

quality social services and outreach into communities across the Nation. Some of these organizations report a lack of coordination and collaboration with local VA facilities. Additionally, many small nonprofits and local organizations sometimes lack the additional resources needed to strategically develop guidance and partnerships with and across Federal, State, and local assets. More effective and localized outreach will better address the community-based needs of today's veterans and do so in a cost-efficient way.

This legislation goes beyond authorizing VA to issue grants. This legislation would also allow VA to enter into cooperative agreements and arrangements with various State agencies to carry out, improve, or enhance outreach activities for veterans. Simply put, if a State is already supporting our Nation's veterans, then this legislation would allow VA to reinforce the bond between Federal and State resources to ensure local veterans outreach activities are streamlined and cost-avoidances identified.

One thing is undeniable, and that is that VA should be making every effort to ensure veterans are aware of the benefits and services afforded to them. I recently held a committee hearing where we heard about some of the progress the Department has made in addressing the important issue of outreach. We also heard from community-based organizations that are coordinating and collaborating across Federal, State, and local levels to leverage resources in order to provide cost-effective programs. But what struck me the most was the steadfastness with which each of these community-based organizations identifies veterans and links them to the Federal, State, and local benefits and services they are entitled.

Widely available information and a clear understanding of the information are two basic components of effective outreach. If our Nation's veterans are to take full advantage of the benefits and service they have earned, effective outreach is indispensable. When our Nation's over 22 million veterans are able to take advantage of these benefits and services, they more often than not are placed on a positive path toward an encouraging future.

Mr. President, we have made a solemn commitment to aid veterans after they leave military service. We can only honor this commitment if veterans and their families are aware of the benefits and services available to them. This legislation would strengthen VA's outreach and support the organizations and agencies that seek to stand shoulder to shoulder with VA in support of our nation's heroes.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL HARTER, PH.D., M.S. ED.

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Dr. Michael Harter,

senior provost and chief executive officer of Touro University's Western Division. After more than three decades of dedication to excellence in higher education, Dr. Harter is retiring. My home State of Nevada has benefited tremendously from Dr. Harter's contributions as a researcher, educator and advocate. As he enters retirement, Dr. Harter leaves an inspiring legacy of leadership that will be long felt in the lives and careers of the countless medical professionals he helped to educate.

Since 2004, Dr. Michael Harter has shown exceptional commitment as the administrative and academic head of Touro University's Western Division, including its Nevada campus. He not only helped to establish Touro University Nevada, but his leadership and vision has also contributed to Touro's development as one of the fastest growing medical schools in the region. Despite significant challenges associated with rising costs and a difficult economic climate, Dr. Harter has shown remarkable perseverance and commitment, and he has enhanced Touro University's reputation as an institution.

Prior to his tenure at Touro University, Dr. Harter served as vice dean of the University of Nevada School of Medicine, and he was also the founding executive director of Family Development Programs, Inc. of Ohio. In addition to his educational experience, Dr. Harter has served Nevada's medical profession and health care community as a passionate and dedicated advocate, and has received numerous recognitions and awards for his service. The Nevada State legislature recently recognized Dr. Harter for his "dedication and contributions to the elevation of the educational system in Nevada to the highest caliber."

I want to acknowledge and thank Dr. Michael Harter for his many years of dedicated service as an educator, researcher, administrator, and community advocate. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Harter on his retirement, and in wishing him many successful and fulfilling years to come.●

REMEMBERING DANIELLE DUNLAP

• Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I wish to honor in the RECORD Miss Danielle Dunlap of Atlanta, GA. A few weeks ago, I was very saddened to learn of the passing of this 25-year-old Peace Corps volunteer, who was known as "Dani" by her overseas community. Danielle was stationed in Ghana when her life was cut tragically short by illness. Like so many of our Peace Corps volunteers, she was a role model who dedicated her life to serving others. During her time in Ghana, Danielle touched the lives of individuals and families in Ghana by working with them to improve their lives in the areas of nutrition, HIV/AIDS, malaria, and sanitation. Her colleagues in Ghana said that she was proud of her role as a volunteer trainer, helping to mentor newly arriv-

ing volunteers in the projects to which she was so devoted.

Born in Germany, Danielle's love for all things international began long before her days as a Peace Corps volunteer. She studied abroad in South Korea and Haiti, where she learned Korean and Spanish.

Danielle was clearly a bright and gifted individual. She graduated from Brown University in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in neuroscience. She tutored young students at the Academy at Harvard Square in Cambridge, MA, and she was a swim instructor for students with asthma.

