

marines. The years 1941 to 1945 also witnessed an unprecedented mobilization of domestic industry, which supplied our military on two distant fronts.

In Louisiana, there remain today about 30,000 living WWII veterans, and each one has a heroic tale of achieving the noble victory of freedom over tyranny. This group had 36 veterans who served in the U.S. Army, 14 in the Army Air Corps, 34 in the Navy, 4 in the Marine Corps, one in the Merchant Marines, one in the Coast Guard, and 2 were a part of Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Services, WAVES.

Our heroes, many of them from South Louisiana, trekked the world for their country. They fought in Germany, Holland, France, Italy, Africa, Guam, Bougainville, Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, the Philippines, New Guinea, Japan, and Saipan. Their journeys included the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, and Normandy.

One of our Army Air Corps was held as a prisoner of war after his aircraft was shot down over Germany. Three other Army veterans fought bravely in the Battle of the Bulge, all three receiving a Purple Heart and one receiving three Bronze stars for his service.

One Navy veteran earned 10 medals for his service in the Pacific. An Army Air Corps veteran served in 20 combat missions in Europe between 1942 and 1955. Another Navy veteran was present for the surrender at Tokyo Bay in 1945.

One Navy veteran was serving in Pearl Harbor during the infamous Japanese attack in 1941. Eight veterans received Purple Hearts and five of them were held as prisoners of war.

I am also proud to acknowledge that of the 92 veterans who visited Washington this past weekend, 2 were women who served our country with honor and distinction during World War II.

I ask the Senate to join me in honoring these 92 veterans, all Louisiana heroes, who visited Washington, and Louisiana HonorAir for making these trips a reality.●

TRANSMITTING NOTIFICATION OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE EMERGENCY DECLARED PERTAINING TO SIGNIFICANT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS CENTERED IN COLOMBIA TO CONTINUE IN EFFECT BEYOND OCTOBER 21, 2009, AS RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON OCTOBER 16, 2009—PM 33

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States 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. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the emergency declared with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia is to continue in effect beyond October 21, 2009.

The circumstances that led to the declaration on October 21, 1995, of a national emergency have not been resolved. The actions of significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States and to cause an extreme level of violence, corruption, and harm in the United States and abroad. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to maintain economic pressure on significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia by blocking their property and interests in property that are in the United States or within the possession or control of United States persons and by depriving them of access to the U.S. market and financial system.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 16, 2009.

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE HAITIAN HEMISPHERIC OPPORTUNITY THROUGH PARTNERSHIP ENCOURAGEMENT ACT OF 2008 (HOPE II) (P.L. 110-246) THAT AMENDED THE CARIBBEAN BASIN ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT (CBERA) MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS FROM HAITI ELIGIBLE FOR PREFERENTIAL TARIFF TREATMENT AFTER OCTOBER 18, 2009, AS RECEIVED DURING THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON OCTOBER 16, 2009—PM 34

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of The United States which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

The Haitian Hemispheric Opportunity through Partnership Encouragement Act of 2008 (HOPE II) (the "Act") (Public Law 110-246), amended the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA) to make certain additional products from Haiti eligible for preferential tariff treatment. Under HOPE II, these imports from Haiti will continue to be eligible for preferential treatment after October 18, 2009, if I determine and certify that Haiti has met certain eligibility criteria set out in the Act.

Since enactment of HOPE II, Haiti has issued a decree establishing an

independent labor ombudsman's office, and the President of Haiti has selected a labor ombudsman following consultation with unions and industry representatives. In addition, Haiti, in cooperation with the International Labor Organization, has established a Technical Assistance Improvement and Compliance Needs Assessment and Remediation (TAICNAR) Program. Haiti has also implemented an electronic visa system that acts as a registry of Haitian producers of articles eligible for duty-free treatment and has made participation in the TAICNAR Program a condition of using this visa system.

In light of these actions and in accordance with section 213A of CBERA, as amended, I have determined and hereby certify that Haiti: (i) has implemented the requirements set forth in sections 213A(e)(2) and (e)(3); and (ii) is requiring producers of articles for which duty-free treatment may be requested under section 213A(b) to participate in the TAICNAR Program and has developed a system to ensure participation in such program by such producers, including by developing and maintaining a registry of producers.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 16, 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2442. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to expand the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2442. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to expand the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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-3416. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Internal Control Over Financial Reporting in Exchange Act Periodic Reports of Non-Accelerated Filers" (RIN3235-AK48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3417. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department