

missed and his generosity will forever be remembered. May he rest in peace.●

TRIBUTE TO C. EDWARD BROWN

● Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I wish to recognize a fellow Iowan, C. Edward "Ed" Brown, FACHE, on his election as the chair of the board of directors of the American Medical Group Association.

Mr. Brown has had a distinguished career in health care in Iowa where he has served for the last 15 years as chief executive officer of the Iowa Clinic, a multispecialty group practice in Des Moines. Ed has a long list of achievements in delivering cutting edge, quality focused health care to the benefit of Iowans, and his achievements include the Iowa Clinic's adoption of electronic medical records and information technology systems. He holds a master's degree in health administration from Washington University in St. Louis, and he is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives with over 25 years of experience in executive and senior levels of health care management.

As the head of the American Medical Group Association, Ed's vision and management skills will be put to good use in leading an organization that represents some of the Nation's highest quality and most prestigious health care delivery systems. It is wonderful to see someone with such a distinguished health care record in Iowa recognized at the national level as a dedicated leader who is committed to improving health care at such an important time for our Nation's health care system.

Ed's voice will be a valuable contribution to the health care debate in 2009 in Washington, and I congratulate him on this new chairmanship.●

ZULUS 100TH BIRTHDAY

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, this month America reflects on a series of notable birthdays and anniversaries, including President Abraham Lincoln turning 200, and the NAACP celebrating its centennial.

In Louisiana, we are honoring a special birthday that is unique to our State. The famous Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club will enjoy its 100th year.

The Zulus have a special place in Louisiana's history, which is as colorful as the signature Zulu decorative coconuts. For 100 years they have been an integral part of our Mardi Gras festivities and New Orleans culture. Dubbing themselves "the everyman club," the Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure club is composed of African-American men from all walks of life.

While there are several stories about how the Zulus first came about, we know they made their first appearance in the Mardi Gras parade in 1909 when William Story led the Zulus as King.

That year the group wore raggedy pants and had a Jubilee-singing quartet in front of and behind King Story.

Just 6 years later, the Zulus used their first float. It was rather modestly decorated with palmetto leaves and moss. Of course, this first float gave rise to the more lavishly decorated Zulu floats that we are accustomed to seeing today.

Since 1916, the Zulus have given the first official Mardi Gras toast to King and Queen Zulu at the Geddes and Moss Funeral Home on Washington Avenue.

Since 1910, the Zulus have been famous for the Zulu Coconut, often called the "Golden Nugget," which they throw from floats during Mardi Gras parades. The tradition developed, and they began scraping and painting the coconuts—now an indelible part of New Orleans Mardi Gras culture.

In January, I was honored to receive from Zulu president Charles Hamilton, Jr., a special Zulu coconut as gift for President Obama. Mr. Hamilton traveled to Washington by train to hand deliver the gift, which I hope to present to the President very soon. It was hand-painted by Greta artist Keith Eccles and incorporates Mardi Gras colors and themes with the distinctive red, white and blue of Washington, DC. Mr. Hamilton has said that he wanted to give President Obama a piece of New Orleans and Zulu history. I can't think of a better representation.

In addition to the Zulu coconut, the Zulus' contribution to New Orleans is well-documented. The group proudly participates in the Adopt-A-School program and contributes to Southern University's scholarship fund. The Zulus also give Christmas baskets to needy families each holiday season.

Over the years, many famous Louisianians have taken part in the Zulu tradition. In 1949, Louis Armstrong was King Zulu. And in 1988, New Orleans native Desiree Rogers—now the White House social secretary for President Obama—served as Zulu Queen.

This year, that proud tradition will be carried on by Zulu King Tyrone Mathieu, Sr., and Zulu Queen Sheila Barnes Mathieu.

