

Throughout her career, Valoria Loveland has been known for her ability to get things done and solve problems. Never one to shy away from tough issues, her straightforward manner and tireless work ethic have earned her the respect of many.

Ms. Loveland's leadership will be sorely missed in Washington State, which has benefitted greatly from her years of service. I wish her well, and thank her for her dedication to the State of Washington.●

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT GLENN FREEMAN

● Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, today I wish to praise CMSgt Glenn Freeman, U.S. Air Force, Retired, of Omaha, who was honored on April 26 by the National Guard Association of Nebraska with the Distinguished Service Award. Chief Freeman has worked in my Omaha office as senior aide for military and veterans affairs, assisting servicemembers and their families, for the past 11 years. He is receiving the award in recognition of his dedicated service to the Nebraska National Guard.

Glenn has served the State of Nebraska and our country in a manner that deserves high recognition and our deepest respect. He is a friend and has been invaluable to my office. Over the last 11 years, Glenn has helped thousands of Nebraska's military families with casework and veterans issues. Glenn is an American role model.

Chief Freeman, originally from Washington, DC, served in the Air Force for 30 years, retiring in 1985. His decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, four Air Force Commendation medals, and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat V, Valor—Device. Chief Freeman served tours in Vietnam, Thailand, Guam, Newfoundland, Korea, Japan, and the Republic of the Philippines.

Prior to joining my staff, Chief Freeman was hospital service coordinator for disabled American veterans. As a senior aide to me, he continues to work closely with veterans service organizations while assisting veterans and military families across Nebraska.

Chief Freeman has served as president of the Omaha Chapter Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, a non-profit organization which seeks to preserve American ideals and principles by helping students become responsible and active citizens. He has additionally served on the Omaha Civil Rights Advisory Committee and as chairman of the Douglas County Republican Party and the Republican Forum. He delivers college lectures across Nebraska as a recognized scholar on the American political process and the U.S. Constitution.●

IN RECOGNITION OF DANNY WOODHEAD

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to a young

Nebraskan who recently became a member of the New York Jets, after completing a remarkable 4-year run into the National Collegiate Athletic Association, NCAA, record books as the all-time leading rusher at any level of college football.

Danny Woodhead, a senior tailback for Chadron State College in Nebraska, completed his college football career with 7,962 yards rushing to top the previous all-division record by more than 600 yards.

It is not the only NCAA record set by this native son from North Platte, NE. During the 2006 season, Danny set the single-season record for rushing for all NCAA divisions as he rushed for 2,756 yards on 344 carries. He became the first player in NCAA history to ever rush for more than 2,700 yards in a season.

Danny Woodhead also ranks second in the Nation in career all-purpose yardage, with 9,479 yards. His 109 career touchdowns tie the NCAA record, and his 654 career points rank him second.

For his outstanding football achievements, Danny Woodhead was awarded the Harlon Hill Trophy for the second year in a row. Similar to the Heisman, the Harlon Hill Trophy is given annually to the college football player of the year in NCAA Division II.

The State of Nebraska has a storied college football tradition; but no one has ever witnessed a running back compile the prodigious statistics that Danny Woodhead, a math education major, did during his career with the Eagles. Although he played for a small college in a rural state, his abilities caught the attention of the sporting world.

The people of Nebraska are proud of Danny Woodhead and his remarkable achievements, and we look forward to watching him pursue his dreams in football and beyond.●

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 which were referred to the appropriate committees. (The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 9:33 a.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 bill:

H.R. 3522. An act to ratify a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly, and for other purposes.

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

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) announced that on today, May 8, 2008, he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 5919. An act to make technical corrections regarding the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007.

At 12:55 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. 5937. An act to facilitate the preservation of certain affordable housing dwelling units.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1853(a) of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-53), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism: Mr. Timothy J. Roemer of Great Falls, Virginia, and Ms. Wendy R. Sherman of Bethesda, Maryland.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 5937. An act to facilitate the preservation of certain affordable housing dwelling units; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 2991. A bill to provide energy price relief and hold oil companies and other entities accountable for their actions with regard to high energy prices, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. 2996. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the