

maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and justice. A century later this organization continues to promote these goals by the publication of scholarly works in conjunction with providing policymakers and the public with outreach programs and research resources.

The membership of the ASIL is derived from nearly 100 nations and includes attorneys, academics, judges, and representatives from foreign governments and nongovernmental organizations. Four thousand strong, the society strives to contribute to the understanding of international law and its role in foreign affairs.

I would like to commend the ASIL for its 100 years of work in the field of international law and encourage the continuation of this course of thoughtful study.●

NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY

● Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I rise today to commend the millions of young people across the United States—and in other countries—who will participate in National Youth Service Day on April 21, 2006. There is no doubt that communities will continue to be positively impacted by the dedication and kindness of children that participate in this annual celebration.

Earlier this week, the Senate enacted S. Res. 422, which designated April 21, 2006, National and Global Youth Service Day. I was proud to be a cosponsor of this resolution, which we unanimously passed. However, I am even more proud of the thousands of youth in my native Colorado who will participate in National Youth Service Day.

In Timnath, second graders at Timnath Elementary School are holding a schoolwide donation drive. During this drive, they will be collecting shampoo, soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes to be donated to the local food bank to give to individuals in need.

In Thornton, volunteer youth are organizing an afternoon of service for frail, disabled, and chronically ill seniors throughout Adams County by helping them with the maintenance of their homes and gardens. They will clean up yards, garages, and homes, and work to beautify their community. This valuable service will be performed in conjunction with the local Big Brother/Big Sister program.

In Aurora, the Mile High Youth Corps will help the Denver Urban Gardens fix up their farm. The Denver Urban Gardens is one of the only organic farms in the Denver Metro area which offers unique educational opportunities and low-cost organic food to people of all economic levels. Youth volunteers will seed, weed, till, paint, plant, fix, mend, build, and any other valuable and needed volunteer activities to keep the farm in shape.

These are just a few examples of the incredible volunteer efforts that are occurring throughout Colorado. I

thank the volunteers, and all of the staff and organizers of National Youth Service Day.

Speaking directly to the youth participating in National Youth Service Day, in Colorado and around the world, I commend your service and thank you for the positive difference you will make not only in the lives of the people you help directly, but for all the people within your neighborhoods and communities.

I would also like to remind you that your service and commitment is needed not just for just a few days but year round. I encourage you to carry forth your excitement, energy and goodwill into the future. I urge you to turn your sense of civic responsibility into a habit that will last for a lifetime.

The youth participating in National Youth Service Day today are our future doctors, lawyers, police officers, senators, parents, and community leaders of tomorrow. Instilling an early sense of service, involvement and dedication toward the betterment of their neighbors and communities is essential to continuing the caring and compassionate tradition embraced in America.●

AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL AT BEIRUT CENTENNIAL YEAR

● Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I wish to recognize an important milestone for an institution in the Middle East that brings American-style education to the region.

This academic year, the American Community School at Beirut celebrates 100 years of providing quality education in Lebanon. Founded in 1905 by a group of American missionary families living in the country, and supported by the American University of Beirut and Aramco, ACS was the first American K-12 school to open in Lebanon. An independent, nonprofit, co-educational institution chartered in the State of New York, about 1,000 students are now enrolled at the school.

ACS aims to provide an American education for Lebanese and international families. Similar to many schools in the United States, the school's mission clearly states that it: ". . . seeks to educate the whole person and to lay the foundations for life-long learning . . . Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their thoughts, words and actions, to act with honor and purpose, and to make a difference in our diverse, complex global society. . . ." The school's alumni have distinguished themselves in a range of fields, including serving the United States government and in Lebanese-American relations.

ACS, which appreciates the support of Congress through U.S. Agency for International Development and ASHA grants, starts a new century with a legacy of academic excellence, committed educators, and a dedicated community. I congratulate the school on this impressive achievement, and extend my best wishes for its next 100 years.●

RECOGNIZING KENT STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT CAROL CARTWRIGHT

● Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today to commend and congratulate Dr. Carol Cartwright who, after 15 outstanding years, is set to retire as president of Kent State University in Kent, OH.

Kent State was originally founded in 1910 as a teacher-training school. It has a proud history of meeting the evolving needs of northeast Ohio and the Nation, and throughout her time on campus, President Cartwright worked hard to ensure that this commitment to history was preserved.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate President Cartwright on successfully overseeing one of the Nation's largest university systems with an annual budget of more than \$416.1 million and eight campuses serving about 34,000 students from throughout Ohio and the Nation, and from more than 90 countries.

Dr. Cartwright has earned many distinctions in her tenure at Kent State University—she was the first female president of a State university in Ohio when she took the helm in 1991 as the university's 10th president. Her presidency has been marked by innovations that have fostered economic growth on the campus and in the community. I am especially thankful for her work to train students for careers in underpopulated fields, and focus on unique courses of study to accommodate all students.

