

Dominicans with a forum to educate them and to strengthen their sense of identity. In addition, its associated nonprofit institution offers English classes and other services to immigrants.

The Dominican Republic has a long and distinguished history. Christopher Columbus visited in 1492, and named the island Hispaniola. Among other important legacies, Santo Domingo, the nation's capital, is the oldest settlement by Europeans and the location of the most ancient cathedral in the Americas.

Dominicans are proud of their country's history, rich culture, natural resources, agriculture, and other industries. The Great Dominican Parade and Carnival of the Bronx has adopted as its symbol the map of the Dominican Republic containing in its center a portrait of Juan Pablo Duarte, the Dominican flag, and a depiction of the oldest cathedral and the highest mountain in the nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the members and friends of the Great Dominican Parade and Carnival of the Bronx for their 6 years of bringing joy and of strengthening the community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HERBERT H. BATEMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 1996

Mr. BATEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I inadvertently missed rollcall vote 308 on July 11, 1996. I would like to note for the record that I would have voted "nay."

#### TRIBUTE TO LYLE AND MARY MAPLES

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 1996

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to Lyle and Mary Maples of Lenoir City, TN, upon the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary on July 27, 1996. In this day and age where family values are much discussed, I can think of no greater testament to life, love, honor, and family values than the commitment of a 50 year marriage.

Lyle and Mary worked until retirement in Oak Ridge, TN. Lyle worked at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Mary worked for the Atomic Energy Commission. Their contributions to the "golden days" of Oak Ridge on projects of immense significance are appreciated by all Americans.

Along the way, they built a home and raised a family. They have three children, Mary Ann, Jim and Bob. Mary Ann is a master educator at Lenoir City High School; Jim is a district manager at Goody's Corp. in Knoxville and Bob is a lobbyist in Washington, DC. Lyle and Mary are equally as proud of their grandchildren; three boys—Clay Stewart, Jesse and Joe Maples and two granddaughters—Mary Lee Stewart and Becca Maples. A family raised in Tennessee and working to better their community, State and Nation.

Lyle and Mary are active members of their community and their church, Central United

Methodist. Their good deeds and works are appreciated by civic leaders, friends, and neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, I join Lyle and Mary's family, friends, and the Lenoir City community in recognizing this milestone and wish them many more years of life and love.

#### WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EQUITY ACT

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 1996

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, as a cochair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, I am pleased to introduce the Women's Economic Equity Act [EEA]. This package of legislation is designed to increase economic opportunities for American women.

The Economic Equity Act is a comprehensive, forward-looking agenda for improving the economic well-being of American women in the workplace and at home. This legislative package has been introduced by the Women's Caucus in every Congress since 1981.

This year's EEA continues its traditional focus on such issues as pay equity and pension reform, but places new emphasis on the economic impact of domestic violence. The bills included in the EEA would expand professional opportunities for women in science and engineering and expand job benefits for part-time and temporary workers, most of whom are women. One provision would extend IRA deductions to women who choose to stay at home.

Although women are and continue to be the majority of new entrants into the workplace, they continue to be clustered in low-skilled, low-paying jobs. By improving the economic condition of women, we will be helping our Nation face the economic challenges of the 21st century.

Each of the individual provisions included in the EEA have been or will be introduced as separate bills. By bringing each of these 36 bills under a single bill number, the caucus hopes to set out a broad agenda for addressing important women's economic issues.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 1996

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, yesterday on Rollcall 325, granting most-favored-nation status to Romania I was incorrectly recorded as voting "yes." I request that the record reflect my opposition to this bill and that I intended to vote "no."

#### TRIBUTE TO GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. WAYNE ALLARD

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 1996

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute several outstanding young

women who have been honored with the Girl Scout Gold Award by Girl Scouts-Mountain Prairie Council in Colorado. They are Christine Myers of Troop 61; Tiffany Beck and Denise Johnson of Troop 320; Molly Phelan of Troop 642; and Stephanie Rabourn. They were honored recently for earning the highest achievement award in U.S. Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award can be earned by girls aged 14–17, or in grades 9–12.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., an organization serving over 2.5 million girls, has awarded more than 20,000 Girl Scout Gold Awards to senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must earn four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and the Senior Girl Scout Challenge, as well as design and implement a Girl Scout Gold Award project. A plan for fulfilling these requirements is created by the Senior Girl Scout and is carried out through close cooperation between the girl and an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

As members of Girl Scouts-Mountain Prairie Council, these young women began working toward the Girl Scout Gold Award in 1995. Christine completed her project in areas of organizing a book drive, Tiffany and Denise completed their projects in areas of planning and running a day camp, Molly completed her project in areas of drinking and driving, and Stephanie completed her project in areas of setting up a program that helps Hispanic children who are having difficulties with their schoolwork. I believe that these young women should receive public recognition due them for their significant service to the community and the country.

#### PRESIDENT CLINTON IGNORES VICE PRESIDENT GORE'S OWN LEGISLATION

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 1996

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I insert for the record a Reuter's report from July 15 in which the U.S. Commander of the Fifth Fleet, Adm. John Scott Redd, has once again reported that Iran has acquired more C-802 antiship missiles from Communist China.

According to Admiral Redd, these missiles add a new dimension in the regional naval threat. Further, he reports that Iran has tripled the number of missiles deployed on its coast and is fitting up to 20 Huodong patrol boats, also acquired from Communist China, with these missiles.

Mr. Speaker, these weapons transfers should be a sanctionable activity under the law. Indeed, they should be sanctionable under a law written by none other than the Vice-President of the United States, ALBERT GORE. In 1992, then-Senator GORE authored the Iran-Iraq Arms Non Proliferation Act, which was successfully amended to the fiscal year 1993 Defense authorization bill.

Section 1605 of the act calls for mandatory sanctions against any foreign country if the President determines that the country transfers goods or technology so as to contribute