

academic credit for passing an exam with a score of 70 percent or better. A 3-credit exam costs \$250 and a 1-credit costs \$150; the fee covers 2 exam attempts in 12 months. There is no additional fee for students to access the materials, faculty, and resources during their study period leading up to the exam. Many of these resources are innovations themselves and include a 24-7 online tutoring service, 24-7 tech support, and a virtual library.

Its students' progress are carefully tracked electronically and student support is a priority. Students partner with faculty or receive other student support if it seems they have struggled in a certain class. Students at CSU-Global are given the flexibility needed to accommodate the many demands on their time, but are still counseled through to completion.

Thirty-four percent of CSU-Global's students are first-generation college students and 23 percent are from the underserved population. Finally, at a time when our country continues to recover financially, 95 percent of CSU-Global graduates are working for pay as of February 2013.

As the cost of college continues to rise, CSU-Global Campus is an innovative alternative. After repaying its \$12 million start-up loan a year ahead of schedule in 2012, it now operates a sustainable model without future appropriations from the State of Colorado.

Mr. President, in April 2013, CSU-Global ranked seventh in U.S. News & World Report's ranking of the Best Online Bachelor's Programs. On the occasion of its fifth anniversary, I congratulate CSU-Global on its tremendous achievements.●

TRIBUTE TO JAMES BUCK

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I am delighted to honor the contributions of a loyal and dedicated public servant, Mayor James Buck. In November, Mayor Buck will retire after 4½ decades of public service, 29 years of which he served as Mayor of Grandville, MI. Through his vision and tireless advocacy, Mayor Buck has helped to make sure this fine city continues to be a wonderful place to raise a family and for businesses to thrive.

Jim Buck began his career in public service as an appointed member of the Grandville Park & Recreation Board in 1968. Three years later, in 1971, he was elected to the Grandville City Council. After a successful stint on the city council, Jim was elected mayor of Grandville in 1984 and has gone on to serve eight consecutive terms.

Although the position of mayor of Grandville is part-time, Mayor Buck has always approached it as a full-time responsibility. He has devoted himself to his work as mayor and is visible at community events throughout the year. He is committed to economic and residential development, and has made decisions that have brought businesses and residents to Grandville. He has

been a pillar of integrity and a consensus builder. Under Mayor Buck's stewardship, the City of Grandville has maintained sound financial footing despite immense economic challenges.

Mayor Buck is a firm believer that a strong sense of community is vital and improves the quality of life of its residents. Throughout his 45 years on the Grandville Park & Recreation Board, which he has chaired for decades, the city has created new trails and parks and revitalized existing ones. During his tenure, the Park & Recreation Board has turned Grandville's 4th of July Celebration into a major regional event and a beloved community tradition.

An avid tennis player, Jim Buck has enjoyed many successful years of competition, including at the Senior Olympics in recent years. He has been assistant coach to the Grandville High School tennis team for the last 17 years. This year, the team won the OK Red Conference and Regional Championships. It is no coincidence that Grandville has some of the best tennis courts of any city its size in Michigan.

A dedicated and visionary leader, Mayor Buck has not only been Grandville's strongest advocate but also an active civic leader on regional and State levels. He is an honorary life member of the Michigan Municipal League (MML), chair of the MML Foundation Board, member of the West Michigan Strategic Alliance and the long-time chairman of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council.

But more than the list of boards and commissions to his credit, Jim Buck is a man of his community. He works long hours attending events, meeting with residents, visiting schools, and listening to and appreciating the people of Grandville. He has created a standard of community engagement that will be an inspiration to his successors. Indeed, Mayor Buck has made a tremendous contribution to the lives of residents of the City of Grandville now and for generations to come.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the dedicated public service of one of the finest locally elected officials in Michigan, Jim Buck. He has dedicated himself to the betterment of his community. On behalf of the people of Michigan, I wish Jim and his wonderful wife, Kathryn (Kitty) Buck the very best for a well-deserved retirement.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:03 a.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 and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 992. An act to amend provisions in section 716 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act relating to Federal assistance for swaps entities.

H.J. Res. 99. Joint resolution relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of

authority to suspend the debt limit, as submitted under section 1002(b) of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014 on October 17, 2013.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THORBERRY) has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3190. An act to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Mr. PITTS of Pennsylvania, Mr. ADERHOLT of Alabama, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, and Mr. BURGESS of Texas.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 992. An act to amend provisions in section 716 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act relating to Federal assistance for swaps entities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following joint resolution was read the second time, and placed on the calendar, pursuant to Sec. 1002 of Public Law 113-46:

H.J. Res. 99. Joint resolution relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to suspend the debt limit, as submitted under section 1002(b) of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014 on October 17, 2013.

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-3391. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cold Treatment for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables; MidAmerica St. Louis Airport, Mascoutah, IL" (Docket No. APHIS-2012-0089) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 24, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3392. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gypsy Moth Generally Infested Areas; Additions in Wisconsin" (Docket No. APHIS-2012-0075) received during adjournment of the Senate in