

for its outstanding, world-renowned HIV/AIDS research and treatment. Dr. Michael Saag directs the Center for AIDS Research at UAB, which was established in 1988 by the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases to stimulate research and scientific advancement concerning AIDS and HIV. This program was initiated in 1998 and currently includes 20 centers funded through a consortium of six National Institutes of Health. Under Dr. Saag's exceptional leadership, the UAB Center for AIDS Research has grown dramatically as shown by its increase in total research funding, from \$2.9 million dollars in 1988 to over \$90 million currently.

UAB has a remarkable program in Zambia, the Center for Infectious Disease Research, headed up by Dr. Jeff Stringer. The UAB Zambia program, which receives funding through the President's Emergency Program for AIDS Relief, PEPFAR, is treating over 170,000 patients, with up to 100,000 patients on ARV treatment.

Dr. Stringer and his remarkable team have also worked vigorously with the Zambian Government to deliver "prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission" services to over 500,000 women in Zambia, preventing tens of thousands of infants from being born with HIV. The UAB HIV prevention and treatment service units support 175 public health facilities in four of the nine provinces of Zambia. Prevention of mother-to-child transmission services are offered in 154 clinics and hospitals.

HIV care and treatment services are offered in 46 sites, and include a comprehensive cervical cancer screening program that has screened over 5,000 women in its first year. Research has shown a direct connection between HIV and cervical cancer among women, and groundbreaking work in the field has demonstrated the importance of screening HIV-infected women for cervical cancer, especially in resource-poor countries of the world. Dr. Groesbeck Parham and his group from UAB/CIDRZ, using PEPFAR resources, have led the way in creating mechanisms to screen large numbers of women in Zambia, saving thousands of lives.

The UAB Zambia program also provides HIV testing to TB patients, and TB screening for all HIV patients in a comprehensive, integrated TB/HIV initiative.

I applaud the fine work UAB is doing, and I know that their service has saved thousands of lives. This is a prime example of the clear, positive results we have seen come about through PEPFAR, and one major reason I worked to ensure that new PEPFAR legislation preserves the focus on treatment that has undoubtedly contributed to its success.

I am proud of the role UAB has played on an international level in

striving to provide top-notch treatment, as well as research to continuously improve on that treatment for Alabama, the nation, and the world, over the past 20 years.●

#### HONORING DR. EPHRAIM ZUROFF

- Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to commend Dr. Ephraim Zuroff and the Simon Wiesenthal Center for their efforts to track down the last Nazi war criminals from World War II. Their work is enormously important, both in bringing the guilty to justice and preventing future acts of genocide. The statute of limitations does not, must not, expire on crimes against humanity. Earlier this year, I introduced the World War II War Crimes Accountability Act with Senator NELSON, which I hope will help Dr. Zuroff and the Simon Wiesenthal Center in their noble effort.

One of the main targets of this effort is Sandor Kepiro, who is charged with the 1942 killing of about 1,000 Jews, Gypsies, and Serbs in Novi Sad, Serbia. Kepiro allegedly committed these crimes while serving as a Hungarian police captain during World War II. He was convicted in 1944, but the verdict was annulled when the Nazis invaded Hungary. He was convicted again in 1946, in absentia, but escaped before serving his sentence. In 2007, a Hungarian court ruled that Kepiro could not be charged again for his alleged crimes. He is now living in Hungary, and the government continues to investigate the circumstances of his WWII activities. The Hungarian government must summon the political will to bring Kepiro to justice. Inaction is not an option.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center launched Operation: Last Chance in 2002, to identify and assist in the prosecution of the remaining Nazi war criminals still at large. Dr. Zuroff, who has been leading this effort, should be highly commended for his outstanding efforts in bringing the most guilty Nazis to justice. Of these, Kepiro is near the top of his list.

