

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY KIRSTEN
FRENCH AND RICHARD K. EAMER

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dorothy Kirsten French and Richard K. Eamer, co-founders of The John Douglas French Alzheimer's Foundation; and to Dennis F. Holt for his philanthropic work in advancing the research of causes of Alzheimer's disease.

I am happy to report that on Sunday, October 24, 1999, The Founding Associates will celebrate its 15th anniversary during a special ceremony that will honor Dennis F. Holt, Chairman and CEO of Western International Media, Inc., and an active member of the Board of Directors of The John Douglas French Alzheimer's Foundation. Mr. Holt has engaged in philanthropic work to advance research in the causes of Alzheimer's Disease. He has donated \$2 million of broadcast time towards public service announcements in 24 markets. He is a distinguished leader in changing the nature of advertising and media buying practices. Mr. Holt is an inspiration in perseverance and triumph over adversity. He demonstrates an uncommon commitment to help others and exemplifies this commitment with The John Douglas French Alzheimer's Foundation.

Dorothy French and Richard Eamer co-founded The John Douglass French Alzheimer Foundation to honor Dorothy's husband Dr. John Douglas, co-founder of UCLA's Brain Research Institute, and who sadly became a victim of Alzheimer's disease himself in 1989.

Since 1983, the John French Alzheimer's Foundation has been dedicated to finding the cause and cure of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. The foundation has raised more than \$18 million through its fundraising efforts, and has helped to fund the work of such noted scientists as Dr. Stanley B. Pruisner, a 1997 Nobel Laureate.

Alzheimer's is one of the most costly and debilitating of illnesses, afflicting more than four million Americans every year, slowly robbing them of their memory and ability to care for themselves. As our nation ages, and more and more families face this terrible disease, the need for organizations such as the John Douglas French Alzheimer Foundation will be increasingly important. I am pleased Congress has in recent years substantially increased the nation's investment in medical research. For the current budget year, fiscal 1999, Congress has approved a budget of \$15.6 billion, a 14 percent increase, for the National Institute of Health, which leads the nation's biomedical research effort. This increase will fund important research into understanding and treating Alzheimer's and other diseases.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Dorothy French, Richard Eamer, and Dennis Holt, three citi-

zens committed to the finding of a cure for Alzheimer's disease and improving the lives of their fellow Americans.

TRIBUTE TO BUDDY G. BELSHE

HON. CHRISTOPHER COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Buddy G. Belshe, who has completed his 50th year as an ocean lifeguard in Orange County, California.

Buddy Belshe, a longtime lifeguard with the City of Newport Beach, California, has devoted his life to preserving the lives of others. Beginning his career in 1950, he continues to serve today working with and overseeing the number of men and women who keep our Southern California beaches safe and protected.

In addition to his service to the residents and visitors of Newport Beach, Buddy's accomplishments also include his longtime service with the United States Lifesaving Association, where he has served as both Vice President and Secretary, and on the board of the California State Lifesaving Association.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring Buddy G. Belshe. It is fitting that all of us join with the family, friends, and the community of Newport Beach, California in recognizing his lifelong service and dedication to public safety.

DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATION ACT, 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 1999

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2684) making appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes:

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Chairman, once again, the Republican leadership is attempting to cut housing programs that assist our nation's most vulnerable citizens. In the midst of one of the greatest economic expansions our country has ever known, we should be doing everything we can to help people move from homelessness to home ownership, and public housing is critical in this transition.

All the talk about revitalization and economic integration becomes mere rhetoric

when we see such drastic funding cuts proposed for our nation's most impoverished communities.

While the President's budget would have increased vital investments in families and communities by \$2 billion, the Republican version of this bill, if passed, would have a devastating impact on these same communities nationwide.

In my district, Florida's third, the effects of these cuts could prove disastrous. Jacksonville stands to lose more than \$5 million if the VA-HUD bill passes, Orlando could lose \$1.9 million, and Daytona could lose \$842,000.

These cuts would be devastating to the families that rely on public housing services. The number of families with worst case housing needs—defined as paying more than 50 percent of income on rent—remains at an all-time high. Furthermore, families in the transition from welfare to work have a special need for assistance since housing is typically their greatest financial burden.

The slight increase in section 8 funding is not enough, since virtually all other housing programs designed to help the needy, such as HOPE VI, Community Development Block Grants, and of particular concern to me are the funding cuts for Brownfields clean up and development, and lead based paint abatement, especially since there is a new superfund site in my district!

Overall, the cuts represent an estimated 156,000 fewer housing units for low-income families; 16,000 homeless families and persons with AIDS who will not receive vital housing and related services; and 97,000 jobs that will not be generated in communities that need them.

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to vote against H.R. 2684.

CONGRATULATING PHILIP J.
MCLEWIN ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Philip J. McLewin on the occasion of his retirement as president of the Bergen County Central Trades and Labor Council of the AFL-CIO. Mr. McLewin has been a dedicated and respected labor leader in northern New Jersey, fighting for the rights of working men and women as they seek to achieve the American dream. Mr. McLewin exhibited progressive leadership, building coalitions and consensus among labor groups and working with business management to achieve the goals of employers and employees alike. His success was symbolic of a time when the industrial revolution had blossomed into a spirit of cooperation between labor and management that helped give the United States the leading economy of the world.

Mr. McLewin actively participated in the Council's activities for 25 years. He began in

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1974 as a labor educator, teaching worker education courses at Ramapo College, where he is still employed as a professor of economics. He was elected president of the council in 1983 and served 16 years before his retirement this year.

By bringing together affiliated local unions, Mr. McLewin was able to form a unified and highly effective voice for labor in Bergen County. Under his leadership, the council played a key role in endorsing and electing political candidates, lobbying for worker-friendly legislation and fighting against opponents of labor. He rekindled the grass roots activism of trade unionists in Bergen County in support of workers on strike, those whose jobs were threatened by plant closings or privatization, and supporting efforts to organize new unions or expand union membership. Under his tenure, the number of local unions affiliated with the Council more than doubled and participation of local unions in the Council's activities increased tenfold.

One of Mr. McLewin's proudest accomplishments was the establishment of the United Labor Agency of Bergen County, which assists union members with individual and family social service needs.

AFL-CIO President John Sweeney recognized Mr. McLewin's leadership when he appointed him to the 24-member National Central Labor Council Advisory Committee in 1995 to help develop the regeneration of labor councils across the country.

In addition to heading the Bergen County Central Trades and Labor Council, Mr. McLewin was vice president of the New Jersey Industrial Council and a former president of American Federation of Teachers Local 2274. He was a member of the AFT bargaining team and state council.

Mr. McLewin has been an active leader in the local community, serving on the board of directors for New Jersey Citizen Action, on the leadership team of the Bergen County Workforce Investment Board and working extensively with the United Way.

Born in Portland, Maine, he moved to San Diego at the age of six. He is a graduate of San Diego State University and holds a master's degree in economics from the University of California at Riverside and his doctorate in economics from Cornell University. He moved to Bergen County in 1974. He and his wife, Lynne, have been married 37 years and have two sons.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mr. McLewin on his successful career and in wishing him the best in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO IRA FREEMAN

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, my colleague, Mr. SHERMAN, and I, rise to pay tribute to our good friend, Ira Freeman, who is this year's recipient of the Annual Achievement Award from Action Democrats of the San Fernando Valley. Ira Freeman has built his life on the

proposition that we are put on earth to help others. The list of organizations, associations and causes that have benefitted from Ira's tireless activism is almost as enormous as his heart. We have no idea how he has managed—for nearly 40 years—to balance his busy and distinguished career with his myriad civic and political activities.

In 1964, Ira opened Key Pharmacy—a community resource pharmacy—in North Hollywood. While building a very successful business, he also played a leadership role within his profession. From 1972 to the present, Ira has served as a board member of the Pharmacists Professional Society of the San Fernando Valley. He is a member, a past-Treasurer and a past-President of the statewide Pharmacists Political Action Committee and from 1996 to 1998 was Chief Financial Officer of the United Pharmacists Network.

A tireless booster of his community, Ira served as President of the Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce in 1985 and again in 1988. He has been a member of the Sun Valley Chamber Board for 14 years, and was appointed by Assemblyman Bob Hertzberg to his Small Business Advisory Commission.

Ira loves politics. He is a voter, contributor, fund raiser, volunteer and unofficial advisor. Virtually every campaign in the San Fernando Valley has benefitted from Ira's hard work and generosity. He has served on the Leadership Council of the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley, and is a member of Action Democrats, Democrats for Change and the Sherman Oaks Democratic Club.

Ira gives his talents and resources to charitable causes ranging from AIDS to Diabetes. He is a contributing member to The Executives, a support group for the Jewish Home for the Aging and works with the Fair Housing Council of the San Fernando Valley.

Ira has been awarded the Circle of Friends Award by the Juvenile Justice Connection Project (1987), the Doreen McDonald Award from the Independent Living Centers of Southern California (1994) and the Helen and Sam Greenberg Award, as well as recognition from the California Pharmacists and the Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce.

We ask our colleagues to join us in saluting Ira Freeman, whose selfless acts and dedication to this community inspire us all. We are proud to be his friend.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD NOT HAVE GRANTED CLEMENCY TO TERRORISTS

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 1999

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H. Con. Res. 180, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President should not have granted clemency. This resolution is largely another attempt to smear the policy of an Administration that has been under scrutiny for quite some time now. I will not support transferring a battle regarding our Administration's scruples into attempts to reflect a similar suspicious light on our Administration's policy.

This resolution was not reviewed by the Judiciary Committee, which is the Committee of referral. In fact, the resolution was not even submitted until one day before the vote. Most of the Puerto Rican nationalists who were granted clemency have already served at least 19 years of their sentences. Our Constitution clearly states that the President has the sole and unitary power to grant clemency. It does so because the President is uniquely positioned to consider the law and facts that apply in each request for clemency. We, as individual Members of Congress, have neither the time nor the staff to individually review the Administration's belief that the sentences were out of proportion with the offenses. For this precise reason, bills are referred to the committees that can provide such expertise. It is a shame that we would not take the time to allow expert evaluation of the level of merit behind this resolution and refer this resolution to the Judiciary Committee.

This is neither the time nor the topic for political pandering. Terrorism and clemency are matters to be taken very seriously. They are not to be used for political games. I will not support turning the fight against terrorism into a political game, and that is why I am voting against this bill on final passage.

DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

SPEECH OF

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OF FLORIDA

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Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Chairman, the Veterans Equitable Resources Allocation (VERA) is an excellent system for directing veterans health care dollars to the states where our veterans receive their care. Since its inception in 1997 the VERA program has helped to more properly and equally distribute the scarce dollars we provide for our veterans healthcare.

My state of Florida has the second largest and oldest veterans population in the nation, and continues to suffer from lack of funding for its veterans programs. We recently had a veterans nursing home that was built and ready to care for our elderly veterans but could not open because there were no operating costs. We have a great state and we welcome all our new residents with open arms, but we must have the funds to provide for these new residents.

The VERA program was developed to more equally distribute needed funds to our veterans. The program is working and should be allowed to continue to work for our veterans. We've already shortchanged our veterans in this VA-HUD Appropriations. Lets not do it

again. I ask my colleagues to vote no on this amendment.

DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 1999

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Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Chairman, I rise to give voice to the concerns of scientists and other citizens of southern Arizona who have grave misgivings about the funding decisions in this bill. As an appropriator and a subcommittee Chair myself, I understand and sympathize with the gentleman from New York on the difficulty of writing a bill under the caps by which we are currently governed.

However, as the elected representative of some of this country's pre-eminent scientists, I must speak on their behalf and relate to you the impact these funding cuts for basic research could have.

Many of you followed the success a year ago when the Mars Pathfinder mission landed on the Martian surface on the 4th of July. The camera that provided the stunning images of that new world was built at the University of Arizona and the world was watching. In that project we proved we could do significant science for a fraction of the cost and it was the front-page story around the world.

This project was a dramatic example of the core, basic research accomplished by our nation's universities and grant based research. Many of these programs are funded under NASA's Science, Aeronautics and Technology Account. In this bill, that account is funded at \$628 million, more than half a billion dollars below last year's budget.

Competitively awarded space science grants in every state in the nation will be drastically cut, with the biggest cuts coming in California, Maryland, Arizona, Colorado, Texas, Alabama and Pennsylvania.

In addition to cuts to space science programs, the subcommittee's decision to cut \$150 million from the Earth Observing System (EOS) program and an additional \$50 million from the EOS Data Information System (EOSDIS) significantly impairs our ability to understand our environment.

These cuts will make it difficult, if not impossible, to process data we are collecting from Landsat 7 and that we will collect on the EOS series of satellites. It makes little sense to have spent billions of dollars building these satellites over the last decade and fail to provide the funds to analyze the data they collect.

And the impact from this lack of data analysis will hurt important sectors of our economy; Farmers won't gain advance warning of

oncoming severe weather like droughts or flooding; coastal areas like the southeastern U.S. won't be able to anticipate the severity of hurricanes.

In summary, these cuts in NASA's science programs will set back our nation. They are not balanced. They pose a great threat to our future competitiveness in research and technology.

Mr. Chairman, I am supporting some of the amendments to this bill which will help restore some of the funding cut by this bill. However, I am still concerned about the level of funding and ask the chairman of the VA-HUD Subcommittee to continue to work to find funds to fully support basic, core research.

DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

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Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Nadler amendment providing \$305 million for 50,000 Section 8 housing vouchers for low- and moderate-income families.

Just last year Congress recognized the critical need for housing by passing the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act, which authorized 100,000 new Section 8 vouchers. The Majority's appropriation provides zero funding for these vouchers—essentially turning our work of last year into an empty promise.

In my district in New York City alone, the Majority's appropriation would support housing for 375 fewer lower-income families than in FY 1999.

HUD recently reported that the wait for public housing has increased by 50 percent over the past 2½ years. Before we race ahead with budget-busting tax cuts, we must assist families living in substandard housing.

Join me in supporting the Nadler amendment and build on our work of last year.

TRIBUTE TO RAMON SANCHEZ

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend one of Northwest Indiana's most distinguished citizens, Ramon Sanchez, of Merrillville, Indiana. Mr. Sanchez will be honored by the Lake County Council for his exemplary and dedicated service to our community on September 14, 1999.

Born in Villalba, Puerto Rico, Mr. Sanchez is the eldest of four children born to the late Francisco and Candida Sanchez. Ramon, fondly referred to as "Ray" by his many friends, has been an active and visible leader in the Hispanic community since his arrival to the United States in 1951.

Mr. Sanchez began his career in the United States as a steelworker at Inland Steel, a job from which he retired in 1989 after 38 years of service. From 1972-1995, he served as Chief Bailiff with the Gary City Court. Most recently, Ramon Sanchez retired from the Merrillville Town Court after two years of service as Bailiff.

Outside of his professional career, Ramon Sanchez has devoted a large portion of his life to the betterment of Northwest Indiana. Mr. Sanchez is committed to improving the standard of living in Northwest Indiana, particularly in the Hispanic community. He has played an instrumental role in representing the needs of the community and has been an advocate of minority rights. Mr. Sanchez is a well recognized and respected figure in Northwest Indiana's political arena, having served the City of Gary in various capacities including a 20 year term as precinct committeeman. He has spearheaded various political campaigns and is affiliated with numerous civic organizations throughout Northwest Indiana.

While serving the community has always been an extremely important part of Mr. Sanchez's life, there can be no comparison to the dedication he has for his family. Ramon and his loving wife, Nancy, have raised four wonderful children, Amy, Ingrid, Mishelle, and Zayda. He is also a proud grandfather of nine grandchildren which provide an eternal source of joy and love for both he and his wife.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Ramon Sanchez for his dedication, service, and leadership to the people of Indiana's First Congressional District. Northwest Indiana's community has certainly been rewarded by the true service and uncompromising dedication displayed by Mr. Ramon Sanchez.

TRIBUTE TO HAROLD ROUSE

HON. DAN MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to honor a gentleman who dedicated over a quarter of a century in service to Veterans in Manatee County, Florida. I am sad to report that on May 11 of this year, my district lost one of its most respected and valued citizens, Harold Rouse.

Harold Rouse was a Vietnam Veteran and dedicated public servant. He served the veterans and their families through his position as the Manatee County Veterans Service Officer. He was a champion of disabled veterans and a leader in the veterans community. I doubt anyone can remember an occasion honoring veterans at which Harold wasn't present. His enthusiasm, vigor, and heartfelt love for veterans was evident in everything he did. Harold was instrumental in establishing the "Walkway of Memories" at the Manatee Veterans Monument Park—the location of Manatee County's veterans' events.

It is especially fitting that today's remarks coincide with the opening of the Manatee County Veterans' Clinic. While Harold cannot be on hand for the grand opening of the clinic, his legacy will be evident in the service provided to the deserving veterans of the area.

Harold Rouse was a gentleman, a friend, a family man and a truly dedicated patriot. He is sorely missed and I consider it a personal honor to have known him.

CHILDREN'S ASTHMA RELIEF ACT
OF 1999

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce H.R. 2840, Children's Asthma Relief Act of 1999, legislation providing a comprehensive, community-based response to the increasingly serious incidence of childhood asthma. I am pleased that my colleague, HENRY WAXMAN, is the original cosponsor of this bill.

Chronic asthma is a serious and growing health problem confronting our nation, and particularly our nation's children. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 6.4 percent of our population report having asthma—a dramatic 75-percent increase over the last two decades. Childhood asthma has increased even more dramatically—over 160 percent since 1980—and is the most common childhood chronic disease. It is particularly prevalent among the urban poor, in all likelihood because of lack of access to health care and the high number of allergens in the environment. Asthma deaths have tripled over the past two decades, despite improvements in clinical treatment. In my own state, 5.7 percent of the population, or 542,300 Michiganders suffer from asthma.

