

in Education for its exceptional and innovative achievements in educating children.

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Lake Marion Elementary School takes great pride in involving parents in their children's school experiences. Lake Marion's Parent Teacher Organization has provided volunteer and financial support for the Artist of the Month program, for which parent volunteers teach a class about an artist and his/her works; the Junior Great Books program; the Lake Marion Yearbook, which has set the standard for elementary school yearbooks; the fifth-grade trip to Camp Saint Croix Environment Camp; the school directory; Family Fun Night; cultural awareness programming; mini-grants for selected staff projects; and field trip transportation costs.

Lake Marion Elementary provides the children innovative programming outside the school day. Targeted Services offers additional reading and math support in classes which run before school and are very popular with the children and their families. Additional programs include before- and after-school athletics, art, and world languages.

The school's many successes are reflected in the pupils' outstanding academic accomplishments. Lake Marion Elementary School's Math Masters Teams have finished first two times, second four times, and third five times in Regional Math Masters competitions. In addition, Lake Marion Elementary has received a five-star rating from the Minnesota Department of Education in reading and math every year since the inception of the Minnesota School Report Card system.

Much of the credit for Lake Marion Elementary School's success belongs to its principal, John W. Braun, and the dedicated teachers. The pupils and staff at Lake Marion Elementary School understand that, in order to be successful, a school must go beyond achieving academic success; it must also provide a nurturing environment where pupils can develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes for success throughout life. All of the faculty, staff, and children at Lake Marion Elementary School should be very proud of their accomplishments.

I congratulate Lake Marion Elementary School in Lakeville for winning the Award for Excellence in Education and for its exceptional contributions to education in Minnesota.●

#### ORCHARD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LAKEVILLE, MINNESOTA

● Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, today I honor Orchard Lake Elementary School, in Lakeville, MN, which re-

cently earned an Award for Excellence in Education for its exceptional and innovative achievements in educating children.

Orchard Lake Elementary School is truly a model of educational success. The staff at OLE, always seeking to improve professionally, value in-service days and use this time to study new and innovative teaching techniques. Every year the school does a book study that addresses ways to increase achievement for students. The teaching staff takes on new challenges, studies best-practice ideas, has conversations across grade levels, offers mutual support, and applies solutions.

In the spring of 2004, Orchard Lake Elementary was the first school in Minnesota to receive the Tekne Award for Innovations in Teaching. Mark Deming, the media specialist, had pupils in grades 5 and 6 arrive before school and called them the "Morning Crew." The children learned to design segments of school news, interview classmates and staff, and videotape and edit productions so that they could produce the morning announcements. In addition, they created their own music using the Garage Band program on the school computers. The morning announcements were shown over the school's media system and produced exclusively by children for all classrooms to enjoy. This system is still in place for use by fourth- and fifth-graders.

Orchard Lake Elementary teachers work with parents as partners in education. Five years ago, when space became a concern, the PTO purchased a portable computer lab. Last year, the PTO purchased 14 new computers and has entered Phase 2 of purchasing all new computers for the lab classroom. The PTO recently held a fund-raiser to purchase new playground equipment. OLE had a 99 percent parent-participation rate at parent-teacher conferences. The school has a gifted education program, as well as a targeted services program, which offers extra instruction in reading and math for struggling students. Involved parents support their children by working together with teachers, who value the parents' active contributions.

Orchard Lake Elementary provides a safe and nurturing environment, both educationally and emotionally. Teachers build relationships with pupils through a community circle and discussions of life skills. The children take part in student council, art shows, music concerts, morning announcements, band, and academic choice in the classroom.

Orchard Lake Elementary School was recognized by the State Department of Education as a five-star school in both math and reading. This distinction is particularly impressive, considering that Orchard Lake, which has a high concentration of low-income students, is a Title 1 school.

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#### 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 and two withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:15 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 395. An act to adjust the boundary of Lowell National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4742. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, to allow the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office to waive statutory provisions governing patents and trademarks in certain emergencies.

