

use of local Maine produce. Kate turns out dozens of handmade Venezuelan, Belgian, and rare Peruvian-style chocolates, including truffles and caramels, all of them flavored with natural ingredients—organic herbs, flowers, fruits, and even cheeses cultivated by the region's farmers. In fact, each season's flavored chocolates are dictated by what is at the nearby Stonington farmers market on the mainland. Every chocolate features at least one ingredient from a Maine farmer located within 50 miles of the company's base.

The Shaffers understand how critical it is for their business to establish and maintain local relationships, especially on an island the size of Isle au Haut. In a truly Maine example of how neighbors help each other to this day, Kate told Martha Stewart Living Magazine, "It's not as though you can go to the store when you run out of butter. If I run out of butter I'll go to Diana, the innkeeper. For cream cheese, I call Brenda, a lobsterman's wife, who makes lots of crab dip. And of course, if anyone needs sugar or chocolate, they come to me."

A true sweet spot in the heart of an island community as well as the hearts of chocolate lovers worldwide, Black Dinah Chocolatiers is a prime example of a Maine small business that seeks to be a profitable venture and a good neighbor. I commend its founders, Kate and Steve Shaffer, for their ingenuity in creating this thriving and viable business, as well as for their commitment and dedication to helping grow their local economy, and I wish them the sweetest success in the future.●

TRIBUTE TO MIKE BARKER

● Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, this week in Bend, OR, the community will be honoring one of the great advocates for Oregon's veterans, Mike "Rocky" Barker. Mike has been an incredible partner to me and my staff as we have worked to improve health and other services for central Oregon's military veterans.

Mike's incredible service to our Nation began with 8 years in the U.S. Air Force as an air traffic controller. He went on to a career with the FAA at the Butte, MT, Flight Service Station and then moved to central Oregon where he ran the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program. In that post he became nationally recognized as the VA's top service officer for 1999, and shortly thereafter he received similar national recognition from the VFW.

Always looking for ways to help veterans in need, Mike ran the incarcerated vet program for a number of years. During his leadership, more than 95 percent of the veterans who came through his program stayed out of prison.

He retired in 2003, and the hallmark of his career from 1970 to the present—whether as a professional or as a volunteer—has been his insight and leadership on issues that matter to military veterans.

When I was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1996, Mike immediately rolled up his shirt sleeves to work with me and our staff to open up the VA's Central Oregon Community Based Outreach Clinic—the first of its kind to open up east of the Cascades. Before this clinic got off the ground, central Oregon veterans had to drive to the Portland VA Medical Center for the medical services our Nation promised them—a 6-hour round trip. That hardship is now a thing of the past for Oregon's veterans. Today, the clinic is such a success that we are now in the process of expanding it.

Throughout all of his work on veterans' issues, Mike had a particular feel for the challenges his fellow servicemembers faced with post traumatic stress disorder, PTSD. He had started working with people dealing with illness during the Vietnam era, and continues to this day. Three years ago, Mike brought together a diverse group of veterans' leaders and formed the Central Oregon Vet Center Task Force to find ways to support veterans in their community. Mike led the group's monthly meetings, as they brainstormed strategies to persuade the VA how important it was to create a vet center in eastern Oregon. Almost a year ago we finally achieved that goal, and the Central Oregon Vet Center is now open for service. It is a place where combat veterans can get counseling and, just as importantly, find a community of people who have a common experience as warriors for the United States.

Thank you, Mike, for your friendship, your dedication, and your service to our veterans.●

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 and a treaty 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 10:57 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, without amendment:

S. 1067. An act to support stabilization and lasting peace in northern Uganda and areas affected by the Lord's Resistance Army through development of a regional strategy to support multilateral efforts to successfully protect civilians and eliminate the

threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army and to authorize funds for humanitarian relief and reconstruction, reconciliation, and transitional justice, and for other purposes.

S. 3333. An act to extend the statutory license for secondary transmissions under title 17, United States Code, and for other purposes.

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

S. Con. Res. 61. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that general aviation pilots and industry should be recognized for the contributions made in response to Haiti earthquake relief efforts.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) announced that he had signed the following enrolled bills, which were previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 1121. An act to authorize a land exchange to acquire lands for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1442. An act to provide for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909.

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-5817. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (21); Amdt. No. 3369" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5818. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Model 737-600, -700, -700C, -800, -900, and -900ER Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2010-0430)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5819. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Model 747-200B Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2010-0381)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5820. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Model CL-600-2B19 (Regional Jet Series 100 & 440 Airplanes)" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0525)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 7, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.