The legislation we are introducing today will help us marshal and coordinate our resources to much more effectively wage war against this significant threat to our nation's health. First, the bill creates a \$50 million program within the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant program to assist communities in areas with a high prevalence of childhood asthma and a lack of access to medical care to establish treatment centers. In addition to providing medical care on site and in various areas of the community through "breathmobiles," the centers will also provide education to parents, children, health providers and others on recognizing the signs and symptoms of asthma, provide medications, and provide training in the use of these medications. The centers will also provide other services, such as smoking cessation programs and home modifications to reduce exposure to allergens.

In order to be eligible to receive grants under this program, applicants will be required to demonstrate that they will coordinate the services they are offering with other federal, state and local programs that may be serving these children and their families. Further, grantees are required to demonstrate that they are getting results and making progress in improving the health status of children in the program.

The bill encourages coordination of services in several other ways. First, it establishes a \$5

million matching grant program to encourage states to incorporate asthma prevention and treatment services in their state Child Health Insurance Programs. Second, it makes reducing the prevalence of asthma and asthma-related illnesses among urban populations an explicitly allowable activity under the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant program. Third, it requires the director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, acting through the National Asthma Education Prevention Program Coordinating Committee, to identify all federal programs that carry out asthma-related activities and develop, in consultation with these agencies and voluntary health organizations, a federal plan for responding to asthma. Finally, it requires the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to conduct surveillance activities that will help us get a better handle on the prevalence and severity of asthma and the quality of asthma management.

With these provisions in place, I am convinced that we can significantly advance our efforts to reduce the prevalence and severity of asthma in communities across the nation. I encourage you to sign on as a cosponsor and work with Representative WAXMAN and me for the passage of this law.

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Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of the Nadley/Crowley/Shays amendment to restore HOPWA funding to its FY99 level—so that AIDS patients are not forced to choose between having a home and having their medication.

In my district alone, 130 fewer homeless and people with AIDS will be served without the amendment.

HOPWA allows communities to design local-based, cost-effective housing programs for people living with AIDS.

It supports patients with rent and mortgage assistance and provides information on low-income housing opportunities.

While basic housing is a necessity for everyone, it is even more critical for people living with AIDS. Many AIDS patients rely on complex medical regimens and have special dietary needs. Lack of a stable housing situation can greatly complicate their treatment.

We must not forget that while medical science has made important advances in treating AIDS, a cure remains elusive. Projections of the number of new cases during FY00 indicate that seven additional jurisdictions may

become eligible for HOPWA funding next year. Without the funds in the Nadley/Crowley/Shays amendment, jurisdictions already participating in the program will face even greater cuts in order to accommodate the newly eligible participants.

I urge you to vote for this bipartisan amendment in support of the 75,000 people across the country, in 100 communities, who currently benefit from HOPWA.

TRIBUTE TO VERA LILLARD-YOUNG

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I pay tribute to an outstanding citizen of Indiana's First Congressional District, Mrs. Vera Lillard-Young, of Gary, Indiana. After forty years of dedicated public service, Mrs. Vera Lillard-Young announced her retirement from the Child Welfare Unit of the Lake County Office of the Division of Family and Children on Friday, August 27, 1999. Mrs. Vera Lillard-Young, along with her friends and family, will celebrate her retirement at a reception on September 18, 1999, at St. Timothy's Community Church Fellowship Hall in Gary, Indiana.

Mrs. Vera Lillard-Young has dedicated a substantial portion of her life to the betterment of the people and families of Northwest Indiana. Her distinguished career with the Lake County Division of Family and Children has had a positive impact on our community. For more than forty years, she has served as an important figure within the Division of Family and Children. She has held several positions throughout her tenure, but none as important as Division Manager with the Child Welfare Unit, the position from which she retired in August of this year.

A 1945 graduate of Wendell Phillips High School in Chicago, Mrs. Vera Lillard-Young enrolled as a student at Woodrow Wilson Junior College, which she attended for two years. In 1950, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from De Paul University. Mrs. Vera Lillard-Young continued her education by taking graduate courses at Indiana University Northwest with an emphasis in social work. Additionally, she has attended several social work seminars in Chicago as well as at the University of Georgia.

In 1958, Mrs. Vera Lillard-Young began her career in social work as a caseworker at what was formerly called the Lake County Department of Public Welfare, which is today known as the Lake County Division of Family and Children. She has held several positions while employed with the Lake County Division of Family and Children, including: Caseworker with the Aid to Dependent Children Unit in Hammond, Indiana; Supervisor with the Child Welfare Unit in Hammond, Indiana; Assistant Division Head with the Child Welfare Unit in Hammond, Indiana; Assistant Division Head with the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Unit in Gary, Indiana; Assistant Division Director with the Child Welfare Unit in Gary, Indiana; and Division Manager with the Child Welfare Unit in Gary, Indiana.

After forty years of dedicated service, Mrs. Vera Lillard-Young is retiring as Division Manager with the Child Welfare Unit of the Lake

County Division of Family and Children. During her tenure with the Lake County Division of Family and Children, she instituted and organized a foster parent recognition dinner, served on the Corrective Action Committee which initiated new policies and procedures within the Lake County Division of Family and Children, and chaired the foster parent training committee. Additionally, she is an active member of St. Timothy's Community Church.

On this special day, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Vera Lillard-Young. Her large circle of family and friends can be proud of the contributions this prominent individual has made. Her exceptional work with the Lake County Division of Family and Children will be greatly missed. I sincerely wish Mrs. Vera Lillard-Young a long, happy, and productive retirement.

TRIBUTE TO BILL MEDEIROS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a beloved and fondly remembered man. Bill Medeiros, a native of San Benito County, was a longtime rancher and cattleman who embraced the rural lifestyle of the county and helped to shape its image during his life-long residence. Mr. Medeiros passed away in August at the age of 76.

