

other professionals, students, and young people with whom he comes into contact each year through institutions such as the IIE, the Economic Club of New York, the Foreign Policy Association, the Fellows of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, and U.S. Council for International Business.

He's not a proselytizer, nor is his style preachy. The soft-spoken Mr. Russo learned the art of subtlety from his late father, Lucio, a Staten Island lawyer who was also a member of the state Assembly for 22 years. He also learned forthrightness and resourcefulness from his late mother, Tina, who encouraged him to get summer jobs on the floor of the American Stock Exchange; it was his mother who elicited his continuing involvement with the March of Dimes, where he's vice chairman. (His parents died in a car accident last year.)

"I figured out early in life that success is a matter of focus and energy," Mr. Russo said. "If you find something that you like to do, then you've got to do it with all your passion."

It's an attitude that helped him ace undergraduate studies at Fordham University, and Cornell University, where he earned an MBA as well as a law degree. Mr. Russo was also elected to the honor societies Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi. It's an attitude that helped him distinguish himself as a young lawyer at the SEC, which he joined after Cornell.

It's an attitude that helped him become partner and member of the management committee of the prestigious law firm Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft. And it's an attitude that most certainly helped land him the job of the first director of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's Division of Trading and Markets. (Mr. Russo is also the author of two books on federal securities and commodities laws, and frequently writes for trade and mainstream publications on commodities, securities, banking, and financial market regulation.)

His career has fetched him numerous honors. The National Law Journal listed him as one of the "100 Most Influential Lawyers in America." Not long ago, Mr. Russo was an inaugural inductee into the Futures Industry Association Hall of Fame. These honors are to be savored, of course, but Mr. Russo isn't one to brag about them. During lunch, in fact, he credited his colleagues and parents, and averred: "I've been enormously lucky in my life."

There's one aspect of his luck that Mr. Russo chooses to highlight—his wife, Marcy, who helps run a Jewish educational foundation; and his children: twin daughters Alexa and Morgan, 15, and son Tyler, 9.

The reporter obtained a sense of how much Mr. Russo's family shares his dedication to education and cultural bridge-building—which he said were essential not only for sustaining America's economic might but also for engendering enhanced awareness overseas of the homespun values of tolerance, friendship, and hospitality that serve as underpinnings of American society.

On the evening after the lunch with Mr. Russo, he'd invited several young Fulbright scholars from Iraq, India, China, Syria, and other countries to his Fifth Avenue apartment for a reception. The view of Central Park was stunning; the food was scrumptious. But the highlight of the evening was clearly violin renditions of Bach by Alexa and Morgan, accompanied on the piano by their fellow student from the Dalton School, Gennifer Tsoi.

They often give such performances, Mr. Russo said, they visit senior citizens' homes and hospices to give comfort and spread good will through their music. The reporter thought: Like father, like daughters. ●

## 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.)

## MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:12 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the resolution (H. Con. Res. 95) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House, Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. RYUN of Kansas.

The message also announced that the House disagree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1268) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, and for other purposes, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. REGULA, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. WOLF, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. WALSH, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. OBEY, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. DICKS, Mr. SABO, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. VISCLOSKY, Mrs. LOWEY and Mr. EDWARDS.

At 3:00 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. 28. An act to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991.

H.R. 749. An act to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to provide expanded access

for persons in the field of membership of a Federal credit union to money order, check cashing, and money transfer services.

H.R. 1158. An act to reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988.

H.R. 1236. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 750 4th Street in Sparks, Nevada, as the "Mayor Tony Armstrong Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 1524. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 124333 Antioch Road in Overland Park, Kansas, as the "Ed Eilert Post Office Building".

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

H. Con. Res. 41. Concurrent resolution recognizing the second century of Big Brothers Big Sisters, and supporting the mission and goals of that organization.

H. Con. Res. 96. Concurrent resolution recognizing the significance of African American women in the United States scientific community.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 101(f)(3) of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-170), and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Speaker appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: Mr. J. Russell Doumas of Columbia, Missouri to a 4-year term.

The message also announced that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 188a, and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Mr. LEWIS of California.

The message further announced that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 188a, and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Minority Leader appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Ms. KAPTUR of Ohio.

## MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 28. An act to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 749. An act to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to provide expanded access for persons in the field of membership of a Federal credit union to money order, check cashing, and money transfer services; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1158. An act to reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1236. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 750 4th Street in Sparks, Nevada, as the "Mayor Tony Armstrong Memorial Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.