

The United States has benefitted greatly from its strong and prosperous relationship with Tunisia. We can not forget our friend in Africa who has stood by our side throughout our country's history.●

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM J.
CRAWFORD

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, yesterday in Colorado, at the chapel of the United States Air Force Academy, our country buried a hero.

William J. Crawford, a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, passed away March 15th at the home he built himself in Palmer Lake, Colorado. And while Mr. Crawford won the Congressional Medal of Honor—our nation's highest award—specifically for his actions during World War Two on a hill in Italy, he showed that the medal was well deserved by the actions of each and every day of his life.

On September 13th, 1943, Private Crawford and his 3rd Platoon, 1st Company, 36th Infantry Division were attacking Hill 424 near Altavilla, Italy. The platoon was pinned down by intense machine gun fire. Private Crawford, without orders and on his own initiative, singlehandedly destroyed the machine gun and allowed the rest of his platoon to advance. Later, the platoon was again blocked, this time from two enemy machine gun positions and small arms fire. Private Crawford once more went into action, destroyed both gun positions, and turned a captured German weapon on the withdrawing enemy, facilitating the company's advance.

As his Medal of Honor citation says, this was an act of "conspicuous gallantry . . . above and beyond the call of duty." But Mr. Crawford's sacrifice for his country went further. He was captured during the same battle later that day, and eventually served 19 months in a German POW camp. The Army thought he had been killed, and actually awarded his Medal posthumously to his father. It was not until 1984 that a ceremony was held presenting the Medal to William himself. President Ronald Reagan had that honor, at the annual commencement ceremony held at the Air Force Academy.

Every year, Mr. Crawford attended that graduation to present the Outstanding Cadet award. Because Private Crawford, even after his bravery, even after 19 months in a POW camp, and even after an additional 22 years of post-war service to his country, continued to serve his nation. After his retirement in 1967, Mr. Crawford took a job as a janitor at the Air Force Academy. It let him supplement his retirement pay, and—more importantly—kept him around the armed forces life, and in contact with the future leaders of our military, young officers who can

always use a outstanding role model of sacrifice, service, and modesty. In his last years he was very active with children, speaking to and teaching them about WWII, and serving as a shining example of dedication and patriotism.

Mr. Crawford's life was one of service: from the gallantry in combat to the less intense but also important roles as mentor, community volunteer, scoutmaster, and role model. As that life ends, as we honor a departed hero, we also recognize the continuance of the memory and legacy of a life well lived. Thank you, Mr. Crawford.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Sherman Williams, 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.)

THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEARS 1996, 1997, AND 1998 OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 94

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 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by the provisions of section 3(f) of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1862(f)), I transmit herewith the combined annual reports of the National Science Foundation for fiscal years 1996–1997, and the annual report for fiscal year 1998.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON,
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 22, 2000.

THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1998 OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 95

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 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit the 1998 annual report of the National Endowment

for the Humanities (NEH), the Federal agency charged with advancing knowledge and public education in the humanities. Throughout 1998, the agency provided crucial support to hundreds of research and educational projects throughout the United States and its territories. The Endowment also provided grants to innovative educational projects employing the latest computer technologies, as well as to efforts to preserve library and archival resources and make such resources available to schools, scholars, and citizens.

In 1998, the NEH continued to exercise leadership in applying technology to the humanities. The Endowment launched Schools for a New Millennium, a program that provides funding to schools to further humanities education through the creative use of new technologies. In Lawrence, Kansas, one Schools for a New Millennium project is digitizing photographs and historical documents for use in junior high classrooms. The Endowment also extended its Internet strategy by expanding its EDSITEment project in partnership with the Council of Great City Schools and MCI WorldCom, more than doubling the number of high quality humanities sites available to students and teachers.

I am especially pleased by another of the agency's partnerships employing both the Internet and traditional broadcasting. The Endowment is partnering with the White House Millennium Council on the presentation of "Millennium Evenings at the White House," a series of showcase events that explore the ideas and creativity of the American people on the eve of a new millennium. These programs feature prominent scholars and creative thinkers and are accessible to the public by satellite and cable broadcasts, and many State humanities councils are coordinating local downlink sites. With support from SUN Microsystems, these lectures and discussions are cybercast live from the East Room in the White House. Viewers can submit questions via the Internet to the guest speaker or to the First Lady and me.