Bill Medeiros was noted for his active interest in the history and traditions of our community. Born and raised in the rural community of San Benito County, he served as the director of the San Benito Saddle Horse Show for 46 years, always embracing and upholding the county's historical traditions. His devotion to maintaining the rural roots of the county was a life-long pursuit of Bill's that was only interrupted by his service in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II as a pilot in the 389th Bomber Group.

After his heroic tour of duty, including many hazardous missions over Europe, Bill Medeiros returned to his cherished county and his rural lifestyle as a cattleman and rancher. Bill was a member of the San Benito County Cattleman's Association for which he was also elected president.

In the San Benito County, an original cowboy and local hero is lost. My thoughts remain with his family.

HONORING FATHER DAJAD DAVIDIAN

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to one of the most honorable and well-respected individuals in the 8th Congressional District of Massachusetts, Father Dajad Davidian. This past Sunday, September 12, marks the thirty-first anniversary of Father Davidian's arrival to the St. James Armenian Apostolic Church in Watertown, Massachusetts. Sadly, however, it also marked his retirement, and the end of a remarkable career

of a man who unselfishly dedicated his life to serving his parishioners and his community.

The son of Rose Davidian, an Armenian Genocide survivor, Father Davidian has been a courageous voice in the Armenian-American community for many decades. For the last thirty years, he has provided his parishioners with strong leadership that has resulted in the church playing an active role in various projects to aid the people of Armenia. During his tenure, the people of St. James have regularly held food drives and other activities that have raised money for the Armenian Relief Fund.

Father Davidian is a man of great tolerance, respect and integrity. His strong conviction to love his fellow man is a model that all should follow. It is a principle that Father Davidian taught wherever he went. Recently, he spoke to students at Watertown High School. The theme was "Respect for Differences Day" and Father Davidian, reflecting on his personal experiences with discrimination, set the tone by telling students to "judge the individual, not the group".

Father Davidian has dedicated his life to helping others discover goodness and the spirit of generosity. He is a man of vision and a man of compassion. The impact of his work has traveled well beyond Watertown and is felt by countless people around the world. His work was truly a labor of love.

Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous gratitude that I stand before Congress today to honor such a man, and I want to sincerely thank Father Davidian for all his service to the community and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

THE POCKET PARKS PROGRAM IN PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the City of Paramount, California, and its Pocket Parks Program for winning the U.S. Conference of Mayors' City Livability Awards competition. The program led 17 semifinalists nationwide to win this very prestigious honor, which was presented by Andrew Cuomo, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

The Pocket Parks Program is yet another innovative approach that Paramount has taken to improve the quality of life for its residents. In 1996, the City began the program as a way to make unsightly vacant lots into safe, attractive public spaces for residents. These lots are privately owned and located on major boulevards. Not only were the vacant lots eyesores, they posed potential public safety problems.

The City entered into a partnership with the private owners of the lots and assumed responsibility for landscaping the lots. As a result of the Pocket Parks Program, Paramount has increased its park space by two acres at a fraction of what it would have cost to acquire the land for open space. Today, more children in Paramount have safe, well-kept places to play. Residents have more park spaces within walking distance. And Paramount's appearance more closely matches the reality that it is a great place in which to work and live.

The award won by the Pocket Parks Program is simply the latest example of

Paramount's innovative, successful efforts to revitalize itself. By forging a partnership with the private sector in the Pocket Parks Program, Paramount showed its willingness to find innovative solutions that do not rely entirely on government. Because of the optimism and hard work of its residents, Paramount has turned itself around in the past two decades. The City Livability Award is well-deserved recognition of Paramount's latest success. I praise the people of Paramount and their progressive City Council and city management.

Trees and parks help make a city. Keep going, Paramount.

CITY OF BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA SHELTER PLUS CARE CURRENT RENEWAL CRISIS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I want to call to your attention a grave housing situation in my congressional district the 9th of California and all across the Nation. Funding for renewals of the Shelter Plus Care Programs is in a state of crisis, and unfortunately, the fiscal year 2000 Veterans, Housing and Independent Agencies bill does not address this critical funding situation.

By the way of background, the City of Berkeley, which I represent, administers a HUD-supported Shelter Plus Care Program which currently provides permanent, supportive housing to 145 households, involving 105 formerly homeless individuals and 40 formerly homeless families. All of the individuals and families served by this program are disabled, either by severe mental illness (34 percent), chronic substance abuse (23 percent), dually diagnosed (both severe mental illness and chronic substance abuse) and/or by AIDS/HIV-related diseases (5 percent).

The Shelter Plus Care Program has been key in moving these individuals and families from chronic homelessness to self-sufficiency. All of the City of Berkeley's Shelter Plus Care participants are now living in private market housing with a range of needed support services (mental health, primary health care and social services).

The current lack of available McKinney Act funding to renew the City of Berkeley's existing Shelter Plus Care Program threatens these households that have made such significant strides with displacement to homelessness. This result is both unnecessary and potentially a major impact to the more costly emergency and safety net systems of care in the Berkeley and Oakland community.

Let me tell you about two individuals who are currently participants in the City of Berkeley Shelter Plus Care Program.

Killian is a 54-year-old male veteran who served in the United States Air Force from 1963-67. In the fall of 1989 he was hospitalized in the VA Hospital with severe symptoms of mental illness; he has been seriously disabled and homeless since then. Three years ago, the Shelter Plus Care Program provided him with housing and needed mental health services in the Berkeley community. Killian has achieved a level of stability in terms of both his housing and mental health issues

since entering the Program. In his words, "without the Shelter Plus Care Program, I would have been unable to survive."

Glenda is a single mother in recovery who until recently was homeless in Berkeley with her young son. She has been diagnosed with clinical depression, ADD and bulimia. Since entering the Shelter Plus Care Program, she participates in regular case management counseling as well as receiving needed medical follow-up for her health conditions. In her words, "I know that without Shelter Plus Care I would still be on drugs, homeless or dead and my son not with his mother like God intended him to be. Without the services that Shelter Plus Care requires, I would never be where I am today. In September I start school. I need Shelter Plus Care to continue to progress in my life and future."