As a member of the Greater Akron Chamber and the Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education; a cochair of the Ohio Technology in Education Committee; the Governor's Commission on Higher Education and the Economy; and the Ohio Business Development Coalition, President Cartwright worked to ensure that a cooperative relationship between students and industry was strong on her campus. In fact, she welcomed the Northeast Ohio Trade & Economic Consortium, NEOTEC, an economic development partnership that promotes trade, business, and economic opportunities for northeast Ohio to Kent State University's campus to further students' connection to future employment opportunities.

In 2004, the Kent Campus also became the site for NEOTEC's new regional International Trade Assistance Center, providing free information, resources, referrals, and counseling to small businesses, and expanded services such as market research. Also, in 2004, a new, market-driven Division of Regional Development was created to allow Kent State to serve a much wider constituency, develop mutually beneficial partnerships, and do an even better job of matching faculty and staff expertise with northeast Ohio's educational and economic needs. Further, working with the local Small Business Development Center, headquartered in Kent State's College of Business Administration,

students are now exposed to real-world experiences while providing business and industry with essential new ideas and out-of-the-box thinking.

These kinds of partnerships and innovations will carry Ohio into the next era of progress and development, and Kent State will be an important part of that success. Already, 10 start-up companies have been created in the last 6 years to capitalize on Kent State faculty research and add to the economic growth in the region. This is real-world research that benefits society, consumers, and the university.

Under Carol Cartwright's leadership, Kent State was named by the Association of University Technology Managers as fourth in the Nation for the number of start-up companies formed per \$10 million in research spending. Kent State also plays an important leadership role in JumpStart Inc., a new organization to help advance technology commercialization and foster economic development in Ohio.

Overall, President Cartwright's presidency has been marked by a commitment to developing students who are leaders and experts in innovation and service. Kent State has launched degree programs in high-demand and emerging fields, including an interdisciplinary undergraduate program in biotechnology that is unique in the State of Ohio; an interdisciplinary bachelor's program in American Sign Language; a baccalaureate program in paralegal studies; and the first graduate programs in Russian and Japanese at a public university in northeast Ohio. The revolutionary joint doctoral program in biomedicine with the Cleveland Clinic Foundation matches some of America's best and brightest students with world-class medical training opportunities, and Kent State is a partner in the Nation's only joint, 4-year doctoral program in audiology.

Her commitment to preparing students for the future and working with regional economic growth initiatives should be a model for colleges and universities across the country to emulate.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and commending President Cartwright on an excellent job of leading Kent State through an age of innovation and extraordinary achievement during her tenure. I wish her well on her upcoming retirement. ●

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 2603. A bill to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, and for other purposes.

S. 2611. A bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

S. 2612. A bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

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-6341. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule to Remove the Arizona Distinct Population Segment of the Cactus Ferruginous Pygmy-owl (*Glauucidium brasilianum cactorum*) From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife; Withdrawal of the Proposed Rule to Designate Critical Habitat; Removal of Federally Designated Critical Habitat" (RIN1018-AU22; 1018-A148) received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6342. A communication from the Regional Forester, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, Subpart A" (RIN1018-AT81) received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6343. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Record-keeping and Reporting Requirements for the Import of Halon-1301 Aircraft Fire Extinguishing Vessels" (RIN2060-AM46) (FRL No. 8157-5) received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6344. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality" (FRL No. 8054-8) received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6345. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Determination to Stay and/or Defer Sanctions, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality" (FRL No. 8054-9) received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6346. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District and South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 8053-2) received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6347. A communication from the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule: Standard for the Flammability (Open Flame) of Mattress Sets" (RIN3041-AC02) received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6348. A communication from the Legislative Affairs Branch Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Healthy For-

ests Reserve Program Interim Final Rule" (7 CFR Part 625) received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6349. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pendimethalin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 7770-4) received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6350. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Excepted Service—Student Program" (RIN3206-AK59) received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6351. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Report on the Proposed Richard Nixon Library; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6352. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Service, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Parental Information and Resource Centers—Notice of Final Priorities and Eligibility Requirements" received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6353. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Service, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Charter School Facilities Incentive Program" received on April 6, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6354. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, authorization of 2 officers to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-291. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington relative to international trade; to the Committee on Finance.

ENGROSSED SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8019

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent and petition as follows:

Whereas, The trade liberalization efforts of the early 1990s and trade agreements such as the North American Free Trade Agreement and the World Trade Organization Uruguay Round agreements have increased the role of state policymakers in international trade decisions; and

Whereas, Trade liberalization has transformed the historical state-federal division of power and taxed state agency resources in dealing with the world marketplace; and

Whereas, Recent trade agreements have proceeded beyond discussion of tariffs and quotas and now address government regulation, taxation, procurement, and economic development policies that are implemented at state and local levels; and

Whereas, States often lack a clearly defined institutional trade policy structure,