

After teaching at Linden High School for two years, she began working full time for the Democrat Reporter where she served as managing editor.

Together, Jean and Goodloe worked as a husband-and-wife reporting team. In the 1990s, they successfully exposed corruption and a drug ring involving the Marengo County Sheriff's office, amid death threats and intense pressure throughout their community. Their investigative reporting led to an FBI investigation and the conviction of the county's sheriff in 1997.

Jean also found time to raise a family. She and Goodloe raised two exceptional sons. Their son, Howard Goodloe, is a graduate of Auburn University and I am pleased to have him as a member of my staff. He has served as my State Director since 2000. And, William Robert Sutton attends Southern Union Community College.

Jean Sutton was a good friend, a leader in the Linden community, and a role model for investigative journalists. Her tremendous courage, her hard work and sacrifices on behalf of her readers, and her dedication to her family serve as an example of excellence for every reporter, parent and citizen. She will be greatly missed by many.●

PRESIDENT OF THE ARIZONA FARM BUREAU RETIRES

● Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I would like to say a few words to my colleagues about a respected Arizonan, Ken Evans, who is stepping down as president of the Arizona Farm Bureau on November 1.

Ken has been a community leader, farmer, rancher, businessman, and agriculturist in my state of Arizona for many decades. As president of the Farm Bureau for the last 11 years, he has been an outstanding spokesman for the agricultural community. He has helped both the agricultural producers and the consumers of Arizona with his energetic leadership. His aid and advice were invaluable to me and other policymakers, both in the state and here in Washington.

I express my thanks for his service and wish him success in all of his future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO CHARLEEN COMBS AND BOB HARRIS

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today in the Senate to honor and pay tribute to Charleen Combs and Bob Harris for each being named the Kentucky Small Business Person of the Year.

Almost 20 years ago, Charleen Combs and Bob Harris found themselves in a quandary. Their employer had been sold and was downsizing, but Charleen and Bob used this setback as a catalyst to strike out independently and started planning the formation for their own software development company. In Harlan, KY in 1983, Charleen and Bob established Data Futures Inc. Today, it

has carved its own sizable niche, producing and providing administrative software to K-12 school districts and health care facilities throughout Kentucky and other states.

Data Futures is an outstanding example of how two Kentuckians used their entrepreneurial talent, drive and vision to create opportunities not just for themselves, but for others. What began as a humble home-based computer services business almost 20 years ago is now a leading developer of management systems software for school districts in at least seven States.

Eastern Kentucky is fortunate to have Data Future as a home-based business. But more importantly, it is fortunate to have Charleen and Bob call Eastern Kentucky home. I appreciate their loyalty to Kentucky and their community. They have been a shining example of leadership, hard work, and compassion. They are an inspiration to all throughout the Commonwealth. Congratulations, Charleen and Bob. You are Kentucky at its finest.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT ILLINOIS COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

● Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I recognize and honor the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities as it celebrates its 100th anniversary.

Founded in Chicago, the oldest private college association in the Nation has evolved from a social organization for college presidents to a dynamic advocacy organization representing 55 Illinois private colleges and universities, enrolling over 160,000 students and employing over 60,000 professional and support staff.

Headquartered in Springfield, IL, the mission of the Federation is to safeguard the interests of the member institutions and their students and to promote standards for excellence in higher education. The Federation will formally celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding on November 11, 2003.

Under the leadership of Chairman Curtis L. McCray and President Donald E. Fouts, the Federation has taken a leading role in working to address higher education issues throughout Illinois.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities on their 100th anniversary. It is my hope and expectation that in the next 100 years the Federation will continue to create and expand college opportunities for students from Illinois and across the country.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARIZONA BANKERS ASSOCIATION

● Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I rise today to note that the Arizona Bankers Association

will commemorate its 100th anniversary next month—on November 13.

The Arizona Bankers Association was founded in 1903 by bankers from across what was still known as the Arizona Territory. The association was established to represent Arizona's diverse banking industry as it developed and grew to meet the financial needs of the early settlers. While at first its members served a sparsely populated territory, they now serve on the fastest growing States in the Nation. today, the Arizona Bankers Association represents banks of all sizes from every corner of our great State, employing over 10,500 people.

The Arizona Bankers Association's success and longevity are testament to the commitment and dedication of the banks and bankers who comprise its membership. The tremendous economic growth that draws so many people from other parts of the country to Arizona is due, in no small part, to the financial services and capital that are provided through the association's member banks. These institutions have nearly \$3 billion outstanding in loans to small business and some \$42 billion in total loans and leases.

To the member institutions of the Arizona Bankers Association, I offer my best wishes on achieving this impressive milestone and on beginning their second century of advocacy, service, and leadership. I look forward to continuing to work with them to provide Arizonans and Arizona's businesses with the financial services and credit that will lead the state to even greater prosperity in the years ahead.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 11:12 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1474. An act to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3229. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to transfer to the Public Printer the authority over the individuals responsible for preparing indexes of the Congressional Record, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills previously signed by the Speaker of the House, were signed on today, by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 3:07 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3289. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan

for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

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-295. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to low-interest loans for military personnel called to active duty; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 283

Whereas, The recent events in our country have served to remind us of the degree to which our nation relies upon the sacrifices of our men and women in the military. With the call to active duty of thousands of members of National Guard and reserve units for overseas deployment and an increasing range of domestic security assignments, it is clear that our military strength is rooted in both the professional ranks and those working in civilian life while serving as ready reserves; and