The positive impact that Shelter Plus Care housing has had on people could be repeated in any other city in the U.S., because it is such a vital and successful program. Mr. Speaker, I hope we can work together in conference to make the expiring Shelter Plus Care projects eligible for renewals from the Section 8 program rather than the current year McKinney appropriation. I also ask that Section 8 be provided with adequate funding to incorporate this request.

AMERICAN ZIONIST FUND
BANQUET

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, October 10, the Pittsburgh District of the Zionist Organization of America will hold its 54th Annual American Zionist Fund Banquet. The banquet, which is dedicated to the memory of Doctor Norman Cohen, a longstanding supporter of Israel and the Pittsburgh Jewish community, will honor community businessman Jeffrey Markel and Pittsburgh City Council President Bob O'Connor.

Mr. Markel will be honored with the Israel Service Award for his many efforts in support of Zionism. Mr. Markel is currently the chairman of the United Jewish Federation's Partnership 2000 Initiative, which links Jewish communities in the United States with communities in Israel. The Partnership 2000 Initiative works to foster person-to-person contacts and economic development between American and Israeli Jews. Mr. Markel has served the UJF in many other capacities as well. In addition, Mr. Markel serves or has served on the Board of Directors of the Jewish Family and Children's Service, the Board of Directors of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the Board of Directors of the American Jewish Information Network, and as a member of the Technical Advisory Board of the Jerusalem One Network, the first computer network to link the major universities in Israel with the Knesset.

Pittsburgh City Council President Bob O'Connor will receive the Natalie E. Novick Community Leadership Award for his many contributions to the Pittsburgh Jewish community and to community life in Pittsburgh. Council President O'Connor is in his second term on Pittsburgh City Council. His service on City Council has been marked by action on trans-

portation issues, public safety, and programs that benefit children. Mr. O'Connor also serves on the Board of Directors of a number of civic and charitable organizations, including St. Francis Central Hospital, the Carnegie Institute, the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, the Southwest Regional Planning Commission, and the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Alliance. Mr. O'Connor was a founding member of the Pittsburgh Center for Grieving Children. In addition, he was actively involved in the United Jewish Federation's Renaissance Project, which built or renovated a number of Jewish community facilities. And Mr. O'Connor provided substantial assistance to Pittsburgh's Beth Shalom Congregation after a 1997 synagogue fire.

On behalf of my constituents and myself, I want to thank Mr. Markel and City Council President O'Connor for their many contributions to the City of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh's Jewish community, and I want to congratulate them on their selection as honorees at the 54th Annual American Zionist Fund Banquet.

TRIBUTE TO ISOLINA FERRÉ

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Isolina Ferré, an outstanding individual who has devoted her life to serving the poor. Sister Isolina, a Missionary Servant of the Most Blessed Trinity, received the nation's highest civilian honor during a White House ceremony on Wednesday, August 11, 1999. She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Sister Isolina, known as the "Angel of Ponce Beach," was born on September 5, 1914 to one of the most affluent families in Puerto Rico. Raised in a wealthy family, she decided early in life that she wanted to dedicate her life to the less fortunate. She joined the Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity at age 21 in Philadelphia. After she completed her training, she was assigned to the Appalachian coal mining region of West Virginia and then worked among Portuguese immigrants on Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

In 1957 Sister Isolina went to work at the Doctor White Community Center in Brooklyn, where she offered to be a mediator between African-American and Puerto Rican gangs. For her efforts she received the key to the city of New York from Mayor John Lindsay and the John D. Rockefeller Award for Public Service and Community Revitalization.

Mr. Speaker, Sister Isolina Ferré founded community service centers, clinics and programs to empower the poor in Puerto Rico, New York and Appalachia. She does this through the Centros Sor Isolina Ferré, a group of five community-service centers she has run for 30 years. One U.S. author who wrote about turning around poor, crime-ridden communities called her "Mother Teresa of Puerto Rico."

The Centros Sor Isolina Ferré has 350 employees, five offices throughout Puerto Rico, a postgraduate business and technical school and 40 programs aimed at stemming juvenile delinquency and strengthening families. With government and private funding, it serves more than 10,000 people a year.

The operation is built on Ferré's main principle: Poor communities have many resources they can use to improve their condition, and they can be taught to seek their own solutions and take control of their lives. Staff members teach leadership and strategic planning to people in public-housing projects, in Ponce—skills used to start businesses and organize community improvements. Through counseling and other services for youth and families, Ferré's group has dramatically reduced the school dropout rate within a public housing project in the San Juan area.

Mr. Speaker, Sister Isolina is the fourth Puerto Rican to receive the award. The others are former Puerto Rico Gov. Luis Muñoz Marín, a founder of the Popular Democratic Party; Anotnia Pantojas, founder of Aspira, an agency known for helping Hispanic youth; and Sister Isolina's brother, former Puerto Rico Gov. Luis A. Ferré, founder of the pro-statehood New Progressive Party.

Sister Isolina attended Fordham University in New York where she earned a bachelor of arts and master's degree in psychology.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Sister Isolina Ferré for her outstanding achievements and in wishing her continued success.

TRIBUTE TO CANDY COONERTY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a beloved local entrepreneur. Candy Coonerty, co-owner of Bookshop Santa Cruz, died this last July of a stroke at the age of 49.

Candy was more than just a local businesswoman; she provided the community with an eclectic and unique selection of books as well as an environment where local community members could meet and interact. Bookshop Santa Cruz serves as a hub and mainstay of the historic downtown. Candy was also actively involved in the community serving on the board of directors of Friends of the UC Santa Cruz Library and advisory council of the Santa Cruz Hillel Foundation.

Candy Coonerty will be sorely missed and remembered for her presence in the Santa Cruz community as a local hostess and her compassion for literature. My thoughts are with her family.

HONORING MAMA ANNA MKABA,
FIRST LADY OF TANZANIA

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and profound admiration that I rise today to welcome the First Lady of Tanzania, Mama Anna Mkaba, to the United States.

Mrs. Mkaba has gained international recognition for her extensive humanitarian work and efforts on behalf of charitable organizations. She has founded the Equal Opportunities for All Trust Fund (EOTF), a registered,

non-profit, non-governmental charitable organization whose mission is to empower women through increased economic and educational opportunity. EOTF is dedicated to fighting and eradicating poverty by providing women, especially rural women, with access to credit, health care, job training, and market education. In addition, EOTF provides a forum for women to exchange ideas, express their concerns, and communicate with a larger network of national and international organizations. EOTF has also initiated a multidisciplinary program, Women in Poverty Eradication (WIPE.)

This week, Mrs. Mkaba is visiting Massachusetts to meet with the Cambridge-based Sabre Foundation, Inc, in an effort to establish a partnership with the Foundation to promote a book donation and distribution project in Tanzania. This project is a testament to Mama Anna Mkaba's relentless desire to further educate and empower the people of Tanzania. With a population of over 30 million, and an increasing number of public and private schools, colleges, and universities, Tanzania is richly endowed with human and natural resources. The initiative between EOTF and the Sabre Foundation will contribute to Tanzania's remarkable intellectual development and will help her nation as it prepares for the 21st century.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to celebrate Mama Anna Mkaba's achievements and the cooperation of our constituents in her many good works, and I wish Mrs. Mkaba well in all of her future endeavors on behalf of the people of Tanzania.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH GOLD

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Joseph Gold. Thought to have been the oldest living Marine in the country, Joseph Gold passed away at the age of 107 on Wednesday, August 25, 1999, in Tenafly, New Jersey.

In so many respects, Joseph Gold was a genuine American hero. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, he enlisted in the Marines at the onset of World War I and served as a distinguished member of the American Expeditionary Force. As part of one of the first Marine contingents to fight in Europe, Mr. Gold fought in the historic battle of Belleau Woods. It was at this battle in 1918 that he and his American comrades fought through a dense forest and ultimately captured terrain from well entrenched German forces.

Only about 2 months ago, on July 8, 1999, the French Government, in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the end of World War I, awarded Mr. Gold the French Legion of Honor. This prestigious award, granted to Mr. Gold, was a well deserved tribute to a true American patriot.

I want to express my condolences to the Gold family on the passing of their father, grandfather and great-grandfather. I also want to express my admiration to the Gooney Bird detachment of the U.S. Marine Corps League who arranged to have an honor guard ceremony at Mr. Gold's funeral.

Joseph Gold was an extraordinary person, whose legacy to our Nation is a story of self-

less sacrifice and a story that all Americans would do well to remember.

TRIBUTE TO MR. AND MRS.
FELTON KILPATRICK OF
CULLMAN, ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, on October 6th of this year, a wonderful couple, Mr. and Mrs. Felton Kilpatrick will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary. In 1929, Mrs. Clara McClellan Kilpatrick and Mr. Felton Kilpatrick exchanged wedding vows to spend a lifetime together.

Now 70 years later, they shine as pillars of matrimony. The Kilpatricks are a loving man and woman who have come together to share their lives, raise a family and prove that family values and selfless commitment still have a place in a world whose fleeting values can be confusing and fastpaced.

Many generations of the Kilpatrick family look up to the remarkable couple as role models on how to live and love successfully.

This tribute is a fitting honor for the Kilpatricks who have shown us that commitments can be honored through seven decades of the trials and tribulations of life.

I commend Mr. and Mrs. Felton Kilpatrick on their happy and strong marriage and I wish them a joyous and special celebration on October 6th with their friends and family.

BROTHER MCGINNIS INDUCTED AS
PRESIDENT OF LA SALLE UNI-
VERSITY

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce that Brother Michael J. McGinniss, FSC, Ph.D., will be inducted as La Salle University's 28th President on September 24 at a 3 p.m. ceremony at the University's Hayman Center.

Brother McGinniss was a member of the school's religion department and for the past five years was president of Christian Brothers University in Memphis, TN. He maintained a close connection with La Salle—his alma mater—while serving on the school's Board of Trustees.

McGinniss, 51, grew up in a Philadelphia neighborhood near the university. As a boy, he and his aunt would often ride the Number 26 trolley past College Hall. "She'd tell me that some day I would go to school in that building. I can't help but wonder what she would say about my being president if she were alive today," he said.

He joined the Christian Brothers in 1965 and graduated Maxima Cum Laude from La Salle in 1970 with a degree in English. He obtained his Master's and Ph.D. in theology from the University of Notre Dame.

His first teaching assignment was at the South Hills Catholic High School in Pittsburgh, PA, where he was a member of the English

and Religion departments. He returned to La Salle as a visiting instructor in the Graduate Religion program in the summer of 1978. McGinniss has also taught at Washington Theological Union and Loyola University's Summer Institute of Pastoral Studies.

In 1984 he joined the faculty at La Salle on a full-time basis, reaching the rank of full professor in 1993. Recognized by the De La Salle Christian Brothers for his qualities as a leader, he attended La session internationale des études lasalliennes (a program of study of Lasallian spirituality) in Rome. He eventually became Chair of La Salle's Religion Department and in 1992 he received the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching.

During his tenure as President of Christian Brothers University, undergraduate enrollment and retention rates increased; a Master's of Education program was established; the Athletic Department joined the NCAA Division II Gulf South Conference; new residence halls were constructed; science labs and facilities were enhanced; engineering departments were reaccredited; information technology systems throughout the campus were upgraded; and the Center for Global Enterprise was founded. He also played a key role in the school's 125th anniversary celebration.

Brother McGinniss also took an active part in the Memphis area community, serving on the boards of the Economic Club of Memphis; National Conference of Christians and Jews, Memphis Chapter; Memphis Brooks Museum of Art; the Memphis Catholic Diocesan Development Committee; and Christian Brothers High School, Memphis, TN.

He has published articles in scholarly journals on many topics, written chapters in religious books and edited six volumes of the Christian Brothers' Spirituality Seminar Series. He has lectured to academic and professional groups on issues related to spirituality, pastoral care, and theology. His processional memberships include Catholic Theological Society of America, American Academy of Religion, and College Theology Society.

