

HONORING MAJOR JEFF
JURGENSEN

• Mr. OBAMA. Mr. President, it is my pleasure and privilege to honor an exceptional Marine, MAJ Jeff Jurgensen. Major Jurgensen has served our Nation for more than 20 years. Rising from the rank of Marine Private, he has served around the globe in both war and peace. Major Jurgensen was born in Oak Park, IL, and spent much of his youth in the Chicago area.

He began his Marine Corps service at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC. He also completed the School of Infantry, Camp Lejeune. Assigned duties as a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent, he subsequently graduated from the Military Print and Broadcast Journalist Program at the Defense Information School.

Major Jurgensen was then stationed in Tokyo, Japan, as a Correspondent for the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service. Promoted to Corporal while in Japan, Major Jurgensen was selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program and transferred to Quantico, VA, where he attended Officer Candidate School and the Basic School—graduating with Honors. As a Marine Officer, Major Jurgensen has served in North Carolina, Missouri, Louisiana, and Washington, DC. In addition, during his career, he has deployed in support of Hurricane Andrew Relief Operations in Dade County, FL, Operation Enduring Freedom in the Horn of Africa, and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Bahrain, Kuwait, and Iraq.

Since 2004, Major Jurgensen has been assigned to the Marine Corps' Office of Legislative Affairs as a Congressional Liaison Representative. Responding to more than 4,000 inquiries from Members of Congress, Major Jurgensen has worked aggressively to provide our Nation's elected leaders with critical information regarding Marine Corps operations, policies, programs, and personnel. His efforts have measurably contributed to the mission of the Marine Corps, U.S. House of Representatives, and Senate. His skill, judgment, and complete dedication to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

I wish Major Jurgensen, his wife Kamlyn—also from Illinois—and their wonderful family the very best as they begin a new life. I am particularly proud that residents of the great State of Illinois choose to join the Marine Corps and serve this Nation. Major Jurgensen has done so with distinction. On behalf of the Senate, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude. May he have many more years of continuing success.●

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.)

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION
OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY
WITH RESPECT TO IRAN THAT
WAS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE
ORDER 12957—PM 43

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 Iran emergency declared on March 15, 1995, is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2006. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the *Federal Register* on March 14, 2005 (70 FR 12581).

The crisis between the United States and Iran constituted by the actions and policies of the Government of Iran that led to the declaration of a national emergency on March 15, 1995, has not been resolved. The actions and policies of the Government of Iran are contrary to the interests of the United States in the region and 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 Iran and maintain in force comprehensive sanctions against Iran to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 13, 2006.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2829. An act to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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-5974. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Community Services Block Grant Discretionary Activities: Community Economic Development and Rural Communities Facilities Discretionary Grant projects funded during Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5975. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2005; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5976. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General David W. Barno, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5977. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation Y: Capital Adequacy Guidelines for Banking Holding Companies; Small Bank Holding Company Policy Statement; Definition of a Qualifying Small Bank Holding Company" (Docket No. 1235) received on March 8, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5978. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Karnal Bunt; Addition and Removal of Regulated Areas in Arizona" (Docket No. 05-078-2) received on March 8, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5979. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Peppers from Certain Central American Countries" (Docket No. 05-003-3) received on March 8, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5980. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alternative Market Risk and Credit Risk Capital Charges for Futures Commission Merchants and Specified Foreign Currency Forward and Inventory Capital Charges" (RIN3038-AC05) received on March 8, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5981. A communication from the Deputy Director, Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of confirmations for the positions of Chief Information Officer and Director of the National Counterterrorism Center and a recess appointment for the position of General Counsel, received on March 8, 2006; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-5982. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting, the report of a draft bill entitled "Reclamation Water Management Improvement Act" received on March 8, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5983. A communication from the Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Department of Justice, relative to the transfer of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program from the Office of National