Danielle Dunlap was a model of service and character, and it is Americans such as her who make this country great. The Nation mourns the loss of an incredible individual at such a young age, and my heart and my prayers go out to Danielle's family and friends.●

RECOGNIZING KELO-TV

• Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I wish to honor KELO-TV, a South Dakota institution, for 60 years of excellence in broadcasting. Since 1953, South Dakotans have turned to KELO for reliable news and information about their local communities.

Theater promoter Joe L. Floyd had a vision of providing all South Dakotans, even those in the most isolated parts of our State, with access to television programming. Volatile weather and vast distances made this no easy feat. Tornadoes caused towers to collapse in the early years, but the dedicated KELO team always restored service promptly.

On May 19, 1953, KELO-TV made its inaugural broadcast and South Dakota's first television station was born. Dave Dedrick signed KELO on the air for the first time. "Serving the mighty Sioux Empire, this is KELO-TV Channel 11 Sioux Falls," he boomed. Dedrick became the face of the network, not only as the station's long-time weatherman but as Captain 11, a fictional character in KELO's hugely popular afterschool children's program. Captain 11 ran for nearly 42 years, making it America's longest running children's program.

KELO has always grown with the times and strived to bring the latest technological innovations to their viewers. In 1955, KELO began to broadcast the news live from the second floor of the Hollywood Theater building. KELO aired the first live telecast of a sporting event in South Dakota in 1957. In 1968, KELO pushed the envelope yet again by becoming the first station in the area to broadcast live and in color. Every step of the way, KELO has gone to great lengths to provide the best programming for all South Dakotans. In 1991, as soon as the technology became available, KELO began to closed-caption of many of their programs to better serve deaf and hearing-

impaired viewers. In 1997, KELO installed the first live Doppler radar network in South Dakota. This innovation was crucial in providing South Dakotans with the most accurate storm forecasts so they could protect themselves and their families. In 2003, HDTV came to KELOLAND and in 2009, KELO made the transition to a digital-only signal.

KELO has garnered national recognition for superior news coverage and their commitment to the community. The National Association of Broadcasters, NAB, honored KELO with the "Friend in Need" Service to America Award in 1999 for exceptional coverage of the devastating tornado that ripped through Spencer, SD. Not only did KELO's advance coverage save lives, but money raised from their telethon helped victims to rebuild the town. In 2000, KELO received a national Emmy Award for its "Tradition of Caring" public service campaign. Employees at the station starred in public service announcements to raise awareness for local organizations in need. The program continues to highlight organizations across South Dakota to this day. In 2004, KELO was honored with the Edward R. Murrow Award, one of the most prestigious awards in the industry, for coverage of the 2003 tornado outbreak known as "Tornado Tuesday."

Over 60 years of broadcasting KELO has earned the public's trust through a dedication to journalistic excellence. South Dakotans rely on KELO to stay connected to their communities. Whether it be news, sports, or weather, KELO delivers the information that South Dakotans need most. It is a great honor to recognize KELO-TV for 60 years of community partnership, and I wish them many years of continued success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:34 a.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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 180. An act to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

H.R. 1580. An act to affirm the policy of the United States regarding Internet governance.

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

S. Con. Res. 10. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 1:34 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks,

announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 360. An act to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley to commemorate the lives they lost 50 years ago in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, where these 4 little Black girls' ultimate sacrifice served as a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1580. An act to affirm the policy of the United States regarding Internet governance; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 953. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

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-1498. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Tuscaloosa Dragon Boat Races; Black Warrior River; Tuscaloosa, AL" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0190)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1499. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Miscellaneous Amendments (RRR)" (RIN2137-AE78) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1500. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Harmonization with the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Model Regulations, International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, and the International Civil Aviation Organization Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air"

(RIN2137-AE83) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1501. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Revision of Maximum and Minimum Civil Penalties" (RIN2137-AE96) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1502. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Miscellaneous Petitions for Rule-making (RRR)" (RIN2137-AE79) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1503. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Harmonization with International Standards (RRR)" (RIN2137-AE87) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 2, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1504. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; 12th Annual Saltwater Classic; Port Canaveral Harbor; Port Canaveral, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0200)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1505. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; XA The Experimental Agency Fireworks, Pier 34, East River, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0208)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1506. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Fireworks Displays in Captain of the Port Long Island Sound Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0227)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1507. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway; Wrightsville Beach, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-1082)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1508. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled