

workers' rights. Barbara is a true leader, and her commitment to the Communication Workers of America, CWA, is more than worthy of recognition.

Barbara is the first woman ever to serve as CWA's secretary-treasurer—its second-highest office—and she has held the position for the past 16 years. She supervises the budget, finances, and strategic planning of the organization, and is responsible for the union's retiree program. The 700,000 men and women of the CWA have consistently reelected Barbara by acclamation, most recently in 2005.

In addition, Barbara has worked to advance the rights of women in the workplace. She serves on the board of the Union Network International, UNI, a 17-million member labor organization, and is president of the UNI World Women's Committee. For her accomplishments, Barbara has received the Women's Equity Action League Award, the International Women's Democracy Center Global Democracy Award, the Midwest Labor Press Association's Eugene V. Debs Award, and the Ellis Island American Legend Award.

While Barbara has displayed impressive achievements as secretary-treasurer of CWA, she has also found time to contribute to several other worthy organizations. She is cochair of the National Alliance to End Homelessness, a member of the Spinal Bifida Foundation and the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, and serves on the board of directors of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs and the Faith and Politics Institute. Barbara has displayed a commendable ability to advance the goals of each of these organizations and increase their impact.

Throughout her long and distinguished career, Barbara has worked to shatter the glass ceiling at the local, national, and international level. I am proud that she was honored last month before a record gathering of union women at the Women in Leadership Development Conference in East Brunswick, NJ. Whether striving to advance the rights of workers, serving as an advocate for women, or volunteering her time on behalf of countless organizations, Barbara has been a strong and effective leader. Barbara embodies the best of the union spirit and I thank her for her service and commitment to the CWA and workers across the country.●

HONORING SIGCO, INC.

● Ms. SNOWE, Madam President, today I honor a small, privately owned manufacturing business from my home State of Maine with a remarkable dedication to serving the customer. SIGCO, Inc., of Westbrook is a glass and architectural metal fabricator and distributor that exemplifies Maine's stellar manufacturing leadership in this Nation.

As ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship and cochair of the Senate Task Force on Manufacturing, I constantly see the vital impact that manufacturing has on the health of our Nation's economy. Small companies like SIGCO are absolutely crucial to our Nation's manufacturing sector competing in a global environment, as they account for roughly 99 percent of American manufacturers. This is why we must encourage and support the development of our Nation's small- and medium-sized manufacturers, and underscore the numerous accomplishments of SIGCO and similar firms.

Established in 1986, SIGCO inherited a proud tradition of craftwork from Soule Glass Industries, a firm that preceded SIGCO as the local leader in quality glass manufacturing and metal fabrication. SIGCO has demonstrated impressive growth in its operations throughout its history, and, in particular, over the past 4 years, by expanding from 55 employees to 85 and relocating to a newly opened 60,000 square-foot manufacturing facility. SIGCO produces and distributes architectural glass, frameless entrances, shower enclosures, aluminum entrances, acrylic, polycarbonate, and glazing supplies. The company also offers a 5-year warranty on all sealed insulating glass units. SIGCO's target clientele are contract glaziers, retail glass shops, and window manufacturers throughout New England who have come to trust SIGCO for its unrivaled craftsmanship and customer service.

SIGCO has demonstrated a consistency in both performance and financial strength, traits that have anchored the company in its achievement. Proof of SIGCO's accomplishments came when U.S. Glass magazine recognized the firm as one of the most influential companies in the glass and metal industry, followed up by the magazine naming company president David McElhinny as one of the trade's most influential people. Mr. McElhinny's leadership has contributed greatly to SIGCO's remarkable expansion, and his years of experience provide the company with a tremendously knowledgeable voice at the helm.

SIGCO is also known for its sophisticated production process. To promote efficiency, the company uses two industrial-type cutting lines in its plant. That said, SIGCO also offers individualized products upon customer requests. SIGCO notably uses an advanced edging process that creates clean, ground, or seamed edges for the appropriate type of glass. On top of the cutting and edging processes, SIGCO uses new, state-of-the-art equipment to drill holes and mill cutouts and notches. Additionally, SIGCO uses a convection tempering oven to perfect their heat-treated products. Among a select number of licensees of the

DecoTherm process, which allows companies to decorate glass without screen printing or sandblasting, SIGCO can customize designs on glass products to provide quality and unique products to each customer. Finally, SIGCO is one of only five U.S. distributors of Tubelite storefronts and entrances.

As former British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli poignantly observed, "The secret of success is constancy to purpose." SIGCO embodies Disraeli's definition of success by exhibiting a consistent dedication to its mission, as well as never sacrificing the excellence of its products as the company grows and expands. Proudly representing Maine's ongoing contribution to the manufacturing sector, SIGCO and its employees exemplify the hardwork and ingenuity for which Mainers are well-known. I wish David McElhinny and everyone at SIGCO the best, and look forward to their future endeavors.●

RECOGNIZING JIM ADAMS

● Mr. SUNUNU, Madam President, today I recognize Jim Adams, a Pittsfield, NH, resident who recently retired from a 35-year career with the United States Postal Service.

