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I also commend the teacher of the class, Pamela Orme, who is responsible for preparing these young constitutional experts for the national finals. Also worthy of special recognition are Maida Buckley, the State coordinator, and Todd Heuston, the district coordinator, who are responsible for implementing the We the People program in Alaska.

I congratulate these young "constitutional experts" on their outstanding achievement and for their proud representation of the State of Alaska.●

TRIBUTE TO LOUISIANA WWII VETERANS

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I am proud to honor a group of 120 World War II veterans from all over Louisiana who will travel to Washington, DC, on May 9 to visit the various memorials and monuments that recognize the sacrifices of our Nation's invaluable servicemembers.

Louisiana HonorAir, a group based in Lafayette, LA, sponsored this trip to the Nation's Capital. The organization is honoring each surviving World War II Louisiana veteran by giving them an opportunity to see the memorials dedicated to their service. The veterans will visit the World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Iwo Jima memorials. They will also travel to Arlington National Cemetery.

This is the third of four flights Louisiana HonorAir is making to Washington, DC, this spring. It is the 16th flight to depart from Louisiana, which has sent more HonorAir flights than any other state to the Nation's Capital.

World War II was one of America's greatest triumphs but was also a conflict rife with individual sacrifice and tragedy. More than 60 million people worldwide were killed, including 40 million civilians, and more than 400,000 American servicemembers were slain during the long war. The ultimate victory over enemies in the Pacific and in Europe is a testament to the valor of American soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines. The years 1941 to 1945 also witnessed an unprecedented mobilization of domestic industry, which supplied our military on two distant fronts.

In Louisiana, there remain today more than 33,000 living WWII veterans, and each one has a heroic tale of achieving the noble victory of freedom over tyranny. This group had 44 veterans who served in the U.S. Army, 27 in the U.S. Air Force, 42 in the Navy, 3 in the Coast Guard and 4 in the Marines.

Our heroes trekked the world for their country. They fought in Germany, France, Italy, Africa, Japan, Guam, Guadalcanal, China, Okinawa, the Philippines, New Guinea, Korea, Thailand, and Saipan. Their journeys included the invasions of North Africa, Sicily and Normandy, and the Battle of the Bulge. Their fight for freedom extended to New Caledonia and the Solomon Islands.

One of our Army Airborne veterans navigated a glider plane and became a prisoner of war. He also lost a brother during the D-day invasion and earned many awards, including the Purple Heart. One of our Army Air Corps veterans flew 50 European missions in a B-24 bomber as a flight engineer. Another of our Army Air Corps heroes flew 20 missions as a tail gunner in a B-17 Flying Fortress. And one of our Navy veterans fought at Pearl Harbor.

I ask the Senate to join me in honoring these 120 veterans, all Louisiana heroes, who will visit Washington, and Louisiana HonorAir for making these trips a reality.●

TRIBUTE TO CADILLAC MOUNTAIN SPORTS

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, with the weather beginning to warm up, Mainers and tourists alike are preparing to once again head outdoors and enjoy the beauty that our State has to offer. I rise this week to highlight the work one small business—Cadillac Mountain Sports—is doing to ensure that outdoorsmen and women have the gear and tools they need to make the most of their outings.

Cadillac Mountain Sports was founded in May 1989 by Matthew Curtis. Mr. Curtis set up his small shop in busy downtown Bar Harbor, a summer haven for those visiting Acadia National Park. His intention, however, was to build a year-round sports store that served both members of the local community and the region's seasonal visitors. The store initially carried a wide variety of equipment for a host of individual sports and fitness activities, from swimming and tennis to running and aerobics. It soon widened its product line to include hiking, rock climbing, and backpacking equipment.

Immensely popular from the outset, the business soon needed to significantly increase its space. Mr. Curtis moved his business to a larger location across the street after just 2 years, doubling its size and allowing the company to grow its product line. Since then, the company has undergone several expansions and renovations. Additionally, over the years, Cadillac has expanded to become a five-store chain, with four locations in downtown Bar Harbor, and one in nearby Ellsworth. Its line includes Cadillac's Patagonia, Cadillac's The North Face, and Cadillac's Nike, which all sell those particular brands' products. Cadillac now employs 30 people during the slow season, a number that rises to 100 people during the summer months.

