

2008—almost 15 percent of these cases are expected to be terminal. Preventive measures, such as prostate specific antigen exams, blood pressure and cholesterol screens, and routine self-testing exams for these and other types of cancers that target men can lead to invaluable early detection that will increase the survival rates for such cancers by almost 100 percent.

In addition, I must reiterate the need for an Office of Men's Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to tackle many of these aforementioned issues. Last year, I introduced S. 640, the Men's Health Act, which would establish such an office. The Office on Women's Health in the department does a fantastic job of saving the lives of thousands of women and improving the lives of many more. Similarly, an Office of Men's Health would provide a support network that would reach out to all men on issues related to men's health.

In closing, I thank the Men's Health Network for hosting the 11th Annual Congressional Health Screenings. I hope that my colleagues and their staffs will take this unique opportunity to not only better their own health, but to encourage the people around them to do the same.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO MONROE ROTARY CLUB

• Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I wish to honor the Monroe Rotary Club, which is celebrating its 90th anniversary this month, and I would like to take a few moments to publicly recognize their great history.

The Rotary Club of Monroe was founded on April 29, 1918, with a membership of 31; however, they did not receive their charter until June of 1918. The stated purpose of the organization is to bring together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. In order to carry out its service programs, Rotary is structured in club, district, and international levels.

In furtherance of the goals of Rotary, the Rotary Club of Monroe has sponsored many local projects including, scholarships at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, Goodfellows, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Monroe Youth Baseball, The Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana, Camp Quality, The Salvation Army, and Girl's and Boy's State, to name a few. In addition they also sponsor Interact Clubs at Neville High School and River Oaks High School and sponsor two students each year to attend District 6190's Camp RYLA—Rotary Youth Leadership Award, a program for young people intended to de-

velop qualities of leadership, good citizenship, and personal development.

Each year the members of the Rotary Club of Monroe also open their homes to members of the Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange program. They have proudly participated in this program for many years hosting teams from India, France, Norway, England, Brazil, Australia, Scotland, Belgium, Japan, Austria and several other countries. Additionally many of their members have traveled abroad as a part of the Friendship Exchange, where Rotarians seek opportunities to visit other districts throughout the world.

Today, I applaud the Rotary Club of Monroe on their 90th anniversary and thank them for their continued service to the state of Louisiana and the rest of the world.●

#### NOTIFICATION OF THE DESIGNATION OF SHARA L. ARANOFF AS CHAIRMAN AND DANIEL PEARSON AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE JUNE 17, 2008—PM 52

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 Finance:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Consistent with the provisions of 19 U.S.C. 1330(c)(1), this is to notify the Congress that I have designated Shara L. Aranoff as Chairman and Daniel Pearson as Vice Chairman of the United States International Trade Commission, effective June 17, 2008.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 17, 2008.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) announced that on today, June 17, 2008, he had signed the following enrolled bills, which were previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 1245. An act to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capital Region.

S. 2516. An act to assist members of the Armed Forces in obtaining United States citizenship, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3179. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to authorize the use of Federal supply schedules for the acquisition of law enforcement, security, and certain other related items by State and local governments.

H.R. 3913. An act to amend the International Center Act to authorize the lease or sublease of certain property described in such Act to an entity other than a foreign government or international organization if certain conditions are met.

##### ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, June 17, 2008, she had

presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 1245. An act to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capital Region.

S. 2516. An act to assist members of the Armed Forces in obtaining United States citizenship, and for other purposes.

#### 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-6617. A communication from the Acting Assistant Director, Directives and Regulations Branch, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarifying Prohibitions for Failure to Maintain Control of Fires That Damage National Forest System Lands" (RIN0596-AC30) received on June 17, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6618. A communication from the General Counsel, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Procedures" (RIN0648-AS54) received on June 16, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6619. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, the final report for the Illinois River Basin Restoration Comprehensive Plan; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6620. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to new types of information that have been designated to be protected as "Safeguards Information"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6621. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Textiles and Apparel: Effects of Special Rules for Haiti on Trade Markets and Industries"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6622. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report by the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator on the Involvement of Faith-Based Organizations in the Global Fund to Fight AIDS; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6623. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a semi-annual report relative to the compliance of several countries with the freedom of emigration provisions of the 1974 Trade Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6624. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the U.S. military personnel and civilian contractors involved in the anti-narcotics campaign in Colombia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6625. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6626. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-403, "Omnibus Domestic Partnership Equality Amendment Act of 2008" received on June 13, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6627. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's recent appointment of members to the Wyoming Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6628. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's recent appointment of members to the Kentucky Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6629. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's recent appointment of members to the Florida Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-370. A resolution adopted by the North Carolina State Council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics expressing its support of the men and women of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-371. A resolution adopted by the Council of the Village of Elida, Ohio, expressing its opposition to H.R. 3359; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-372. A resolution adopted by the Commission of the City of Miami, Florida, urging Congress to grant temporary protective status to Haitians in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-373. A resolution adopted by the North Carolina State Council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics expressing its support for the establishment of the English language as the official language of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-374. A resolution adopted by the North Carolina State Council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics urging Congress to resolve the immigration issues; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-375. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to enact legislation limiting increases in health insurance premiums and other costs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 123