After bravely serving his country for 4 years in the United States Navy, Mr. Adams began his postal career as a Manchester mail carrier in 1973. During his 10 years in this position, Jim personified the Postal Service maxim, "neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds," through many difficult New Hampshire winters, and unpredictable New England summers.

During this time, Jim took night classes and earned a degree in business management from New Hampshire College which, along with his dedicated work ethic, helped propel him through the ranks of the Postal Service.

After 3 years in the management ranks of local New Hampshire post offices, Jim spent time in both Syracuse, NY, and Washington, DC, learning the ins and outs of the Nation's second largest employer. In 1992, Jim was selected as the executive assistant to the Postmaster General, becoming the first person ever to rise all the way through the ranks from an entry level craft position to attain that post.

In 1997, Jim returned home to New Hampshire as the district manager for customer service and sales, and in 2003, when the New Hampshire and Vermont Districts merged, Jim assumed the responsibility for both States. During this time, he oversaw 7,000 employees as they worked to ensure more than 6 million pieces of mail arrived on time throughout both New Hampshire and Vermont each day. In fact, over the last 4 years of his tenure, 98 percent of the mail in his district was delivered on time; and during the past 6 years,

New Hampshire has earned the highest customer service ratings in the Nation. All the while, Jim improved the district's safety record from worst in the Nation to tenth best.

For all of Jim's success, his shining professional moment will be his leadership during the anthrax crisis that plagued the Nation shortly after September 11, 2001. His personal involvement in handling the crisis helped calm the fears of postal workers and citizens alike, and he helped us all get through the fear and distress that went hand-in-hand with this highly volatile bioterrorist attack.

Over the course of his career, Jim had the opportunity to meet five Presidents and play a role in the development of several well recognized commemorative stamps, including the World War II, Elvis, and POW/MIA stamps. From a local boy delivering mail with 3-cent stamps in 1973, to a district manager overseeing a \$500 million budget in 2008—I would say that is a career well done.

Jim's well rounded operations and managerial experience gave him a unique and comprehensive view of the organization, which he was able to put to work for the benefit of the millions of postal customers in his district.

I have known Jim and his wife Sandra for many years and am sure they are looking forward to many relaxing years together with their children and grandchildren. He has dedicated himself to public service staying true to the ideal of placing the needs of others before those of yourself. Now I join with so many others in extending warm wishes as they begin a well deserved retirement together. ●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:26 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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5813. An act to amend Public Law 110-196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond April 18, 2008.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 71. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.

At 1:48 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. 4056. An act to establish an awards mechanism to honor Federal law enforcement officers injured in the line of duty.

H.R. 5493. An act to provide that the usual day for paying salaries in or under the House of Representatives may be established by regulations of the Committee on House Administration.

H.R. 5517. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7231 FM 1960 in Humble, Texas, as the "Texas Military Veterans Post Office".

H.R. 5570. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the special immigrant nonminister religious worker program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5719. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to conform return preparer penalty standards, delay implementation of withholding taxes on government contractors, enhance taxpayer protections, assist low-income taxpayers, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4056. An act to establish an awards mechanism to honor Federal law enforcement officers injured in the line of duty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 5517. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7231 FM 1960 in Humble, Texas, as the "Texas Military Veterans Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5719. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to conform return preparer penalty standards, delay implementation of withholding taxes on government contractors, enhance taxpayer protections, assist low-income taxpayers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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-5799. 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 "Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State and Zone Designations; Minnesota" (Docket No. APHIS-2008-0037) received on April 10, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5800. A communication from the Director of Selective Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two violations of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5801. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General William E. Mortensen, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5802. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Admiral William J. Fallon, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5803. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary

of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of (4) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5804. A communication from the Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the details of the Office's compensation plan for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5805. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's Annual Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5806. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (73 FR 14826) received on April 10, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5807. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; MT-Propeller Entwicklung GmbH Propellers" ((Docket No. 2004-NE-25)(RIN2120-AA64)) received on April 10, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5808. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Airplanes" ((Docket No. 2007-NM-070)(RIN2120-AA64)) received on April 10, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5809. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney PW 4164, PW4168, and PW4168A Turbofan Engines" ((Docket No. 2007-NE-04)(RIN2120-AA64)) received on April 10, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5810. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Inter-technique Zodiac Aircraft Systems, Oxygen Reserve Cylinders" ((Docket No. 2007-SW-02)(RIN2120-AA64)) received on April 10, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5811. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Robinson Helicopter Company Models R22, R22 Alpha, R22 Beta, R22 Mariner, R44 and R44 I Helicopters" ((Docket No. 2007-SW-04)(RIN2120-AA64)) received on April 10, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5812. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney PW4164, PW4168, and PW4168A Turbofan Engines" ((Docket No. 2007-NE-