

us pass the most comprehensive trade bill in more than 14 years. The Trade Act of 2002, as most people know, included not only Trade Promotion Authority and Trade Adjustment Assistance, but also an extension and expansion of the Andean Trade Preference Act and the Generalized System of Preferences.

Ted worked on most of these issues, but his work on the Andean trade bill and the provisions in TPA dealing with investor-state dispute settlement deserve particular mention. Especially on the issue of investment, Ted deserves great praise. This is a complicated and divisive issue. And Ted worked with all parties to come up with ideas that could win bipartisan support.

Like many staff on Capitol Hill, Ted is an extraordinarily hard worker. But the consistent thread in all of Ted's work that separates him from so many is that he constantly strives for perfection. That is something that is rare, and it is something that has earned him my great respect.

Now Ted is moving on to the office of the U.S. Trade Representative, where he will be Associate General Counsel. I have no doubt that Ted will be a great litigator, and I have full confidence in his representing the United States at the World Trade Organization.

I thank Ted for his efforts and wish him good luck in the future.●

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. SISEL KLURMAN

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Madam President, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Mrs. Sisel Klurman for being honored by the Florida Friends of Bar-Ilan University and setting the standards for "Women and Entrepreneurship: From Adversity to Achievement."

Bar-Ilan, Israel's largest university, is a leading academic institution with over 30,000 students and extensive disciplines. Mrs. Klurman is a founder of the Rabbi Emanuel Rackman International Center for Women and has been a benefactor to the University. Her affiliation with Bar-Ilan University is based on the University's philosophy that blends its unique formula of tradition with modern technologies and scholarship.

Mrs. Klurman was raised with a true love and appreciation for her Jewish culture and tradition by her parents and grandparents. In 1944 she and her husband, Shmuel Aba, opened a way to safely smuggle Holocaust survivors from Poland to Chernowitz and, ultimately, to Israel. During the next few years, Sisel and Sam worked intensely with underground organizations fighting for the liberation of Israel and working with new immigrants. Their drive and inspiration led them to focus on perpetuating the importance of Jewish identity and education. They began to support many causes, with broad outreach, in support of Jewish education.

Today, Mrs. Klurman supports Jewish education, health and welfare

throughout the United States and Israel. She serves on many national boards, including Bar-Ilan University.

As a businesswoman, Mrs. Klurman is President of Ganot Corporation, a real estate and development company, and president of AG Holdings, Inc., operators of nursing and rehabilitation centers. Founded by her late husband, both companies have flourished under her leadership.

With all of her accomplishments and achievements, Mrs. Klurman is most proud of her family. Her four daughters, six grandchildren and their spouses, and five great grandchildren bring her endless pride and joy.

Mrs. Klurman has proven that adversity can embody accomplishment. Her drive, commitment and leadership are a motivation to all women.●

COMMENDING MR. OTOK BEN-HVAR

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, I rise today to commend and honor New Hampshire resident Mr. Otok Ben-Hvar for his achievement in serving his country and spreading the message of patriotism and unity in the United States and throughout the world.

As a retired U.S. Army, 82nd Airborne Division paratrooper, Mr. Ben-Hvar has served as an ambassador of American goodwill for more than 25 years. He has traveled throughout the world to deliver toys and trinkets to poor, young children, many of whom are victims of war. During the Balkan War, Mr. Ben-Hvar spent months in Bosnia and Croatia delivering toys, food, clothing and medical supplies to those in need. His tireless effort, while on the front lines of battle, earned him status as the first American to receive honorary citizenship in Croatia. He has been nicknamed "America's Santa to the World," and I can think of no more appropriate title to match his kind and heroic deeds.

Mr. Ben-Hvar has returned to embark on a mission to plant America's first National Tree. Collecting and using the native soil of every American state, territory and commonwealth, as well as Washington, D.C., Mr. Ben-Hvar planted and nurtured the seed of his 'American Tree'. Since its planning in 1999, Mr. Ben-Hvar has escorted the tree, a sugar maple, to each of the states and territories from whence its soil came—a trip of 103,928 miles, taking close to three years.

The tree brings with it a great message of national harmony, and has been treasured by those who see it. This gesture of patriotism and unity from Mr. Ben-Hvar truly deserves to be honored—which is why I am sharing his effort with the Senate today, and asking the President to respond to his request to have the tree permanently planted on the White House lawn. This tree will stand as a testament to the great strength and character of our nation.

My home state of New Hampshire is renowned for its forested beauty. How-

ever, Mr. Ben-Hvar's tree indeed belongs to the entire United States. It is my distinct honor to represent Mr. Otok Ben-Hvar in the United States Senate and to recognize him now for his tribute to our country.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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 sundry nominations and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

NOTICE STATING THAT THE EMERGENCY DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN ON NOVEMBER 14, 1979 IS TO CONTINUE BEYOND NOVEMBER 14, 2002—PM 118

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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice, stating that the Iran emergency declared by Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979, is to continue in effect beyond November 14, 2002, to the Federal Register for publication. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the Federal Register on November 13, 2001, (66 FR 59666).

Our relations with Iran have not yet returned to normal, and the process of implementing the January 19, 1981, agreements with Iran is still underway. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared on November 14, 1979, with respect to Iran, beyond November 14, 2002.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, November 12, 2002.