I congratulate the many generations of Zulus who have left their mark on Mardi Gras and our great city of New Orleans. I ask the Senate to join me in wishing the Zulus a happy 100th birthday—and all the best in the next 100 years.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:08 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 35. Concurrent resolution honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

At 3:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, an-

nounced that the House agreed 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. 1) making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

At 5:52 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. 663. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12877 Broad Street in Sparta, Georgia, as the "Yvonne Ingram-Ephraim Post Office Building".

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a, and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Mr. TANNER of Tennessee, Chairman.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 663. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12877 Broad Street in Sparta, Georgia, as the "Yvonne Ingram-Ephraim Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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-754. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit Union Service Organizations" (RIN3133-AD20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-755. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation AA, Regulation DD and Regulation Z" ((Docket No. R-1314)(Docket No. R-1315)(Docket No. R-1286)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-756. A communication from the Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unlicensed Operation in the TV Broadcast Bands; Additional Spectrum for Unlicensed Devices Below 900 MHz and in the 3 GHz Band" ((FCC 08-260)(ET Docket No. 04-186)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-757. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Salt River (Va Shly'ay Akimel), Maricopa County, Arizona; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-758. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Island Creek, West Virginia; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-759. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Salt River (Rio Salado Oeste), Arizona; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-760. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Santa Cruz River, Arizona; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-761. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Tamiami Trail, Florida; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-762. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Liberty State Park, New Jersey; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-763. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NSR): Aggregation" (FRL-8773-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-764. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NSR): Aggregation" (FRL-8773-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-765. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Test Methods" (FRL-8771-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-766. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants From Petroleum Refineries" (FRL-8768-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-767. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Section 36 First-Time Homebuyer Credit Between Taxpayers Who Are Not Married" (Notice 2009-12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-768. A communication from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report rel-

ative to Section 25(a)(6) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-769. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer in the position of Director of Peace Corps, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2009; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-770. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-709, "Firearms Registration Amendment Act of 2008" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-771. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-709, "14W and the YMCA Anthony Bowen Project Real Property Tax Exemption and Real Property Tax Relief Temporary Act of 2009" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-772. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-710, "The Urban Institute Real Property Tax Abatement Temporary Act of 2009" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-773. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-711, "Get DC Residents Training for Jobs Now Temporary Act of 2009" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-774. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-712, "GPS Anti-Tampering Temporary Act of 2009" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-775. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-713, "Equitable Parking Meter Rates Temporary Amendment Act of 2009" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-776. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-714, "Taxi Zone Operating Hours Temporary Amendment Act of 2009" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-777. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-715, "Reimbursable Details Clarification Temporary Act of 2009" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-778. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-716, "Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act of 2008" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-779. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-717, "Local Rent Supplement Program Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2009" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-780. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-718, "HPAP Temporary Act of 2009" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-781. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-719, "Employment of Returning Veteran's Tax Credit Temporary Act of 2009" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-782. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-720, "Public Service Commission Holdover Temporary Amendment Act of 2009" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-783. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-721, "District Employee Protection Temporary Act of 2009" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-784. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-722, "Lead-Hazard Prevention and Elimination Act of 2008" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-785. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-723, "Paramedic and Emergency Medical Technician Transition Amendment Act of 2008" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-786. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2009; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-787. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reorganization of Regulations on Control of Employment of Aliens" (RIN1125-AA64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-788. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of (2) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-789. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Refinement of Income and Rent Determination Requirements in Public and Assisted Housing Programs; Final Rule" (RIN2501-AD16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-790. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interactive Data for Mutual Fund Risk/Return Summary" (RIN3235-AK13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-791. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area and Safety Zone, Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, Romeoville, IL" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2008-1247)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-792. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gasco Regulated Navigation Area, Willamette River, Portland, OR" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2008-0112)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-793. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Willamette River, Portland, OR, Schedule Change" ((RIN1625-AA09)(Docket No. USCG-2008-0721)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-794. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "McCormick & Baxter Regulated Navigation Area, Willamette River, Portland, OR" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USCG-2008-0121)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-795. A communication from the Project Counsel, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consolidation of Merchant Mariner Qualification Credentials" ((RIN1625-AB02)(Docket No. USCG-2006-24371)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-796. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2009-16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-797. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Leaking Underground Storage Tank Remediation Reimbursement Program" (LMSB-4-1108-054) re-

ceived in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-798. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Section 367 to a Section 351 Exchange Resulting from a Transaction Described in Section 304(a)(1); Treatment of Gain Recognized under Section 301(c)(3) for Purposes of Section 1248" (RIN1545-BI42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-799. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Administrative Review of a Determination That an Authorized Recipient Has Failed to Safeguard Tax Returns or Return Information" (RIN1545-BF21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-800. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gain Recognition Agreements with Respect to Certain Transfers of Stock or Securities by United States Persons to Foreign Corporations" (RIN1545-BG09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-801. A communication from the Director, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 13, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-7. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of New Jersey memorializing Congress to protect the automobile industry and expand national infrastructure projects and related industries; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 37

Whereas, a number of specialists have warned that the collapse of the national economy could occur if certain stop-gap and long-term actions are not implemented to overcome the problems facing the automotive and machine tool sectors of our economy; and

Whereas, the loss of the physical capabilities of the automotive industry, especially its tool sector, could mean the end of America's status as a leading world economic power; and

Whereas, while it is in the best interests of our national security to have a strong, vibrant manufacturing and industrial sector, capable of producing the necessary machinery and technology to defend the citizens of the United States and protect our interests abroad, our manufacturing and industrial sector has experienced a dramatic reduction in capacity and production over the last several decades; and

Whereas, government has an obligation to promote economic activity through the cre-

ation of new capital investment, which will result in the expansion of employment opportunities and help jump-start long-term capital investment by private investors.; and

Whereas, as government leaders, we must ensure the continued viability of our automotive and machine tool industries, which is a vital element of the State and federal economy; and

Whereas, diversification of the productive potential of the automotive and machine tool industries into a broader sector of production, coupled with a shift into the domain of essential capital goods and economic infrastructure, such as the repair, expansion, and improvement of our national railway systems, and the development of other urgently needed infrastructure projects, will save existing manufacturing jobs and create large new areas of employment in infrastructure and manufacturing for our citizenry in a manner comparable to the best of the New Deal programs that rescued the nation and the world from the ravages of the Great Depression; and

Whereas, the impact of this intervention will be to provide thousands of productive jobs in the state of New Jersey, repair our infrastructure, and create at least ten million jobs nationally, thus restoring our tax base and increasing the standard of living. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:

1. The Senate of the State of New Jersey respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States to intervene on behalf of national economic interests to ensure that the productive potential of the automobile industry, with its featured technology and machine tool capability, be protected.

2. The Senate of the State of New Jersey respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States to intervene to vastly expand the construction and maintenance of infrastructure projects and related industries.

3. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the President of the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof, shall be transmitted to each member of New Jersey's congressional delegation and to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. and the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, Washington, D.C.

POM-8. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan memorializing the Congress to assist Michigan in rebuilding the State's economy, in light of Michigan's high rate of unemployment and pressures on the State's Unemployment Trust Fund; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 232

Whereas, our nation is facing an economic crisis, the depth and breath of which has not been seen in decades. With Michigan's historic connection to the automotive industry, the Great Lakes State's economic struggles have been a precursor to the nation's economic maelstrom. Michigan has the nation's highest unemployment rate and has lost 538,000 jobs since 2000. Clearly, federal assistance is necessary to help Michigan restart its economic engine and help drive the national economy back to full recovery. Given the severity of Michigan's economic downturn, the state should be given priority when distributing stimulus dollars to spur economic growth in our country; and

Whereas, indeed, Michigan is now at a tipping point between economic despair and recovery. Technological innovation and business reforms and efficiencies adopted in response to Michigan's "one-state recession" are already paying dividends. However, the national economy and numerous federal policies have continued to negatively impact our