H.R. 5110. An act to facilitate the use for irrigation and other purposes of water produced in connection with development of energy resources.

H.R. 5466. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail.

H.R. 5666. An act to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the A & B Irrigation District in the State of Idaho.

H.R. 6111. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the Tax Court may review claims for equitable innocent spouse relief and to suspend the running on the period of limitations while such claims are pending.

H.R. 6316. An act to extend through December 31, 2008, 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. 6338. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent and repress the misuse of the Red Crescent distinctive emblem and the Third Protocol (Red Crystal) distinctive emblem.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 73. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National High School Seniors Voter Registration Day.

H. Con. Res. 495. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing as a House document of United States House of Representatives, The Committee on Ways and Means: A History, 1789-2006.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 2250. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug.

S. 1219. An act to authorize certain tribes in the State of Montana to enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights to meet the water needs of the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association, Inc.

The message also announced that the House passed the bill (S. 3938) to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1492) to provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5682) to exempt from certain requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 a proposed nuclear agreement for cooperation with India, it agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. HYDE, Mr. BOEHNER, and Mr. LANTOS as managers of the conference on the part of the House.

The message further announced that pursuant to Public Law 109-236, the Majority Leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives appoints Thomas P. Mucho of Pennsylvania to the MINER Act Technical Study Panel.

At 8:10 p.m., a message from the House, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, 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. 1674. An act to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to be carried out by the National Weather Service, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3248. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to assist family caregivers in accessing affordable and high-quality respite care, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5076. An act to amend title 19, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2007 and 2008, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5782. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for enhanced safety and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, to provide for enhanced reliability in the transportation of the Nation's energy products by pipeline, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6342. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to expand eligibility for the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1346. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of maritime sites in the State of Michigan.

S. 1820. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6110 East 51st Place in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "Dewey F. Bartlett Post Office".

S. 1998. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance protections relating to the reputation and meaning of the Medal of Honor and other military decorations and awards, and for other purposes.

S. 4044. An act to clarify the treatment of certain charitable contributions under title 11, United States Code.

S. 4073. An act to designate the outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in Farmington, Missouri, as the "Robert Silvey Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

The message further announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 91. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President should posthumously award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Leroy Robert "Satchel" Paige.

The message also announced that the House passed the bill (S. 214) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the States on the border with Mexico and other appropriate entities in conducting a hydrogeologic characterization, mapping, and modeling program for priority transboundary aquifers, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message further announced that the House passed the bill (S. 843) to amend the Public Health Service Act to combat autism through research, screening, intervention and education, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message also announced that the House passed the bill (S. 895) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a rural water supply program in the Reclamation States to provide a clean, safe, affordable, and reliable water supply to rural residents, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message further announced that the House passed the bill (S. 1785) to amend chapter 13 of title 17, United States Code (relating to the vessel hull design protection), to clarify the distinction between a hull and a deck, to provide factors for the determination of the protectability of a revised design, to provide guidance for assessments of substantial similarity, and for other purposes, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message also announced that the House passed the bill (S. 1829) to repeal

certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 4080. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, with respect to settlement agreements reached with respect to litigation involving certain secondary transmissions of superstations and network stations.

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

H.R. 5466. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail.

#### 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-9165. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anchorage Regulations (including 2 regulations beginning with CGD08-05-016)" (RIN1625-AA01) received on December 4, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9166. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Champ Boat Grand Prix of Savannah; Savannah, Georgia (CGD07-06-191)" (RIN1625-AA08) received on December 4, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9167. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Fireworks Display, Trent River, New Bern, North Carolina (CGD05-06-092)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on December 4, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9168. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones (including 11 regulations beginning with CGD01-06-116)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on December 4, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9169. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operations (including 8 regulations beginning with CGD01-06-033)" (RIN1625-AA09) received on December 4, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9170. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operations (including 2 regulations beginning with CGD08-06-036)" (RIN1625-AA09) received