Best remembered as a distinguished military hero, Zachary Taylor was known as a resourceful, steadfast, modest and compassionate commander who fought many successful battles, earning from his soldiers and countrymen the affectionate nickname "Old Rough and Ready." Zachary Taylor’s personal popularity increased as his national prominence spread. General Taylor defeated Henry Clay, Winfield Scott and Daniel Webster for the Whig Party Presidential nomination. Although he had not sought office, Zachary Taylor was elected the 12th President of the United States.

Slavery was the driving issue of the campaign and the primary challenge of Zachary Taylor’s brief Presidency. In his inaugural address, Zachary Taylor promised that the preservation of the Union would be his first obligation. He was determined to find a solution to end slavery even though he was a southerner and a slave holder. Zachary Taylor urged settlers in New Mexico and California to bypass the territorial stage and draft constitutions for statehood. As Southern Democrats called for a secession convention, Zachary Taylor reacted with a bristling statement that he would hang anyone who tried to disrupt the Union by force or by conspiracy, setting the stage for the Compromise of 1850. During his 15 months in office, Zachary Taylor also created the Department of the Interior and signed a treaty with Great Britain guaranteeing a neutral canal connecting North and South America.

After laying the cornerstone of the Washington Monument on July 4, 1850, Zachary Taylor fell ill and passed away. An unprecedented 100,000 people lined the funeral route to see the hero laid to rest. On November 24, 2009, representatives of local, State and Federal Government will gather to honor one of Orange County’s most famous native sons. First Day Issue Zachary Taylor Dollar coins will be given to county schoolchildren. Please join me in commemo-rating the life of Zachary Taylor and the courage and efforts during his term of office to bring a peaceful end to slavery in the United States.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO PETER S. LEVI

- Mr. BOND. Mr. President, today I wish to honor a fine Missourian, Peter S. Levi, a former Missourian, and a dedicated public servant who had an outstanding career in the United States.

- Mr. Levi has worked tirelessly in developing and fostering economic development throughout the Kansas City area, and he has been a leader in the development of the city as an engine of economic growth. He has been a driving force in the development of the Kansas City area as a center for business and commerce. For his dedication to the city, Mr. Levi has been honored with numerous awards and accolades.

MEMORIAL TO LEWIS MILLETT

- Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am honored to remember Lewis Millett—a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, a retired Army colonel and a proud American who passed away on November 14, 2009. Colonel Millett retired from the U.S. Army after a 31-year career that spanned three wars. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for leading a bayonet charge up a heavily defended hill during the Korean war. In his 31-year career in the Army, that included service in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, Colonel Millett received numerous awards, including the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, two Legions of Merit, three Bronze Stars, four Purple Hearts, and three Air Medals.

- Born December 15, 1920, in Mechanic Falls, ME, Millett grew up in Massachusetts, where he joined the State National Guard. In 1940, with the war in Europe underway, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. But after President Franklin D. Roosevelt said that no Americans would fight on foreign soil, he deserted the Army and joined the Canadian Army. When he arrived in Europe in 1942, the United States was not yet at war, and he was allowed to transfer back to the U.S. Army.

- As a member of the 27th Armored Field Artillery of the 1st Armored Division, Colonel Millett participated in the Allied invasion of North Africa, where he earned a Silver Star after driving a burning halftrack loaded with ammunition away from U.S. troops and jumping out before it exploded. After a year in combat, the Army reviewed his medical record and convicted him of desertion. He was fined $52 and sentenced to 3 days hard labor. He was not required to do the hard time, and 2 weeks later he was made a second lieutenant.

- After World War II, he returned to civil status and joined the Maine National Guard. When the Army called for volunteers in 1949, he returned to Active Duty.

- He later served in Korea as a company commander and in Vietnam as a military adviser with the intelligence program called Phoenix. Colonel Millett retired from the US Army in 1973.

- He is survived by his sons, Lee and Tim, and daughter Elizabeth; a brother, Albert; three sisters, Ellen Larabee, Jean Pepin, and Marion Finney; and four grandchildren. I extend my heartfelt condolences to them.

- The military community, the State of California, and our Nation have lost a proud American and a great warrior.
MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1834. An act to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Administration's entrepreneurial development programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 1842. An act to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Administration's entrepreneurial development programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 3014. An act to amend the Small Business Act to provide loan guarantees for the acquisition of health information technology by eligible professionals in small and small group practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 3738. An act to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to establish a program for the Small Business Administration to provide financing to support early-stage small businesses in targeted industries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 3791. An act to amend sections 33 and 34 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, November 19, 2009, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 748. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2777 Logan Avenue in San Diego, California, as the “Cesar E. Chavez Post Office.”

S. 1314. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 School Street, Orchard Park, New York, as the “Jack F. Kemp Post Office.”

S. 1825. An act to extend the authority for the Farm Bill Coordinator, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program” (RIN 0587–AA46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–3734. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to the approved retirement of General Arthur J. Lichte, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–3735. 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” ((44 CFR Part 67)(74 FR 57923)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–3736. 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 Final Flood Elevation Determinations” ((44 CFR Part 67)(74 FR 57944)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–3737. 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” ((44 CFR Part 67)(74 FR 57944)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–3738. 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” ((44 CFR Part 67)(74 FR 57923)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–3739. A communication from the Deputy to the Chairman for External Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “DESA Debt Guarantee Program to Provide for the Establishment of a Limited Six-Month Emergency Guarantee Facility” (RIN 3064–AD37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–3740. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of the Debt Guarantee Facility” (RIN 3064–AD37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–3741. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Plan for Indiana” (FRL No. 8983–1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 17, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–3742. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,