Whereas, The men and women called to active duty to help the country respond to a crisis such as we have faced since September 11, 2001, do so at great cost to their families and, often, their careers. The uncertain length of the activation in the current situation can make the return to active duty a devastating blow to the finances of a family or a small business. When the person called to duty is the primary breadwinner in a family, for example, as is often the case, the family can face many difficulties. The mortgage payments, food and utility bills, and costs of raising children do not go away when the regular paycheck is replaced by a military paycheck that is usually far less; and

Whereas, While it would be impossible to cover the entire burden facing many families, it would be helpful for the federal government to do all it can to address this issue. A low-interest loan program for those whose active duty pay is less than civilian levels can provide short-term help with the monthly bills. For families who have sent someone to fight terrorism, whether overseas or on assignments at airports or border crossings, this would be an appropriate step to take: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the house of representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to provide a program of low-interest loans for military personnel called to active duty; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-296. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Vermont relative to the Vermont National Guard; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SENATE RESOLUTION 19

Whereas, within days of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, DC, the nation's governors activated National Guard soldiers and airmen to augment security at 422 of the nation's international airports; and

Whereas, in true state-federal partnership, National Guard forces are providing aerial port security under the command and control of the sovereign states, territories, and the District of Columbia and the federal gov-

ernment is funding such duties "in the service of the United States" under title 32 of the United States Code, section 502(f), hereinafter referred to as "title 32 duty"; and

Whereas, title 32 duty has been used, inter alia, for more than twenty years for National Guard full-time staffing; for National Guard support for local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies under governors' counter-drug plans for more than twelve years; for National Guard civil support team technical assistance for local first responders for more than two years; and for aerial port security following the attacks of September 11; and of particular note, the National Guard counter-drug program has long included title 32 support for United States Customs, Border Patrol, and Immigration and Naturalization Service activities at United States ports of entry; and

Whereas, in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks, increased security and inadequate federal staffing have limited the flow of persons, goods, and services across our nation's borders, and these factors have contributed to a serious weakening of the American and Canadian economies, especially in states such as Vermont; and

Whereas, the governors of northern tier border states wrote President Bush in November 2001 offering to provide title 32 National Guard augmentation for United States Customs, Border Patrol, and Immigration and Naturalization Service operations at United States ports of entry, and such relief could have been, and still can be, effected within days of acceptance by the federal government; and

Whereas, there is still no relief at our borders due to inaction on the governors' offer of title 32 National Guard assistance and conflicting Department of Defense proposals to federalize the National Guard or otherwise enhance border security with active duty military personnel instead of title 32 National Guard members; and

Whereas, federalizing the National Guard under title 10 U.S.C. would degrade the combat readiness of units from which guardsmen would be mobilized, interfere with effective state force management, and prevent personal accommodations for soldiers and their civilian employers; and

Whereas, stationing federal military forces at the United States-Canada border would be an unprecedented unilateral action by the United States; and

Whereas, the nation's border states need prompt relief which can best be provided by title 32 National Guard forces being deployed to assist lead federal agencies at the borders "in the service of the United States"; but under continued state command and control; and

Whereas, the Vermont State Senate opposes federalization of the National Guard or assignment of federal military forces for United States border security: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the Senate of the State of Vermont respectfully requests that Congress assure prompt augmentation of lead federal agencies at the borders by accepting the governors' offer of National Guard forces under state command and control pursuant to 32 U.S.C. sec. 502(f), and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send copies of this resolution to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Vermont.

POM-297. A resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Friendswood of the State of Texas relative to the Corps of Engi-

neers General Reevaluation Report on Clear Creek; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-298. A resolution adopted by the California State Lands Commission opposing inclusion in any energy bill of a requirement that the Department of the Interior prepare a comprehensive inventory of oil and gas resources in the outer continental shelf and use harmful seismic testing; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-299. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington relative to cleanup of the Hanford Reservation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ENGROSSED SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8023

Whereas, The Hanford Reservation in Southeast Washington state presents an unprecedented environmental cleanup challenge resulting from decades of defense production that served to bring an early end to World War II and to keep our nation safe during the Cold War years; and

Whereas, The Hanford Reservation is located near the Columbia River, which irrigates our farmland and is the lifeblood of Washington state; and

Whereas, It is imperative that cleanup of the Hanford Reservation be sustained and completed as expeditiously as possible to preserve the integrity of the environment and the safety of generations to come; and

Whereas, Significant cleanup progress is being made at Hanford, including decommissioning and deactivating more than 35 buildings; resolving safety issues associated with Hanford's 177 underground waste storage tanks; stabilizing plutonium in the Plutonium Finishing Plant; moving spent nuclear fuel out of the K-Basins and away from the river to safer storage in the central plateau; shipping transuranic waste to New Mexico for permanent storage; and moving 600,000 tons of contaminated soil away from the river; and

Whereas, The President's proposed fiscal year 2003 budget threatens the cleanup effort and jeopardizes the Department of Energy's ability to comply with federal and state laws and meet the compliance commitments set forth in the Tri-Party Agreement between the State of Washington, The United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the United States Department of Energy; and

Whereas, Budget-driven delays in Hanford cleanup activities will compromise the success of the project resulting in greater costs to taxpayers, another in a string of broken promises, and public outrage at this continuing, unaddressed threat to public health and the environment; Now, therefore

Your Memorialists respectfully pray that you fully fund the needs of a sustained environmental cleanup in keeping with federal and state laws and the Tri-Party Agreement, and providing for the protection of the great Columbia River and the citizens of the state of Washington, be it

Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Energy, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

POM-300. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington relative to support for an oil spill prevention tugboat in the Strait of Juan de Fuca; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8004

Whereas, The marine waters located in the Strait of Juan de Fuca between the State of Washington and Canada are some of the