

in this project are living this economic recession. I asked them to discuss and come up with deficit-reduction ideas. But they have done so with a keen eye on how these ideas could affect their community and the long-term impact on good-paying jobs.

After all the discussions, debates, and, undoubtedly, some disagreements, the students came together and submitted a full summary of their proposal to reduce the deficit. The ideas are wide-ranging and span virtually all aspects of the Federal budget.

For example, the students recognized that health care costs in this country pose a threat to the fiscal stability of the Nation. The students identified a series of ideas that could help in reducing health care costs, including incentivizing healthier lifestyles. The group also agreed that Congress should consider ideas for revenue. They highlighted areas such as corporate tax loopholes to find new sources of revenue. The students said Congress should look at reducing fraud and abuse in current programs.

While the students devoted most of their time to finding ways to reduce the deficit, they also highlighted the importance of investment. The group agreed investment in education and scientific research is an important role for the Federal Government to play. As their report states, "many of the fiscal problems facing the country could be ameliorated by improving citizens' chances for a quality education." I could not agree more.

My hat goes off to the students and faculty for joining this important conversation for our families and for our country. It is clear from this report that they took this challenge seriously and understand the balance needed to address the deficit.

I would like to recognize the great work of those involved, including President Jane Karas, Ph.D., Scholars Program Director Ivan Lorentzen; Outreach Coordinator for Career Pathways Jeremy Fritz; and Executive Director for Institutional Research Brad Eldredge, Ph.D. And, most importantly, I would like to commend the students who took on this project: Ursula DeStefano, Tracy Lost-Bear, Lisa Steelye, and Heather Frayle.

It is my goal to make sure these students and their peers nationwide will be able to find good-paying jobs when they graduate. I am doing everything I can to address both our jobs deficit and our fiscal deficit so that we can leave our Nation in better shape than we found it for these students and their children.

I thank Flathead Valley Community College, the instructors, and students for their thoughtful ideas. I hope the experience inspired them to stay involved. They took this project seriously and worked hard to find agreement. We in Congress must do the same. The future for these students and this country is at stake.●

#### REMEMBERING GILBERT "GIL" CATES

● Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, today, I honor the extraordinary life of Gilbert "Gil" Cates, a director, producer, mentor, and friend to not only California and New York, but the entire Nation.

Born Gilbert Lewis Katz on June 6, 1934, in New York City to Russian Jewish immigrants Nathan and Nina Katz, Gil soared to the top of the entertainment field with a focus in both film and theater.

Following his education at DeWitt Clinton High School in the Bronx, Gil enrolled at Syracuse University, where he majored in theater.

In 1961, Gil made his producing and directing debut on the television game show "Camouflage."

He accomplished countless artistic achievements during his long career as a producer and director, and in 1990 he produced the "62nd Annual Academy Award," where he made his biggest mark on the industry he cherished so much.

Over the next 18 years, Gil served either as the producer or executive producer of 14 Academy Award shows. With broadcasts hosted by Billy Crystal, Whoopi Goldberg, Steve Martin, and Chris Rock, Gil is credited with restoring the telecast as the entertainment industry's most important and widely watched event.

Gil also earned a reputation as an inclusive and creative leader. As a film producer, his credits include "Oh, God! Book II," "After the Fall," and "I Never Sang for My Father." He directed segments of "The Twilight Zone," "Hobson's Choice," "The Promise," and "Summer Wishes, Winter Dreams." As both producer and director, his body of work includes "Collected Stories," "Confessions: Two Faces of Evil," "Absolute Strangers," "Rings Around the World," and "World's Fair Spectacular."

Gil made his Broadway debut as the stage manager for "Shinbone Alley" in 1957. He made his producing debut on Broadway in 1967 with "You Know I Can't Hear You When the Water's Running," and five years later made his directorial debut in 1972 with "Voices," an original play with music. In total, he was involved with nine Broadway shows. The most recent, "Time Stands Still," closed on January 30, 2011.

Beyond his film, television, and theater work, Gil served the entertainment industry in many leadership capacities. He was a two-term president of the Directors Guild of America, DGA, from 1983 to 1987. From 1990 to 1998, he served as founding dean of the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television, and then as a mentor and professor. He was also the founding and producing director of the renowned Geffen Playhouse in Westwood, CA. During his diverse career he served in various roles on the Board of Governors of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Gil received many honors from the entertainment industry throughout his extensive career, including an Emmy Award for producing the "63rd Annual Academy Awards" in 1991. Gil was also Emmy-nominated for directing two television movies, "Consenting Adult" in 1985 and "Do You Know the Muffin Man?" in 1989.

As a result of his service to the DGA, he received the Directors Guild President Award, the DGA's Robert B. Aldrich Award for Service, and an Honorary Life Membership. He also received the Jimmy Dolittle Award for Outstanding Contribution to Los Angeles Theater, the Ovation Award for best play "Collected Stories," and finally, a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame.

The showman who was known for his undeniable charisma and witty ways, as well as his contributions to the entertainment industry, was above all an extraordinary person who was in a class all his own.