Even today, the crimes of people like Kepiro in the service of pro-Nazi regimes strain our understanding of hate. National Socialist Germany today is an icon remembered only for its brutality, its mantra of genocide, and its culture of racism. And those last Nazis, who are waiting out their last days under the coming twilight, must not be allowed to go quietly into the night, as did too many of their victims. For the souls that were lost, and even more for those that remain, there must be justice. I commend Dr. Zuroff and the Simon Wiesenthal Center in the highest possible terms, and urge the United States Government to do all it can to help them in their cause.●

#### RECOGNIZING JORDAN FINK

- Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Jordan Fink, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the state of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Jordan is a graduate of Tripp-Delmont High School in Tripp, SD. Currently he is attending South Dakota State University, where he is majoring in biology. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Jordan for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### RECOGNIZING JAMIE LOFTUS

- Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Jamie Loftus, an intern in my Rapid City, SD, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Jamie is a graduate of Stevens High School in Rapid City, SD. Currently he is attending Black Hills State University, where he is majoring in accounting. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Jamie for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### RECOGNIZING KELSEY MCKAY

- Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Kelsey McKay, an intern in my Rapid City, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Kelsey is a graduate of T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre, SD. Currently she is attending the College of Saint Benedict, where she is majoring in political science. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Kelsey for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### RECOGNIZING MICHAEL MERRY

- Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Michael Merry, an intern in my Washington, DC office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Michael is a graduate of Washington High School in Sioux Falls, SD. Currently he is attending the University of South Dakota, where he is majoring in

finance and economics. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Michael for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### RECOGNIZING SHARAYAH SLAUGHTER

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Sharayah Slaughter, an intern in my Rapid City, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Sharayah is currently a student at Douglas High School in Box Elder, SD. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Sharayah for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### RECOGNIZING ROBERT STORK

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Robert Stork, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Robert is a graduate of Washington High School in Sioux Falls, SD, and of the University of Iowa, where he majored in communication studies. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Robert for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### RECOGNIZING ALLISON VOELKER

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Allison Voelker, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Allison is a graduate of Canton High School in Canton, SD, and of Biola University, where she majored in psychology. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Allison for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### HONORING THE WINNER SCHOOL DISTRICT

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I honor the Winner School District for

being awarded the 2008 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. This award is the highest recognition given by the U.S. Government to employers for their outstanding support of their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

The Winner School District is one of only 15 employers nationwide to be honored with this prestigious award. The support, encouragement, and flexibility that they provide to their employees who are called to serve their country in the South Dakota National Guard illustrates their deservedness for this high honor. The Winner School District serves as a fine example of South Dakotans coming together to support the cause of freedom around the world. The Winner School District goes the extra mile to accommodate our servicemen and women and thus ensure a safer, more secure America.

Today, I rise with the entire State of South Dakota to commend the Winner School District for their commitment to serving our State and our Armed Forces.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, 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 sun nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:33 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. 674. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the provision of law requiring termination of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans as of December 31, 2009.

H.R. 1338. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4255. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to the Paralympic Program of the United States Olympic Committee, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6083. An act to authorize funding to conduct a national training program for State and local prosecutors.

H.R. 6208. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located

at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building".

H.R. 6221. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include in each contract the Secretary enters for the acquisition of goods and services a provision that requires the contractor to comply with the contracting goals and preferences for small business concerns owned or controlled by veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6225. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, relating to equitable relief with respect to a State or private employer, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6309. An act to amend the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 to define environmental intervention blood lead level, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6437. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North Texas Avenue in Odessa, Texas, as the "Corporal Alfred Mac Wilson Post Office".

H.R. 6633. An act to evaluate and extend the basic pilot program for employment eligibility confirmation and to ensure the protection of Social Security beneficiaries.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 3294. A bill to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission.

S. 3295. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide that the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, shall appoint administrative patent judges and administrative trademark judges, and for other purposes.

S. 3370. An act to resolve pending claims against Libya by United States nationals, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431 note), amended by section 681(b) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (22 U.S.C. 2651 note), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a two-year term ending May 14, 2010: Ms. Elizabeth H. Prodromou of Boston, Massachusetts, to succeed herself.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 1:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4040. An act to establish consumer product safety standards and other safety requirements for children's products and to reauthorize and modernize the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Pursuant to the order of today, August 1, 2008, the enrolled bill was signed by the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR).