

Mr. President, I am sure it will come as no surprise to you that Morgan's speech won first place out of 148 entries at his school. He has much to be proud of.●

IN HONOR OF DR. ROBERTO  
LANGER

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize and celebrate the work of a great man whose work has an impact on lives throughout this country and all over the globe. This month hundreds of scientists will gather at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to celebrate one of their own, Doctor Robert Langer, and I am proud to join them in doing so.

Most Americans will never meet Dr. Langer, but chances are his research has already affected their life. One of America's most brilliant scientists, Dr. Langer has been on the front lines of the fight to cure cancer and continues to push the envelope of biomedical engineering. Dr. Langer studied chemical engineering in college after being inspired by the gift of a chemistry set as a child. He went on to receive his doctorate from MIT in 1974. Doctor Langer accepted a postdoctorate fellowship at Children's Hospital in Boston with Judah Folkman, a leading cancer researcher.

Dr. Langer's return to MIT as a professor of chemical engineering resulted in the creation of the Langer Lab, one of the most cutting-edge biotechnology laboratories in the world. Researchers at the Langer Lab study ways to utilize polymers to deliver life-saving drugs to patients with diseases such as diabetes and cancer, and the success of Doctor Langer's work earned him a place as one of CNN's "100 Most Important People in America." In 2004, Parade magazine selected him as one of six "Heroes whose research may save your life."

Dr. Langer's genius has been recognized repeatedly by his scientific peers as well. He is the recipient of over 140 major awards, including in 2002 the premier award in science, the Charles Stark Draper prize. In 1998, he was awarded the Lemelson-MIT prize for invention, and in 2006 he was inducted into the Inventor's Hall of Fame. He holds nearly 550 patents, 180 of which are licensed to medical, chemical, or pharmaceutical companies. Dr. Langer is one of a select few elected to all three of America's National Academies—the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, and the Institute of Medicine at the National Academy of Sciences—and at age of 43, was the youngest man to be so honored.

Massachusetts has a long and rich history of technological innovation, global leadership in health care, and advancing insight into the human condition. Dr. Langer's genius and creativity have kept the faith with that history through 30 years of providing cutting-edge solutions to the medical problems of today and tomorrow.

Along with his colleagues, family, and friends, I thank him for his contributions and look forward to many more years of his work on behalf of people all over the globe.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 11:13 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House insists upon its amendments to the bill (S. 250) to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act, and asks a conference with 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. MCKEON, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. OSBORNE, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. KIND.

The message also announced that the House passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2990. An act to improve ratings quality by fostering competition, transparency, and accountability in the credit rating agency industry.

H.R. 5646. An act to study and promote the use of energy efficient computer servers in the United States.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 11:58 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S.J. Res. 40. A resolution authorizing the printing and binding of a supplement to, and revised edition of, Senate Procedure.

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

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2990. An act to improve ratings quality by fostering competition, transparency,

and accountability in the credit rating agency industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE  
CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4411. An act to prevent the use of certain payment instruments, credit cards, and fund transfers for unlawful Internet gambling, 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-7493. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Feasibility of Federal Drug Courts"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7494. A communication from the Deputy Director, Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Realignment of the Santa Lucia Highlands and Arroyo Seco Viticultural Areas" ((RIN1513-AA72)(T.D. TTB-49)) received on June 28, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7495. A communication from the Deputy Director, Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expansion of the San Francisco Bay and Central Coast Viticultural Areas" ((RIN1513-AA55)(T.D. TTB-48)) received on June 28, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7496. A communication from the Deputy Director, Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expansion of the Livermore Valley Viticultural Area" ((RIN1513-AA54)(T.D. TTB-47)) received on June 28, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7497. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, received on June 6, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7498. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Agency, received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7499. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-392, "Commission on Poverty Establishment Act of 2006" received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7500. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-393, "Office of Police Complaints Amendment Act of 2006" received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.