

officially known as Wally Conerly Day in the State of Mississippi.

Dr. A. Wallace Conerly recently retired from the positions of Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and Dean of the School of Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

I have worked closely with Dr. Conerly since he was appointed Dean of the School of Medicine, and I am both proud and grateful that Mississippians can claim Dr. Conerly as one of our own.

While I could spend hours going over Dr. Conerly's record of service and accomplishments in detail, I would like to take a few moments to touch on some of the highlights that are most impressive to me. Dr. Conerly has served as a faculty member of the University of Mississippi Medical Center for the past 30 years. He assumed an appointment as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs in 1981 before being appointed as Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and Dean of the School of Medicine in 1994.

As the chief executive officer of the State's only academic health sciences center, he leads an institution that employs more than 7200 people and has an annual budget of more than \$610 million. He is also the chief architect of the Medical Center's ongoing expansion program, the largest in the history of Mississippi higher education. Phase I, completed in 1999 and totaling \$211 million, included a new children's hospital, a new women and infant's hospital, a building for the School of Health-Related Professions, an addition to the School of Nursing, a student union, two parking garages and an imaging center. A second \$124 million construction phase is currently underway and includes a critical care hospital, a new adult hospital, a classroom addition, a children's hospital addition, and an expansion to the Arthur C. Guyton Research Complex. It has been my honor to work with Dr. Conerly in support of this ambitious endeavor.

Dr. Conerly has served not only the medical community of Mississippi honorably, but also the United States Air Force. For his service, he was the recipient of the United States Air Force Flight Surgeon of the Year Award in 1962 and the United States Air Force Commendation Medal in 1963. He was honorably discharged in 1966 at the rank of major.

As you might imagine, Dr. Conerly is also active in the Jackson community. He has served on the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross, Mississippi Chapter, and the Capital Area United Way. He has been President of the Rotary Club of Jackson and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the University Club. In 2001 the Mississippi Division of the Multiple Sclerosis Society honored Dr. Conerly and the Medical Center with its 2001 Hope Award, an award given annually for outstanding community contributions. He also received Millsaps College's "Alumnus of

the Year" award in 2002, and he and his wife were recognized as the 2002 People of Vision by Preserve Sight Mississippi.

As I am sure you can see, Dr. Conerly has distinguished himself both personally and professionally, and he has been a valued asset to Mississippi. His record of service is not only a testament to his professional skill, but also to the quality of his personal character. He is most deserving of having this day named in honor of him, and I felt it was appropriate that I share this brief record of his contributions to Mississippi with all of you here today. ●

#### 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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

#### PERIODIC REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO NATIONAL UNION FOR THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA (UNITA) DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 12865 OF SEPTEMBER 26, 1993—PM 25

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:*

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I am providing a 6-month report prepared by my Administration on the national emergency with respect to the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) that was declared in Executive Order 12865 of September 26, 1993.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 19, 2003.

#### FIRST BIENNIAL FEDERAL OCEAN AND COASTAL ACTIVITIES REPORT—PM 26

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 Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

*To The Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with section 5 of the Oceans Act of 2000 (33 U.S.C. 857-19), I transmit herewith the first biennial Federal Ocean and Coastal Activities Report as prepared by my Administration.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 19, 2003.

#### REPORT ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS AFFILIATED AGENCIES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2001—PM 27

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 Foreign Relations:

*To The Congress of the United States:*

I am pleased to transmit herewith a report prepared by my Administration on the participation of the United States in the United Nations and its affiliated agencies during the calendar year 2001. The report is required by the United Nations Participation Act (Public Law 264, 79th Congress).

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 19, 2003.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:53 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, 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. 145. An act to designate the Federal building located at 290 Broadway in New York, New York, as the "Ted Weiss Federal Building".

H.R. 868. An act to amend section 527 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 to require that certain claims for expropriation by the Government of Nicaragua meet certain requirements for purposes of the prohibition on foreign assistance to that government.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 26. Concurrent resolution condemning the punishment of execution by stoning as a gross violation of human rights, 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. 868. An act to amend section 527 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 to require that certain claims for expropriation by the Government of Nicaragua meet certain requirements for purposes of the prohibition on foreign assistance to that government; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 26. Concurrent resolution condemning the punishment of execution by stoning as a gross violation of human rights,