

birth defects, which can cause higher infant mortality rates. So, despite the progress we are making in reducing infant mortality, evidence of the progress is not being seen equally everywhere.

To combat these disparities, the HHS Office of Minority Health, OMH, began the "A Healthy Baby Begins with You" campaign in 2007. This is a nationwide effort to raise awareness about infant mortality with an emphasis on African Americans. The goals of this campaign include reaching the college-age Black population with targeted health messages emphasizing preconception health and health care. The campaign trains college students to be health ambassadors and reaches out to historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions.

Based on the success of that campaign, OMH developed the Preconception Peer Educators Program, launched in 2008. This program addresses the need to emphasize preconception health as an important factor influencing outcomes for maternal and infant health. The program enlists college students as peer educators on college campuses and in communities to disseminate essential health messages that may seem irrelevant to students who are not seeking to start a family. Because more than 50 percent of pregnancies are unplanned, good preconception health is essential. This program has held trainings across the country over the past year, and there will be a national training for the PPE program this September during National Infant Mortality Awareness Month.

I also commend the work of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau at the Health Resources and Services Administration for providing national leadership on the issue of infant mortality. Their efforts provide critical insight into the Nation's progress toward ensuring quality of care, eliminating barriers and health disparities, and improving the health infrastructure and systems of care for women and children. All of these areas influence the infant mortality rate, and the work of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau will help target our resources efficiently to decrease the number of infant deaths nationwide.

Although some indications are that the U.S. infant mortality rate is decreasing, there is room for substantial improvement. In some pockets of the country, including Baltimore, Memphis, and Washington, DC, the rate is more than twice the national average, and evidence of racial disparities in this area cannot be ignored. We must continue to research the causes and contributing factors to infant mortality and to support effective education and awareness campaigns so that mothers get the prenatal care that they need to have healthy babies. I thank my colleagues who have agreed to support this resolution drawing attention to National Infant Mortality

Awareness Month in September and to support Federal efforts to decrease our national infant mortality rate.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### THE COLORADO TRUST

• Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, today I recognize and congratulate the Colorado Trust, as this year marks the 25th anniversary of the Trust's opening.

With the complex goal of advancing the health and well-being of all Coloradans, the Colorado Trust has strived to assure affordable, superior, and easily accessible health care to Coloradans of all ages. From its inception in 1985 the Trust has addressed a variety of community needs by giving more than \$300 million in grants to an array of individuals and groups.

By developing an understanding of the State's most difficult health care concerns, the Trust has been able to bring the many diverse voices on health care reform together to work towards a solution that improves the lives of all Coloradans. Their shared goal is to achieve access to health care for all Coloradans by 2018, and they are well on their way. Recently, to give one example, the Trust was able to bring 911 emergency medical assistance to 38 of Colorado's counties.

As a result of last year's Colorado Healthcare Affordability Act and Federal health care reform, more than 100,000 uninsured Coloradans will have coverage. But rather than simply ensuring that these Coloradans are covered, the Colorado Trust is ensuring that the care they receive is truly affordable while still top notch and accessible. The Colorado Trust serves as the exemplar to all of us, demonstrating that by working together with a strong commitment to the betterment of others, we can tackle the most complex and pressing situations.●

##### RECOGNIZING ARKANSAS COMMUNITIES

• Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I recognize two Arkansas communities that were recently recognized for their low-cost of living and quality of life.

Kiplinger.Com named Fort Smith as the "least expensive" city for living in the United States. Also on the list was Conway, with the sixth lowest cost of living.

The rankings were determined through criteria examining relative price levels for housing, utilities, transportation, grocery items, health care and miscellaneous goods and services.

I congratulate the residents of both communities for this significant recognition. I also commend Fort Smith and Conway community leaders for their tireless efforts to build and maintain a safe, economical, and desirable place to live for local citizens. Our local leaders represent the best of our

State, and I am proud of their accomplishments.

Mr. President, I salute both Fort Smith and Conway, and I join all Arkansans to express my pride in these communities and our great State as a whole. ●

##### REMEMBERING ELLEN TURNER CARPENTER

• Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today my home State of Arkansas mourns the loss of Ellen Turner Carpenter, 93, a noted educator and community leader who helped shape Arkansas history through her work. Her life and legacy will be celebrated today during a funeral service at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Little Rock. I extend my deepest sympathies to Mrs. Carpenter's relatives and loved ones, who have lost a cherished member of their family.

Mrs. Carpenter's service to the city of Little Rock and the entire State helped inspire countless Arkansans to pursue their dreams and achieve their goals, despite the obstacles they may have faced. A staunch civil rights supporter, she encouraged students to work hard and always strive for the best.

