

comedian and chef who entertained America with his delightful sense of humor, recently passed away. I would like to take a few moments to recognize Dom DeLuise's many accomplishments and the tremendous impact he made on our lives.

Born in New York City, DeLuise entered acting at an early age. Although discouraged at first, he persisted in finding his way in the field of entertainment and into the hearts of his fans. His hard work and dedication earned him many entertaining and prestigious acting roles in film, television, and theater. Many films which feature Dom DeLuise, such as "The Cannonball Run," "Blazing Saddles," "History of the World Part 1," and "Spaceballs" have become classics in their own right and will ensure that future generations will enjoy and appreciate his talent.

Later in life, DeLuise worked toward furthering his love for the culinary arts and establishing himself as a chef. His efforts resulted in the publishing of two successful cookbooks: "Eat This It Will Make You Feel Better!" and "Eat This Too! It'll Also Make You Feel Good."

I invite all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing and honoring Dominick "Dom" DeLuise for his work, which touched the lives of generations of Americans. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Carol Arthur, and his three sons, Peter, David and Michael.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADRIAN DOMINICAN SISTERS

● Mr. LEVIN. Madam President, service to your community and to those most in need is one of the most important legacies we can leave as individuals or as institutions. It is with this in mind that I am honored to congratulate the Adrian Dominican Sisters, the Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary as they celebrate their 125th anniversary today. Guided by the humble yet inspiring mission to seek truth, make peace, and reverence life, this congregation has made a profound and enduring impact on many lives.

The Adrian Dominicans trace their history back to the establishment of the Holy Cross convent in 1233. A presence in the United States was established in 1853 with the arrival in New York of three sisters from this convent. Since the establishment of a hospital for injured railroad workers in 1884 to meet a pressing need in the Adrian community, the sisters of this congregation have devoted their energy, talent, and efforts in pursuit of meeting the spiritual, educational, and practical needs of those within the Adrian community and those far beyond its borders. Mother Camilla Maden was the first mother provincial, and she became the first mother general when the province became an independent congregation in 1923.

Adrian has grown steadily since its founding and has not only maintained

a presence in Adrian, but has branched out into communities far beyond through ministries in 31 States, the District Of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Canada, the Dominican Republic, Italy, and Swaziland. The Adrian Dominican Sisters currently number more than 900 and are involved in ministries primarily in areas of education, health care, and social work. The congregation currently sponsors two universities, including Siena Heights University; two hospital systems; a long-term health care facility; three congregation-owned schools; and two retreat centers.

The Adrian Dominican Sisters have impacted many throughout its rich history, and I am truly delighted to recognize this impressive milestone, as well as their many important contributions over the years. Their influence and service to the community are apparent and appreciated by the many who have benefitted from their many spiritual and outreach efforts. I know my colleagues join me in congratulating Adrian Dominican Sisters on 125 years of dedicated service, and I wish them continued success as they build upon their legacy of accomplishment and excellence.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, 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.)

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DE- CLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13047 OF MAY 20, 1997, WITH RE- SPECT TO BURMA, AS RECEIVED DURING AN ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON MAY 15, 2009— PM 19

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a

notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the Burma emergency is to continue for 1 year beyond May 20, 2009.

The crisis between the United States and Burma arising from the actions and policies of the Government of Burma, including its engaging in large-scale repression of the democratic opposition in Burma that led to the declaration of a national emergency in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997, as modified in scope and relied upon for additional steps taken in Executive Order 13310 of July 28, 2003, Executive Order 13448 of October 18, 2007, and Executive Order 13464 of April 30, 2008, has not been resolved. These actions and policies are hostile to U.S. interests and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to Burma and maintain in force the sanctions against Burma to respond to this threat.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 14, 2009.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 347. An act to grant the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, United States Army, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

H.R. 1209. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the Medal of Honor in 1861, America's highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States, to honor the American military men and women who have been recipients of the Medal of Honor, and to promote awareness of what the Medal of Honor represents and how ordinary Americans, through courage, sacrifice, selfless service and patriotism, can challenge fate and change the course of history.

H.R. 2187. An act to direct the Secretary of Education to make grants to State educational agencies for the modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 347. An act to grant the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, United States Army, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.