Whereas, H.R. 579, the Military Retirees Health Protection Act, and S. 604, the Military Health Care Protection Act, have been pending in the United States Congress since February of 2007; and

Whereas, S. 604 would bar the TRICARE Prime enrollment fee and TRICARE pharmacy copayments from being increased in any year by a percentage that exceeds the percentage increase in military retiree pay; and

Whereas, S. 604 also would bar any enrollment fee or any increase in the TRICARE

Standard or any increase in the TRICARE Standard inpatient copayments and would bar TRICARE Reserve Select premiums from being increased by a percentage that exceeds the most recent basic pay increases; and

Whereas, H.R. 579 contains similar provisions to limit certain increases in health insurance premiums, deductibles, copayments, and other charges of military retirees for their military health benefits; and

Whereas, career members in the uniformed services and their families endure unique and extraordinary demands and make extraordinary sacrifices over the course of twenty- to thirty-year careers in protecting freedom for all Americans; and

Whereas, the demands and sacrifices are such that few Americans are willing to bear or accept them for a multiyear career; and

Whereas, a primary benefit of enduring the extraordinary sacrifices inherent in a military career is a range of extraordinary retirement benefits that a grateful Nation provides for those who choose to subordinate much of their personal life for the national interest for so many years; and

Whereas, many private sector firms are curtailing health benefits and shifting significantly higher costs to their employees, and one effect of such curtailment is that retired members of the uniformed services are turning to health care services from the Department of Defense and its TRICARE program for the health care benefits in retirement that they earned by their service in uniform; and

Whereas, while the Department of Defense has made some efforts to contain increases in the cost of the TRICARE program, a large part of these efforts has been devoted to shifting a larger share of the costs of benefits under that program to retired members of the uniformed services; and

Whereas, the cumulative increase in enrollment fees, deductibles, and copayments being proposed by the Department of Defense for health care benefits under the TRICARE program far exceeds the thirty-three percent increase in military retired pay since such fees, deductibles, and copayments were first required on the part of retired members of the uniformed services eleven years ago; and

Whereas, proposals of the Department of Defense for increases in the enrollment fees, deductibles, and copayments of retired members of the uniformed services who are participants of the TRICARE program fail to recognize adequately that such members paid the equivalent of enormous in-kind premiums for health care in retirement through their extended sacrifices by service in uniform; and

Whereas, some of the nation's health care providers refuse to accept participants in the TRICARE program as patients because that program pays them significantly less than commercial insurance programs and imposes unique administrative requirements for health care services; and

Whereas, the Department of Defense and the Nation have a committed obligation to provide health care benefits to retired members of the uniformed services that exceeds the obligation of corporate employers to provide health care benefits to their employees; and

Whereas, the Department of Defense has many additional options to constrain the growth of health care spending in ways that do not disadvantage retired members of the uniformed services who participate in the TRICARE program and should pursue any and all such options rather than seek large increases for enrollment fees, deductibles,

and copayments for such retirees and their families or survivors who do participate in the program; and

Whereas, any percentage increase in fees, deductibles, and copayments that may be considered under the TRICARE program for retired members of the uniformed services and their families or survivors should not in any case exceed the percentage increase in military retired pay. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to enact legislation limiting certain increases in health insurance premiums, deductibles, copayments, and other charges of military retirees for their military health benefits being proposed by the Department of Defense. Be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-376. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island expressing its opposition to federal proposals to authorize increases in the size or weight of commercial motor vehicles; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 8296

Whereas, The State of Rhode Island is committed to protecting the safety of motorists on its highways and to protecting taxpayers' investment in our highway infrastructure; and

Whereas, The General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations resolved jointly to urge the Congress of the United States to oppose proposals to increase truck size or weight limitations in 1997 (Assembly Joint Resolution No. 8) and 2003 (Senate Joint Resolution No. 7) because of the threat that longer combination vehicles and other larger trucks present to highway safety; and

Whereas, There are proposals to include increases in the size or weight of commercial motor vehicles, including triple-trailer trucks, in legislation reauthorizing federal transportation funding, which will be considered in the United States Congress in 2009; and

Whereas, Recent events have focused public concern on the quality of our highway infrastructure, especially bridges; and

Whereas, Federal and state studies have found that increasing the size and weight of commercial motor vehicles may accelerate the deterioration of bridges and highway infrastructure; and

Whereas, The extent of damage to bridges that would be caused by operations of bigger and heavier commercial vehicles is unknown; and

Whereas, The 2007 National Bridge Inventory maintained by the Federal Highway Administration classified 53% of bridges in Rhode Island as having been rated structurally deficient or functionally obsolete; now, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby reaffirms its opposition to proposals, at all levels of government, that would authorize increases in the size and weight of commercial motor vehicles because of the impact that these increases would have on highway infrastructure, especially bridges; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to