Mrs. Carpenter was born July 30, 1916, in Little Rock as the youngest of eight children. She graduated from Dunbar High School in 1934 and married Rueben Alvin Carpenter in 1935. They had 10 children.

She received a bachelor's degree in education from Philander Smith College in the early 1950s and was a special education teacher for decades, beginning at Booker T. Washington Elementary School in Little Rock. She later received her master's degree from the University of Central Arkansas.

A lifelong member of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Little Rock, Mrs. Carpenter was proud of her faith and heritage. Her Christian principles guided her service and work for others.

She was most known for her role in the preservation of the Mosaic Templars of America headquarters building. In 1992, she became president of the Mosaic Templars Building Preservation Society, which worked to preserve the Mosaic Templars building in Little Rock to create a museum for black history in Arkansas. Today, the museum is dedicated to collecting, preserving, interpreting, and celebrating African-American history, culture and community in Arkansas from 1870 to the present. Mrs. Carpenter served as president of the society until her death and was also appointed by former Governor Mike Huckabee to the advisory board, where she served as chairman.

In 1975, Mrs. Carpenter founded the Meadowbrook Neighborhood Association of South Little Rock and served as its president until 2005.

Mrs. Carpenter's legacy will live on through the Ellen T. Carpenter Scholarship Fund at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, in addition to a State scholarship created in 2008 in her honor. She

will also have a conference room named in her honor at the Mosaic Tempers building. She received many honors throughout her life, including the CareLink Senator David Pryor Award in 2006.

Along with all Arkansans, I celebrate the work, life, and contributions of our beloved community member, Ellen Turner Carpenter. Our State has lost one of its finest citizens, and we all mourn her loss.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2009, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 30, 2010, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 3372. An act to modify the date on which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and applicable States may require permits for discharges from certain vessels.

H.R. 5874. An act making supplemental appropriations for the United States Patent and Trademark Office for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5900. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend airport improvement program project grant authority and to improve airline safety, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2009, the enrolled bills were signed on July 30, 2010, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2009, the Secretary of the Senate, on today, August 2, 2010, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 5278. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 405 West Second Street in Dixon, Illinois, as the "President Ronald W. Reagan Post Office Building".

H.R. 5395. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 North Maitland Avenue in Maitland Florida, as the "Paula Hawkins Post Office Building".

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed during the session of the Senate by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2476. An act to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that are subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5320. An act to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to increase assistance for States, water systems, and disadvantaged communities; to encourage good financial and environmental management of water systems; to strengthen the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to enforce the requirements of the Act; to reduce lead in drinking water; to strengthen the endocrine disruptor screening program; and for other purposes.

H.R. 5414. An act to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Francis Marion National Forest in South Carolina, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5850. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5901. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in United States real property interests, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 90. Joint resolution expressing support for designation of September 2010 as "Gospel Music Heritage Month" and honoring gospel music for its valuable and long-standing contributions to the culture of the United States.

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. 266. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Taiwan should be accorded observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

The message further announced that pursuant to section 803(a) of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act (2 U.S.C. 803(a)), and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Speaker appoints the following members to the Congressional Award Board: Mr. Nicholas Scott Cannon of Los Angeles, CA, for the remainder of the term ending September 25, 2011 and in addition, Mr. Jimmie Lee Solomon of Washington, D.C.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 2(b) of rule VI, and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader jointly appoint the following member for the House of Representatives to the position of Inspector General effective July 30, 2010: Ms. Theresa M. Grafenstine of Manassas, Virginia.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 5872. An act to provide adequate commitment authority for fiscal year 2010 for guaranteed loans that are obligations of the General and Special Risk Insurance Funds of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 5981. An act to increase the flexibility of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development with respect to the amount of premiums charged for FHA single family housing mortgage insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5850. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 5901. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investment in United States real property interests, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on July 30, 2010, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 3372. An act to modify the date on which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and applicable States may require permits for discharges from certain vessels.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 3196. A bill to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to provide that certain transition services shall be available to eligible candidates before the general election (Rept. No. 111-239).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3386. A bill to protect consumers from certain aggressive sales tactics on the Internet (Rept. No. 111-240).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1311. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to expand and strengthen cooperative efforts to monitor, restore, and protect the resource productivity, water quality, and marine ecosystems of the Gulf of Mexico (Rept. No. 111-241).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 3515. A bill to authorize and enhance the programs of the Department of the Interior relating to the detection of, response to, and mitigation and cleanup of oil spills on Federal land managed by the Department, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-242).

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 3686. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health