

typing, which can vary by race, patients are more likely to find matches among donors of their same race or ethnicity. Given the large number of individuals of African descent awaiting transplants, it is critical to increase the knowledge about donating blood, tissue, marrow, and organs among all races and ethnicities.

Since 1996, our country reserves the second weekend in November to emphasize the need for life-saving and life-altering blood, organ, marrow, and tissue donation in houses of worship throughout the United States. This program is known as the National Organ Donor Sabbath, and November 10-12, 2006, marked the 10th anniversary celebration.

Links, Inc., is built on a foundation of friendship and service. Today, it contains a network or more than 10,000 African-American women. This year the motto for Links, Inc., is "Seizing the Opportunity to Provide World Class Leadership, Friendship and Service." The members of the North Jersey Chapter of Links, Inc., exemplify that motto.

Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize the dedication and commitment of the North Jersey Chapter of Link's, Inc., members to help others. I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking these individuals for helping fellow New Jerseyans live longer and healthier lives.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JOYCE WOODBURN

● Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, today I honor Ms. Joyce Woodburn's 35 years of dedicated service at the Central Intelligence Agency. Ms. Woodburn has had a long and distinguished Government career, and on January 2, 2007, she will bring to a close a career as a CIA staff officer that includes over 27 years in the CIA's Office of Congressional Affairs.

Joyce began her extensive career as a secretary and rose to the rank of senior executive within the Agency. During her career, she has worked for 7 Presidents, 13 Directors of Central Intelligence, 2 Directors of the CIA, and the first Director of National Intelligence.

Joyce's excellent work and professionalism is well known to us on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, and she has been a linchpin in coordinating and supporting the CIA's relations with Congress over the last 27 years. Her calm and friendly diplomacy has certainly smoothed over many a bump in the CIA's relations with Congress.

She has represented the CIA in Congress through some historic crises, including the ordeal of the American hostages in Iran, the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, the bombings of the Embassy and Marine compounds in Beirut, the Iran-Contra scandal, the fall of the Soviet Union, Operation Desert Storm, Somalia, the bombings of our embassies in Africa, 9/11 and the hunt for Osama bin Laden, the invasions of Af-

ghanistan and Iraq, as well as the current tensions with Iran and North Korea. Joyce has been a tremendous help over the past 27 years in getting the members and staff of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence the information and briefings we need to do our work.

Thank you for your service, Joyce, and we wish you a healthy and prosperous retirement.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JOHN MACHACEK

● Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, it is with great honor that I recognize John Machacek for nearly 40 years of service as a reporter for Gannett News Service. He has dedicated his career to breaking down policy and politics in a way that underscores how these important issues affect the daily lives of the people of New York. John began his Gannett career in 1967 as a reporter for the Times Union in Rochester. In 1972 John won a Pulitzer Prize for using his instinctive investigative reporting skills to produce unparalleled coverage of the Attica prison riot. He began covering the entire State of New York, from Rochester to Westchester, in 1983 and has kept readers informed on news and politics by serving as a watchdog for the American people ever since. John has accomplished what reporters all over the Nation set out to do by immersing himself in the art of journalism and becoming one of the greatest reporters in his field. He has spent his career with his finger on the pulse of the Nation's politics, government, and the American people. John's unbridled search for the truth has raised the standards in journalism and reporting among his peers, coworkers and competitors and he will always be remembered for his unbiased and colorful accounts of our Nation's most important and transformative landmark events. As John concludes his renowned and distinguished 40 year career, he will be placed among the most influential reporters to have ever worked for Gannett News Service.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:39 a.m., a 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. 5697. An act to provide for the appropriate designation of certain Federal positions involved in wildland fire suppression activities.

H.R. 6206. An act to revise the calculation of interest on investment of the Harry S. Truman Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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

H. Con. Res. 343. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 864) to provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 12:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1492. An act to provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4510. An act to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept the donation of a bust depicting Sojourner Truth and to display the bust in a suitable location in the rotunda of the Capitol.

H.R. 4583. An act to amend the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 to revise the requirements for labeling of certain wool and cashmere products.

H.R. 4720. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 Gateway Drive in Lincoln, California, as the "Beverly J. Wilson Post Office Building".

H.R. 4766. An act to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide for the revitalization of Native American languages through Native American language immersion programs; and for other purposes.

H.R. 5108. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1213 East Houston Street in Cleveland, Texas, as the "Lance Corporal Robert A. Martinez Post Office Building".

H.R. 5857. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1501 South Cherrybell Avenue in Tucson, Arizona, as the "Morris K. 'Mo' Udall Post Office Building".

H.R. 5923. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 29-50 Union Street in Flushing, New York, as the "Dr. Leonard Price Stavisky Post Office".

H.R. 5989. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10240 Roosevelt Road in Westchester, Illinois, as the "John J. Sinde Post Office Building".

H.R. 5990. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 415 South 5th Avenue in Maywood, Illinois, as the "Wallace W. Sykes Post Office Building".

H.R. 6078. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 307 West Wheat Street in Woodville, Texas, as the "Chuck Fortenberry Post Office Building".

H.R. 6102. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 Lawyers Road, NW in Vienna, Virginia, as the "Captain Christopher Petty Post Office Building".

H.R. 6151. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 216 Oak Street in Farmington, Minnesota, as the "Hamilton H. Judson Post Office".

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.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

## ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 4:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

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. 3938. An act to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

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".

H.R. 758. An act to establish an inter-agency aerospace revitalization task force to develop a national strategy for aerospace workforce recruitment, training, and cultivation.

H.R. 854. An act to provide for certain lands to be held in trust for the Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe.

H.R. 1285. An act to extend for 3 years changes to requirements for admission of nonimmigrant nurses in health professional shortage areas made by the Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged Areas Act of 1999.

H.R. 1472. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 167 East 124th Street in New York, New York, as the "Tito Puente Post Office Building".

H.R. 4057. An act to provide that attorneys employed by the Department of Justice shall be eligible for compensatory time off for travel under section 5550b of title 5, United States Code.

H.R. 4246. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8135 Forest Lane in Dallas, Texas, as the "Dr. Robert E. Price Post Office Building".

H.R. 5136. An act to establish a National Integrated Drought Information System within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to improve drought monitoring and forecasting capabilities.

H.R. 5736. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 Palafox Place in Pensacola, Florida, as the "Vincent J. Whibbs, Sr. Post Office Building".

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 5:49 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 4046. An act to extend oversight and accountability related to United States reconstruction funds and efforts in Iraq by extending the termination date of the Office of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction.

The message also announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 3421) to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility

leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, and for other purposes, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), amended by division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (22 U.S.C. 6901), the Minority Leader reappoints the following individual to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2008. His current term expires December 31, 2006: Mr. Michael Wessel of Falls Church, Virginia.

Ordered further, that the Minority Leader appoints Mr. Jeffrey L. Fiedler of Great Falls, Virginia, to fill the remainder of the term of Mr. George Becker, who is resigning effective December 31, 2006. The current term on which Mr. Fiedler succeeds Mr. Becker expires December 31, 2007.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 109-236, the Minority Leaders of the House of Representatives and the Senate appoint the following individual to the MINER Act Technical Study Panel: Dr. James L. Weeks of Maryland.

At 9:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5948. An act to reauthorize the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6111) 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, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

At 10:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 102. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 503. Concurrent resolution providing for the sine die adjournment of the second session of the One Hundred Ninth Congress.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on 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.

## ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 2370. An act to promote the development of democratic institutions in areas under the administrative control of the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes.

S. 3759. An act to name the Armed Forces Readiness Center in Great Falls, Montana, in honor of Captain William Wylie Galt, a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 10:56 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6407. An act to reform the postal laws of the United States.

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

H. Con. Res. 502. Concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of the bill H.R. 5682.

At 11:46 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6060. An act to authorize certain activities by the Department of State, and for other purposes.

At 1:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Brandon, 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. 6427. An act to increase the amount in certain funding agreements relating to patents and nonprofit organizations to be used for scientific research, development, and education, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6428. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Army to carry out certain elements of the project for hurricane and storm damage reduction, Morganza to the Gulf of Mexico, Louisiana.

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

S. 3821. An act to authorize certain athletes to be admitted temporarily into the United States to compete or perform in an athletic league, competition, or performance.

S. 4042. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit disruptions of funerals of members or former members of the Armed Forces.

S. 4050. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 East Thompson Street in Thomaston, Georgia, as the "Sergeant First Class Robert Lee 'Bobby' Hollar, Jr. Post Office Building".