

Throughout his distinguished tenure, Mr. Valmoro has exemplified the ideals which the American people value in their educators. It is with my most sincere congratulations and respect that I recognize him today in the Senate.●

IN RECOGNITION OF GEORGE ABRAHAM THAMPY

● Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of George Abraham Thampy, of Maryland Heights, Missouri. George correctly spelled "démarche" to win the National Spelling Bee held last week in Washington, D.C. The week prior, George placed second in the National Geography Bee, also held in Washington, D.C.

I would like to offer my congratulations to this young scholar who has worked diligently to not only reach, but also win, the National Spelling Bee. George's performance has been exemplary and I'm confident it will serve to promote a heightened interest in academic achievement. George also tied for fourth place in 1998 and finished in a third place tie last year.

I look forward to the continued success of Missouri home school families such as George's, and hope to continue promoting the kind of freedom that encourages parents to take an active role in guiding the course of their children's education. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

A message from the House of Representatives, delivered during the adjournment of the Senate, announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Mr. RODRIGUEZ of Texas.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 291. An act to convey certain real property within the Carlsbad Project in New Mexico to the Carlsbad Irrigation District.

S. 356. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain works, facilities, and titles of the Gila Project, and designated lands within or adjacent to the Gila Project, to the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

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-9179. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9180. A communication from the Director for Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of agreements and transactions relative to acquisition and cross-serving agreements with non-NATO countries for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9181. A communication from the Commissioner of Social Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Supplemental Security Income Program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9182. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the status of activities that respond to the National Transportation Safety Board's recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation for calendar year 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9183. A communication from the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on progress on Superfund implementation in fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9184. A communication from the Administration of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Status of the State Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Programs" for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9185. A communication from the Chair of the State Energy Advisory Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: A Clean Energy Agenda for the 21st Century"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9186. A communication from the Chair of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9187. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the financial audit and financial statement for calendar years 1998 and 1999 for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9188. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9189. A communication from the Director of the National Legislative Commission of the American Legion, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of consolidated financial statements for calendar years 1998 and 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-9190. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9191. A communication from the Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs for U.S. Agency For

International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the accountability report for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9192. A communication from the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Auditor's Review of Unauthorized Disbursements From ANC 8B's Checking Account"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9193. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9194. A communication from the Chairman and General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9195. A communication from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9196. A communication from the Chairman of the National Endowment For the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. THOMPSON (for himself and Mr. FRIST):

S. 2710. A bill to recognize the rights of grandparents in cases involving international parental kidnapping; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. L. CHAFFEE, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBB, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 319. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Senate should participate in and support activities to provide decent homes for the people of the

United States, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 320. A resolution to authorize testimony by Senate employee in state administration proceeding; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. MURKOWSKI):

S. Con. Res. 121. A concurrent resolution congratulating Representative Stephen S.F. Chen on the occasion of his retirement from the diplomatic service of Taiwan, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 345

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 345, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to remove the limitation that permits interstate movement of live birds, for the purpose of fighting, to States in which animal fighting is lawful.

S. 922

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 922, a bill to prohibit the use of the "Made in the USA" label on products of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and to deny such products duty-free and quota-free treatment.

S. 1074

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1074, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to waive the 24-month waiting period for medicare coverage of individuals with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and to provide medicare coverage of drugs and biologicals used for the treatment of ALS or for the alleviation of symptoms relating to ALS.

S. 1333

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1333, a bill to expand homeownership in the United States.

S. 1988

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1988, a bill to reform the State inspection of meat and poultry in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2018

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2018, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise the update factor used in making payments to PPS hospitals under the medicare program.

S. 2107

At the request of Mr. GRAMM, the names of the Senator from Missouri

(Mr. BOND) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) were added as cosponsors of S. 2107, a bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to reduce securities fees in excess of those required to fund the operations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to adjust compensation provisions for employees of the Commission, and for other purposes.

S. 2241

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2241, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust wages and wage-related costs for certain items and services furnished in geographically reclassified hospitals.

S. 2366

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2366, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend provisions relating to the Organ Procurement Transplantation Network.

S. 2394

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mr. GORTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2394, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to stabilize indirect graduate medical education payments.

S. 2589

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. KERREY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2589, a bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to require periodic cost of living adjustments to the maximum amount of deposit insurance available under that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2703

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2703, a bill to amend the provisions of title 39, United States Code, relating to the manner in which pay policies and schedules and fringe benefit programs for postmasters are established.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 121—CONGRATULATING REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN S. F. CHEN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF TAIWAN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. MURKOWSKI) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 121

Whereas Representative Stephen S. F. Chen has been a member of Taiwan's diplomatic service for forty-seven years;

Whereas Representative Chen has represented Taiwan's interests in such countries as the Philippines, Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia, and the United States;

Whereas Representative Chen has held a number of important positions in his government at home, including those of Vice Foreign Minister and Deputy Secretary-General to President Lee Teng-hui;

Whereas Representative Chen's many years of service in the United States include appointments as Taiwan's Consul-General in Atlanta from 1973 to 1979 and as Director of the Coordination Council for North American Affairs in Chicago from 1980 to 1982 and Los Angeles from 1988 to 1989;

Whereas Representative Chen has served with distinction as Taiwan's senior diplomat in the United States since 1997, when he became the Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas Representative Chen has been a friend of the United States and earned the respect and genuine affection of many Members of the Senate and House of Representatives: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—

(1) Representative Stephen Chen is to be congratulated for his many years of distinguished service to Taiwan and for his friendship to the United States; and

(2) the best wishes of Congress are to be extended to Representative Chen and his family on the occasion of his retirement.

SENATE RESOLUTION 319—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE SENATE SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES TO PROVIDE DECENT HOMES FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. L. CHAFEE, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBB, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 319

Whereas the United States promotes and encourages the creation and revitalization of sustainable and strong neighborhoods in partnership with States, cities, and local communities and in conjunction with the independent and collective actions of private citizens and organizations;