The NEH is well-known for its support of documentary films based on a collaboration between filmmakers and humanities scholars. In 1998, the Endowment maintained this tradition of excellence with its support of "Eleanor Roosevelt," which drew upon outstanding new historical scholarship, archival films, photographs, and firsthand testimonies to paint a vivid portrait of one of America's most outstanding women.

The Endowment's grants also addressed the long-term needs of the Nation's cultural and academic institutions. In 1998, the NEH created a special program designed to aid the Nation's public libraries in serving the public with humanities programming. Among the institutions aided in 1998 by

Challenge Grants was the African American Research Library and Cultural Center, a new facility created by the Broward County Public Library to serve Broward County's growing and diverse population.

Through its Preservation Programs, the NEH is preserving the content of hundreds of thousands of brittle books, periodicals, and American newspapers—priceless sources for present and future historians and scholars. The Endowment's initiative to save such materials is now entering its tenth year, and will preserve nearly a million books and periodicals by the time it is completed. The U.S. Newspaper Project, an equally important effort to microfilm historic newspapers, is creating a comprehensive national database for scholars, students, and citizens who wish to research their community's history.

In November 1998, the First Lady and I joined the Endowment in honoring at the White House nine distinguished Americans with the National Medal of the Humanities. Through these awards and its grants programs, the National Endowment for the Humanities recognizes and promotes outstanding efforts to deepen public awareness and understanding of the humanities.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 22, 2000.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, 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. 1666. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 200 East Pinckney Street in Madison, Florida, as the "Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr. Post Office."

H.R. 1680. An act to provide for the conveyance of Forest Service property in Kern County, California, in exchange for county lands suitable for inclusion in Sequoia National Forest.

H.R. 1725. An act to provide for the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management to Douglas County, Oregon, of a county park and certain adjacent land.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 288. Concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of families and children in the United States and expressing support for the goals and ideas of National Family Day.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 8162(c)(3) of Public Law 106-79, the Speaker has appointed the following Members of the House to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: Mr. THORNBERRY of Texas, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. MOORE, and Mr. BOSWELL.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 101(f) of the Ticket

to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-170), the Minority Leader has appointed the following individuals on the part of the House to the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: Mr. Jerome Kleckley of New York, to a 4-year term and Ms. Frances Gracechild of California, to a 2-year term.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1666. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 200 East Pinckney Street in Madison, Florida, as the "Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr. Post Office"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1680. An act to provide for the conveyance of Forest Service property in Kern County, California, in exchange for county lands suitable for inclusion in Sequoia National Forest; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 288. Concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of families and children in the United States and expressing support for the goals and ideas of National Family Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time and placed on the calendar:

S. 2262. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to institute a Federal fuels tax holiday.

S. 2263. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to institute a Federal fuels tax holiday.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 3081. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax benefits for small businesses, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the minimum wage, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-8044. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8045. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the National Institutes of Health AIDS Research Loan Repayment Program for FY 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8046. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Contraception and Infertility Research Loan Repayment Program for FY 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8047. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Requirements Applicable to Albumin (Human), Plasma Protein Fraction (Human), and Immune Globulin (Human); Confirmation in Part and Technical Amendment" (Docket No. 98N-0608), received March 20, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8048. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Polymers" (Docket No. 99F-0461), received March 20, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8049. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the FY 1999 annual performance report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8050. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule on Business Practice Standards for Open Access Same-time Information Systems (OASIS) Transactions" (RIN1902-AB78), received March 20, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8051. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Excepted Service; The Career Conditional Employment System; Promotion and Internal Placement" (RIN3206-A151), received March 20, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8052. A communication from the General Counsel, Cost Accounting Standards Board, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cost Accounting Standards Board; Applicability, Thresholds and Waiver of Cost Accounting Standards Coverage; Interim Rule", received March 15, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8053. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of the District of Columbia Sports and Entertainment Commission for Fiscal Years 1996 through 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8054. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the list of General Accounting Office reports for February 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8055. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the accomplishments of the Office for Victims of Crime for fiscal years 1997 and 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8056. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule