

needs to be seen as rising above military objectives and showing genuine concern for the fate of civilians.

Under his watch, the alarm was sounded early and repeatedly on the situation in Darfur, and he challenged the global community to act to provide protection, aid and even resettlement in some cases for Iraqis displaced by war. Drawing on his experience in a refugee camp in the Balkans in 1999, Ken humanized masses of people, stressing that while displaced families need immediate relief, "in time [they] will require renewed confidence and support to return home in safety and dignity."

Ken will be missed by all those who had the opportunity to know him as well as by the millions who have been, and will continue to be, impacted by his work. We pay tribute to him by continuing his work to ensure that the basic rights of displaced peoples are protected, that their basic needs are met, and that they have the support to ultimately return home in safety and dignity.●

THIRTEEN YARDS TO VICTORY

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, throughout American history, music has always been a harbinger of social change. I experienced it first hand during the 1960s and early 1970s when a generation of Americans began marching—marching for civil rights, social justice, and an end to the Vietnam war. For many Americans, that period of our country's history comes with its own soundtrack.

That is why it is so encouraging to me to see what is happening with the Thirteen Yards To Victory, a band from my home State of Massachusetts. This remarkable group of young people is dedicated to helping others. They are donating all the profits from their upcoming release of American Dreamers to benefit arts and music education programs across the country. They are setting a wonderful example for their peers—showing them that everybody has the capacity to make a positive difference in their very own way. Because of what they are doing, more of our youth will be able to enjoy and learn about the arts and develop their own skills.

This, really, is nothing new for the members of Thirteen Yards To Victory—Anthony DiPerri, Vinny Prezioso, Thomas Iannello, Ryan Passariello, and Dave Rossi. This is only the latest occasion in which they have been recognized for their dedication to others and their unique approaches which makes their projects so successful.

They are not alone in such efforts, however. Volunteers in our community play an invaluable role in helping those in need and strengthening the foundation of our society. In fact, nearly 62 million Americans volunteered at some point last year. I am particularly encouraged by the increase in the number

of young people who are connecting with their communities and volunteering their time. Thirteen Yards To Victory is just one example of what is happening all across the country.

I wish Anthony, Vinny, Thomas, Ryan, and Dave all the best with American Dreamers. I hope it makes American Dreamers out of us all. And I hope their music will be a part of the soundtrack of the social change taking place in America today.●

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.)

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001—PM 30

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. Consistent with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* the enclosed notice, stating that the emergency declared with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001, is to continue in effect for an additional year.

The terrorist threat that led to the declaration on September 14, 2001, of a national emergency continues. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect after September 14, 2009, the national emergency with respect to the terrorist threat.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 10, 2009.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:14 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 445. An act to establish a research, development, demonstration, and commercial application program to promote research of appropriate technologies for heavy duty plug-in hybrid vehicles, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2053. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 525 Magoffin Avenue in El Paso, Texas, as the "Albert Armendariz, Sr. United States Courthouse".

H.R. 2097. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2121. An act to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Galveston, Texas, to the Galveston Historical Foundation.

H.R. 2498. An act to designate the Federal building located at 844 North Rush Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "William O. Lipinski Federal Building".

H.R. 2571. An act to streamline the regulation of nonadmitted insurance and reinsurance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2664. An act to require annual oral testimony before the Financial Committee of the Chairperson or a designee of the Chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, relating to their efforts to promote transparency in financial reporting.

H.R. 3165. An act to provide for a program of wind energy research, development, and demonstration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3193. An act to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 101 South United States Route 1 in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the "Alto Lee Adams, Sr., United States Courthouse".

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. 136. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a celebration of Citizenship Day.

H. Con. Res. 167. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Aerospace Day, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 3:29 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 9. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of France A. Córdova as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian.

At 5:55 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 965. An act to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the continuing authorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network.

MEASURES REFERRED

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