

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

funded out of the Highway Trust Fund through the end of fiscal year 2005, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President Pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 10:45 a.m., message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, 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. 394. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a boundary study to evaluate the significance of the Colonel James Barrett Farm in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of the Minute Man National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 409. An act to provide for the exchange of land within the Sierra National Forest, California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2132. An act to extend the waiver authority of the Secretary of Education with respect to student financial assistance during a war or other military operation or national emergency.

H.R. 3761. An act to provide special rules for disaster relief employment under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 for individuals displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

H.R. 3765. An act to extend through December 31, 2007, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits.

H.R. 3784. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

At 2:42 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 bill, without amendment:

S. 1368. An act to extend the existence of the Parole Commission, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill H.R. 3768, an act to provide emergency tax relief for persons affected by Hurricane Katrina, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

At 5:11 p.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:

S. 1340. An act to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to extend the date after which surplus fund in the wildlife restoration fund become available for apportionment.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 5:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 242. Concurrent resolution providing for acceptance of a statue of

Po'Pay, presented by the State of New Mexico, for placement in National Statuary Hall, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 394. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a boundary study to evaluate the significance of the Colonel James Barrett Farm in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of the Minute Man National Historical Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 409. An act to provide for the exchange of land within the Sierra National Forest, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2132. An act to extend the waiver authority of the Secretary of Education with respect to student financial assistance during a war or other military operation or national emergency; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 3784. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3761. An act to provide special rules for disaster relief employment under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 for individuals displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 1745. A bill to expand the availability of resources under the Community Services Block Grant Act for individuals affected by Hurricane Katrina.

S. 1748. A bill to establish a congressional commission to examine the Federal, State, and local response to the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Region of the United States especially in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and other areas impacted in the aftermath and make immediate corrective measures to improve such responses in the future.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3829. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hours of Service of Drivers" (RIN2126-AA90) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3830. A communication from the Director, National Institute of Standards and

Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fastener Quality Act" (RIN0693-AB55) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3831. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Telemarketing Sales Rule Fees" (RIN3084-AA86) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3832. A communication from the Special Advisor, Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Section 210 of the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004 to Amend Section 338 of the Communications Act" (FCC 05-159)(MB 05-181)) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3833. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Administrator, received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3834. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Assistance To Establish a New Cooperative Science Center Under NOAA's Educational Partnership Program (EPP) with Minority Serving Institutions for Scientific Environmental Technology" (Docket No. 030602141-5196-21) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3835. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Availability of Grants Funds for Fiscal Year 2006; Ballast Water Technology Demonstration Program" (RIN0648-ZB55) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3836. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Gulf Reef Fish Limited Access System" (I.D. No. 033105A) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3837. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Deep-Sea Red Crab Fishery; Framework Adjustment 1 to the Atlantic Deep-Sea Red Crab Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-AS35) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3838. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibiting Retention of 'Other Rockfish' in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. No. 072905A) received on August 23, 2005; to the