Cadillac Mountain Sports is grounded in the communities where it is located, and strives to improve the quality of living in those towns. Cadillac was recently instrumental in supporting the Ellsworth High Street Beautification Program to revamp its downtown area. Additionally, Cadillac utilizes a number of "green" business practices, including recycling programs. As a result of its considerable efforts to improve the town's well being, Cadillac Mountain Sports will be presented with the 2009 "Top Drawer" Award by the Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce at the organization's 54th annual meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2009.

The "Top Drawer" Award is presented annually to either a business or person that makes a lasting contribution to the development and improvement of the greater Ellsworth region. The award was founded in 1980 to commemorate the late Tom Caruso, who established Bar Harbor Airlines to "Link Maine With The World."

It is clear that Cadillac Mountain Sports, with its solid and intelligent commitment to the customer and the community, is highly worthy of this recognition. A small business that has grown to become a regional leader in the sale of sports equipment, Cadillac is a prime example of the success that comes with hard work, community involvement, and customer responsiveness. Congratulations to Matthew Curtis and everyone at Cadillac Mountain Sports for winning the 2009 "Top Drawer" Award, and best wishes for continued success.●

TRIBUTE TO MATT GIRAUD

● Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, today I pay tribute, on behalf of myself and Senator LEVIN, to Matt Giraud of Kalamazoo, MI.

Each week on "American Idol," Matt sang his heart out and inspired many throughout Michigan. Early on, the judges recognized his incredible talent. Despite nearly being eliminated in the early stages of the competition, Matt rebounded with grace, confidence, and poise. His songs were a moving reminder of the toughness and resilience of our State.

Matt was born and raised in Michigan. He went to high school in Ypsilanti and graduated from Western Michigan University. Before he went on "American Idol," he performed at a dueling piano bar in Kalamazoo. And on the show, he never forgot his roots.

He got the opportunity to work with Smokey Robinson, the "King of Motown," during the show's Motown episode. His rendition of "Let's Get it On" deeply impressed Robinson, the show's judges, and the audience.

When he was faced with elimination in April, the judges, for the first time in the show's history, intervened to save a contestant. He came back strong the next week, singing "Stayin' Alive." His enthusiasm in spite of adversity was a real inspiration to his fans across Michigan.

After his elimination, Matt remained graceful and thanked his fans back home for all of their support.

On behalf of myself and Senator LEVIN, and all the people of the great State of Michigan, we want to return the favor. We want to thank Matt for reaching for the stars, for pushing himself to the limit, and for showing America Michigan's creative and resilient spirit.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:26 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Zapata, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 774. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 46-02 21st Street in Long Island City, New York, as the "Geraldine Ferraro Post Office Building".

H. R. 1271. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2351 West Atlantic Boulevard in Pompano Beach, Florida, as the "Elijah Pat Larkins Post Office Building".

H. R. 1397. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 41 Purdy Avenue in Rye, New York, as the "Caroline O'Day Post Office Building".

At 5:37 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 bill with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 386. An act to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, 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. 774. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 46-02 21st Street in Long Island City, New York, as the "Geraldine Ferraro Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1271. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located

at 2351 West Atlantic Boulevard in Pompano Beach, Florida, as the "Elijah Pat Larkins 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-1510. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Novaluron; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL-8409-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1511. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and has been assigned Army case number 06-07; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1512. A communication from the Vice Director, Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an interim response to the reporting requirement of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stockpiling Act; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1513. A communication from the Vice Director, Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the biennial report on stockpile requirements of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stockpiling Act; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1514. A communication from the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the percentage of funds that was expended during the preceding fiscal year and is projected to be expended during the current fiscal year for the Department's depot maintenance and repair workloads by the public and private sectors; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1515. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Robert J. Elder, Jr., United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1516. A communication from the Vice Chair and First Vice President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving exports to Canada, China, Panama, India, Ukraine and to other countries yet to be determined; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1517. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, (4) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1518. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, the Department's Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Report as required by the Superfund Amend-

ments and Reauthorization Act of 1986; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1519. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report on the administration of the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Pilot Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1520. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3302-EM in the Commonwealth of Kentucky having exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1521. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Extended Permit Terms for Renewal of Federally Enforceable State Operating Permits" (FRL-8899-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1522. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Kentucky; Section 110(a)(1) Maintenance Plans for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard for the Huntington-Ashland Area, Lexington Area and Edmonson County; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule" (FRL-8900-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1523. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Finding of Failure to Submit State Implementation Plans Required for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard; North Carolina and South Carolina" (FRL-8901-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1524. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the California State Implementation Plan; North Coast Unified Air Quality Management" (FRL-8780-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1525. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District" (FRL-8782-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1526. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL-8900-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1527. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting,