

Cloud, MN; director of city operations, director of mail processing and manager of processing & distribution, Fargo, ND; postmaster, processing & distribution manager in Sioux Falls, SD; bulk mail center manager, Kansas City, KS, with his final assignment as Dakotas district manager in Sioux Falls. He received PCES Superior Achievement awards in 2006 and 2007, as well as the "Above and Beyond" award given by the National Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve for his strong support of our Nation's military.

Clem has witnessed numerous changes within the Postal Service during his career. He provided dedicated and tireless service and contributed greatly to the betterment of the organization. Throughout his service, he has always been committed to those tried and true missions and mottos of the Postal Service: "To provide postal services to bind the nation together through the personal, educational, literary and business correspondence of the people. It shall provide prompt, reliable and efficient services to patrons and render services to all communities" and "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." As Dakotas district manager, Clem has helped guide postal customers and postal employees through various challenges. Technological advances have put the emphasis of some postal duties on machines rather than manpower and many small community post offices have been forced to close or reduce services.

Clem has approached these challenges and changing times with the utmost level of professionalism, dedication and a sense of humor. I have appreciated the level of response from Clem and his staff over the years and I commend him for his great public service career. I wish Clem all the best in his retirement and again thank him for his dedicated service to the U.S. Postal Service. ●

TRIBUTE TO GREG HARMON

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I recognize a public servant from my home State of South Dakota. Greg Harmon is retiring from the National Weather Service, NWS, after 37 years of Federal service, including the last 20 years as the meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service in Sioux Falls, SD.

During his many years at the National Weather Service, Greg always displayed a steadfast awareness of the effect the weather has on everyone. Greg began his career as a summer intern with the NWS in Eugene, OR, before becoming the fire weather program manager for the western region in Salt Lake, UT.

During his many years at the National Weather Service, Greg always displayed a steadfast awareness of the impact of weather on the citizens of South Dakota. Greg and his staff have utilized their collective expertise to educate and inform South Dakotans on the general aspects of the weather but have also provided expert guidance in times of extreme weather events, from tornadoes and hail to floods and blizzards.

As an example of Greg's work and leadership, I recall the events of May 30, 1998, when a violent tornado struck the small town of Spencer, SD. The event killed six residents and almost destroyed the entire community. Just before the tornado hit Spencer, the warning siren was silenced when electrical power to the community was cut off. Following the tornado, I initiated efforts at the Federal level to fund a weather radio network to cover much of South Dakota's population and geography. The NOAA weather radio can be the most effective warning system, but at the time of the Spencer event only a few larger communities had the system. Greg became my partner in helping to educate the general public on the importance of the weather radio and in helping to expand the communications system so that most of the State could receive the weather radio signal.

During his years of public service, Greg has witnessed many changes in the development of weather observation and climate forecasts. His skills, professional attitude and dedication to his work has been a shining example to our community and our state. It is my hope that Greg leaves the National Weather Service post knowing he greatly impacted the lives of many people by the protection of life and property during adverse weather conditions.

I wish Greg all the best in his retirement. ●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:14 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 3817. An act to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978, and the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 to reauthorize the Acts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5591. An act to designate the airport traffic control tower located at Spokane International Airport in Spokane, Washington, as the "Ray Daves Airport Traffic Control Tower".

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

At 5:01 p.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 bills, without amendment:

S. 1275. An act to establish a National Foundation on Physical Fitness and Sports to carry out activities to support and supplement the mission of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

S. 1448. An act to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to authorize the Coquille Indian Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw, the Klamath Tribes, and the Burns Paiute Tribe to obtain 99-year lease authority for trust land.

S. 1609. An act to authorize a single fisheries cooperative for the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands longline catcher processor subsector, and for other purposes.

S. 2906. An act to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to modify a provision relating to leases involving certain Indian tribes.

S. 3794. An act to amend chapter 5 of title 40, United States Code, to include organizations whose membership comprises substantially veterans as recipient organizations for the donation of Federal surplus personal property through State agencies.

S. 3984. An act to amend and extend the Museum and Library Services Act, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1061) to transfer certain land to the United States to be held in trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, to place land into trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, and for other purposes.

At 5:59 p.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. 6516. An act to make technical corrections to provisions of law enacted by the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010.

At 7:02 p.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. 6510. An act to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Houston, Texas, to the Military Museum of Texas, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 6510. An act to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Houston, Texas, to the Military Museum of Texas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2159, and placed on the calendar: