

experience and knowledge of those programs proved invaluable during the transition period.

Mr. Reiners is a man of passion and integrity who takes his responsibility to South Dakota veterans very seriously. It will be difficult to find someone more knowledgeable than Mr. Reiners on the wide array of benefit and resource programs available to veterans. My staff has worked with Gale and his colleagues at the regional office in Sioux Falls on numerous issues impacting veterans and their families. Gale always addressed each inquiry with professionalism. I commend his dedication and commitment to making sure every veteran's case or question was always handled in a timely manner.

The State of South Dakota will miss Gale Reiners' leadership. After 35 years of service, Mr. Reiners will be spending more time with his wife Patty, and their 4 children. It is with great honor that I share his impressive accomplishments with my colleagues, and I thank him for his service to this Nation and its veterans.●

IN RECOGNITION OF FERNANDO VALENZUELA

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am very pleased to take a few moments to recognize the many important accomplishments of Fernando Valenzuela, former pitcher, current radio broadcast announcer and long time member of the Los Angeles Dodgers family.

Fernando Valenzuela has been an amazing asset to the Los Angeles community. He has enriched the lives of many young children through their participation in the Amigos de Fernando children's program—an innercity youth program he founded that is designed to reward underprivileged children for their positive and active involvement in community sports teams.

For the third consecutive Major League Baseball season, the Amigos de Fernando children's program, with support from the Los Angeles Dodgers, has continued to assist local children's groups. Through their efforts, innercity children's groups receive assistance in continuing to guide and positively influence the children they service. The Amigos de Fernando children's program has provided nearly 1,000 young people of the City of Los Angeles with new and positive experiences that would have otherwise been unavailable to them.

Fernando Valenzuela began his career with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1979. Since his rookie year in Major League Baseball, he has reached many notable accomplishments including honors as Rookie of the Year in 1981 and the highly coveted Cy Young Award—presented to each league's most outstanding pitcher—also in 1981. In addition to his many personal accomplishments, Fernando also played a significant role in achieving many team distinctions and championships, including the National League Pennant

and World Series Championships for the 1981 and 1988 seasons. After a brief absence from the Los Angeles area, Fernando rejoined the Los Angeles Dodgers organization in 2003 as a member of the Spanish-Language radio commentator team, providing his expertise and views to countless fans.

I invite all of my colleagues to join me and the children of the City of Los Angeles in commending Fernando Valenzuela for his great leadership and service to the community through the Amigos de Fernando. His efforts are truly worthy of this recognition.●

THE PASSING OF SANDRA FELDMAN

● Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I rise to remember and celebrate the incredible life and legacy of Sandra Feldman, a past president of the American Federation of Teachers, who passed away on Monday at the age of 66 after a long battle with breast cancer.

Ms. Feldman was truly a trailblazer for education. She dedicated her life to enhancing educational opportunities for our youth, to bettering the lives of educators and to fighting for civil rights for workers, women and minorities.

Feldman grew up poor in Brooklyn, NY. She credited the public schools and libraries for "creating her future" and instilling in her a love of education. She spent her entire life enriching the lives of others.

In the 1960s, she fought for civil rights, participating in the Freedom Rides and the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. She later became a leader in the protection of various workers' rights movements in New York, including representation of nurses and teachers. In 1997, Feldman became the president of the American Federation of Teachers, one of the largest unions representing our teachers in this country, with 1.3 million members, including 4,800 in Colorado,

As president of the American Federation of Teachers, Ms. Feldman advocated for early childhood education, greater investment in public education and greater emphasis on high standards and accountability. Feldman was nationally recognized as a champion of universal preschool for young children, extended kindergarten for disadvantaged youngsters, and redesigning schools to promote academic achievement. Many of Feldman's proposals, which were implemented on the State and Federal level, positively changed the lives of youth.

I commend and honor the life of Sandra Feldman, who stood and fought for civil rights, workers' rights, and education. She was the epitome of a public

servant and we are all better because of her life. Sandra Feldman will be missed.●

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO PERSONS WHO COMMIT, THREATEN TO COMMIT, OR SUPPORT TERRORISM THAT WAS DECLARED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 13224—PM 23

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 to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism is to continue in effect beyond September 23, 2005. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the *Federal Register* on September 22, 2004 (69 FR 56923).

The crisis constituted by the grave acts of terrorism and threats of terrorism committed by foreign terrorists, including the terrorist attacks in New York, in Pennsylvania, and against the Pentagon committed on September 11, 2001, and the continuing and immediate threat of further attacks on United States nationals or the United States that led to the declaration of a national emergency on September 23, 2001, has not been resolved. These actions pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism, and maintain in force the comprehensive sanctions to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 21, 2005.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 10:18 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3649. An act to ensure funding for sportfishing and boating safety programs