-451).

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. COLEMAN:

S. 3460. A bill to establish a pilot program to demonstrate best practices, innovation, and knowledge transfer regarding cyber security within State governments; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 3461. A bill to evaluate certain certification programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 3462. A bill to ensure that the courts of the United States may provide an impartial forum for claims brought by United States citizens and others against any railroad organized as a separate legal entity, arising from the deportation of United States citizens and others to Nazi concentration camps on trains owned or operated by such railroad, and by heirs and survivors of such persons; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 3463. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to establish pilot project offices to improve Federal permit coordination for renewable energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 3464. A bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to improve the international protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WICKER:

S. 3465. A bill to reserve certain proceeds from the auction of spectrum, including the auction of the D-block of spectrum, for use to provide interoperable devices to public safety personnel; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 3466. A bill to improve the job access and reverse commute program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. 3467. A bill to extend through April 1, 2009, the MinnesotaCare Medicaid demonstration project; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 3468. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to continue the ability of hospitals to supply a needed workforce of nurses and allied health professionals by preserving funding for hospital operated nursing and allied health education programs; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. Res. 653. A resolution celebrating the outstanding athletic accomplishments of

The Ohio State University football team for achieving its 800th all-time victory; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. HATCH):

S. Res. 654. A resolution honoring the life and recognizing the accomplishments of the Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones, Member of the House of Representatives for the 11th Congressional District of Ohio; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. Con. Res. 97. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding sexual assaults and rape in the military; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 507

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 507, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 826

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) were added as cosponsors of S. 826, a bill to posthumously award a Congressional gold medal to Alice Paul, in recognition of her role in the women's suffrage movement and in advancing equal rights for women.

S. 903

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 903, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty.

S. 1001

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1001, a bill to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia.

S. 1232

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1232, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop a voluntary policy for managing the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes.

S. 1375

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1375, a bill to ensure that new mothers and their families are educated about postpartum depression, screened for symptoms, and provided with essential services, and to increase research at the National Institutes of Health on postpartum depression.