Please join me in expressing the sympathies of this body to Gil Cates' family, including his wife, Dr. Judith Reichman; his sister, Florence Adler; his children, David, Jonathan, Gil Junior, Melissa, and Anat and Ronit Reichman; and six grandchildren.

Gilbert Cates was larger-than-life and his legacy of remarkable talent, leadership, humor, and dedication to art will no doubt live on within the entertainment industry.●

#### RECOGNIZING ISAMAX SNACKS

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, earlier this year members of the Maine Legislature proposed a bill to name the whoopie pie the official State dessert of Maine, later settling on naming it the "State treat of Maine." The whoopie pie, a baked good normally consisting of two chocolate cakes with creamy frosting in between, has been a New England tradition for nearly a century. Anyone who has tasted a whoopie pie knows exactly how special and delectable one really is. With Maine's official "treat" in mind, today I recognize and commend Isamax Snacks, a small business in Maine that has perfected the art of homemade whoopie pies.

Amy Bouchard always loved baking, and in 1994, she started a small business making whoopie pies, out of her home kitchen in the small town of Gardiner. Amy's whoopie pies were famous among her friends as "wicked," and therefore she thought it was only proper to name them "Wicked Whoopies." As any Mainer knows, "wicked" is a synonym for "great" and is commonly used to refer to any extraordinary item, which Amy's desserts most certainly are.

Originally, Isamax was started as a way to supplement her husband's income to assist in raising their two young children, Isabella and Maxx, from which the name of her company is derived. But as more people discovered her Wicked Whoopies, Amy's business

grew rapidly and the small kitchen could no longer keep up with the demand. In 1996, Amy moved to a commercial bakery and purchased two distribution trucks. These investments tripled her business size and distribution territory. Amy now also has two stores in Farmingdale and Freeport, where she sells her mouth-watering treats.

Today, Amy's small company sells 24 different varieties of whoopie pies, including many seasonal favorites like pumpkin and peppermint, and produces nearly one million Wicked Whoopies each year! Amy also recently added the decadent and innovative "Whoop-de-Doo" to her line up; a smaller version of a classic Wicked Whoopie dipped in chocolate. Her business has received countless reviews and awards for its products, and has been featured on several nationally televised shows, such as "The Oprah Winfrey Show" in 2003, "Good Morning America" in 2005, and Food Network's "Unwrapped" in 2007. Wicked Whoopies have also been promoted in the New York Times, the Associated Press, and are even available for purchase on the Home Shopping Network's Web site for the 2011 holiday season. Additionally, the city of Gardiner Board of Trade awarded Isamax Snacks with its President's Award in 2004 and Interface Tech News awarded Wicked Whoopies "Maine's Best of the Web" in the e-commerce category in 2005.

Over the last 15 years, Isamax Snacks has established itself as one of the country's premier and most heralded whoopie pie and dessert companies. This national notoriety is richly deserved as Amy Bouchard's small dream to help her family blossomed into a vibrant small business. I am proud to congratulate Amy and everyone at Isamax Snacks on their outstanding work, and wish them continued success.●

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**SIX-MONTH PERIODIC REPORT  
RELATIVE TO THE NATIONAL  
EMERGENCY THAT WAS DE-  
CLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER  
12938 WITH RESPECT TO THE  
PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS  
OF MASS DESTRUCTION—PM 33**

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this pro-

vision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice, stating that the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was declared in Executive Order 12938, as amended, is to continue in effect for 1 year beyond November 14, 2011.

BARACK OBAMA,  
THE WHITE HOUSE, November 9, 2011.

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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-3877. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Closure" (RIN0648-XA753) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 20, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3878. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Accountability Measures and Reduced Season for the South Atlantic Recreational Sector of Golden Tilefish for the 2011 Fishing Year" (RIN0648-XA701) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 20, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3879. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; Sub ACL (Annual Catch Limit) Harvested for Management Area 1B" (RIN0648-XA413) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 20, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3880. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Direct Investment Surveys: Alignment of Regulations with Current Practices" (RIN0691-AA78) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 20, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3881. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 496" (RIN2120-AA63) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3882. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Function and Reliability Flight Testing for Turbine-Powered Airplanes Weighing 6,000 Pounds or Less" ((RIN2120-AAJ56) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0218)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3883. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Adminis-

tration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Allakaket, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0756)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3884. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Northway, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0758)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3885. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (64); Amdt. No. 3446" (RIN2120-AA65) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3886. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (44); Amdt. No. 3447" (RIN2120-AA65) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3887. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment and Establishment of Air Traffic Service Routes; Northeast United States" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0376)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3888. A communication from the Senior Regulations Specialist, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs: Federal Drug Testing Custody and Control Form; Technical Amendment" (RIN2105-AE13) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3889. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mail or Telephone Order Merchandise Rule" (RIN3084-AB07) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3890. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program, Memorandum Opinion and Order and Order, CG Docket No. 10-51" (FCC 11-155) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.