It is with great pleasure that I recognize Brother McGinniss today. He is a man who has contributed greatly to many educational institutions and to the communities in which they are located. I would like to extend Brother McGinniss my warmest wishes and congratulations on his induction as President of La Salle University.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA BOURGAIZE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman who tirelessly worked to advocate for the rights of special education students and disabled individuals. Ms. Linda Bourgaize passed away on June 15, 1999 in Santa Cruz.

Linda began her career after graduating from San Jose State University as a school psychologist after which she was selected to be the Special Education Local Plan Area Administrator for Santa Cruz and San Benito counties. Ms. Bourgaize devoted herself to ensuring students in these communities had equal access to the best possible special education services. Linda went beyond the scope

of her profession with her compassion. Throughout her career she also helped to write numerous legislative proposals to meet the needs and improve the lives of people suffering from disabilities and lobbied for these rights at both state and federal levels.

Ms. Linda Bourgaize will always be fondly remembered and sorely missed for her ardent and passionate contributions to our community and to the Nation in her advocacy for the rights of special education students and disabled individuals. My thoughts remain with her family.

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH CELEBRATES ONE HUNDRED
AND SIXTY-ONE YEARS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the historic Ebenezer United Methodist Church, a beacon of hope and "The Stone of Help." For 161 years, Ebenezer has been a leading church in the Nation's capital. To know something of Ebenezer's history is to understand why the city and the Congress have abundant reasons to celebrate the church's history and its continuing contributions.

The history of Ebenezer United Methodist Church dates back to the beginning of Washington, D.C. In 1805, the meeting place of the Methodist Episcopal Church is known to have been a dwelling located on Greenleaf Point (South Capitol and N Street). The membership consisted of "61 whites and 25 coloreds". In 1807, the congregation moved to Dudley Carroll's barn on New Jersey Avenue, SE. In 1811, services were held in a newly constructed edifice at Fourth Street, SE between South Carolina Avenue and G Street.

This first church built by Methodists in Washington was named the Fourth Street Station. In 1819, the church was renamed Ebenezer, and was later changed to the Fourth Street Methodist Church. At a later date, this Parent Church of Ebenezer Church was relocated to Fifth and Seward Square, SE, where the name was changed to Trinity Methodist Church. On April 30, 1961 Trinity United Methodist Church merged with three other churches to form the Capitol Hill United Methodist Church.

In 1827 the "colored" membership had outgrown the galleries which were reserved for them in the Mother Church. A lot, located at the corner of Fourth and D Streets, SE, was purchased from Rachel and William Prout on April 27, 1838. A small frame church building was erected under the supervision of the pastor of the Mother Church with the assistance of three local preachers. The church was named Little Ebenezer, and Reverend Noah Jones became the first colored pastor in 1864. A private school for colored children was held there, and Reverend H. Henson served as the teacher.

In the District of Columbia, as in other southern areas, education was considered the concern of the individual and not the community. As long as Negroes were a comparatively minor factor in the community, concern over their welfare was not a major consideration of

the white population. After the start of the Civil War, the situation changed. Slaves in the District of Columbia were freed in 1962. Between 1860 and 1863, the local Negro population increased about 68 percent. Such an increase could not be ignored by the whole community. For the mutual benefit, private charitable agencies, associations, and individuals, northern and local, white and colored, began to recognize the need of assistance in this situation.

In the Spring of 1864, the first public government sponsored school for colored children in Washington, D.C. was established and housed there. The teachers of the school were Miss Frances W. Perkins, sent by the New England Freedmen's Aid Society of Boston, who taught without pay, and Mrs. Emma V. Brown, a prominent colored worker who was employed by the District Columbia for \$400.00 per year. Thirteen months later, because of the increasing student population, the school had to relocate to a new location at Second and C Street, SE and was named the Abraham Lincoln School.

The significant increase in the congregation of Little Ebenezer necessitated the building of a larger church. The second church was planned by the Reverend Tillman Jackson in 1867, and built in 1870 under the pastorship of the pastorship of the Reverend C.G. Keys. Many dedicated pastors followed in this period including the Reverend George T. Pinckney, under whose pastorate the first Annual Conference was held in Ebenezer in 1885. During this period, the term "Little" was dropped from the name of the church. The Ebenezer Colored Station of the Washington Conference Methodist Episcopal Church was incorporated on September 28, 1891 at 2:00 PM.

In 1896, the second church was damaged beyond repair during a severe storm. Reverend Matthew A. Clair, who later became Bishop, developed plans to construct a third church. Reverend John H. Griffin, who succeeded him, undertook the implementation and completion of the new church.

In 1939, when the three branches of Methodism met and formed the Methodist Church, Ebenezer became Ebenezer Methodist Church. In 1968, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged and formed the United Methodist Church. Ebenezer's name changed to Ebenezer U.M.W. Church. In 1975, the Ebenezer U.M.W. Church was designated a Historical Landmark.

Ebenezer continues to be known for her support of education for Black children and continues to strive to obtain quality education. From October through May, the Work Areas in Education of the church sponsors a tutoring program to help students who are having difficulty with reading and writing. Church school classes for children of all ages and Bible classes for adults are held every Sunday. The Saturday Concerns Program involves the youth of the church and the community. The church also conducts a Summer Enrichment Program and a Vacation Bible School.

Mr. Speaker, we in the District of Columbia are happy to have the Congress join in recognizing Ebenezer for its many contributions to the Nation's capital.

HONORING TRW

HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize exceptional performance by Thompson-Ramo-Wooldridge (TRW). TRW, a leader in the aerospace industry, is also a leader in the minority business community of Southern California.

TRW has been actively involved in the development of minority businesses. They have worked to provide minority businesses broader access to markets and help business owners enhance their marketing, technical, and operational skills for long-term growth and development. TRW has provided guidance and support in an effort to help minority businesses firmly establish themselves in the community.

The Minority Business Enterprise Input Committee (MBEIC) of the Southern California Regional Purchasing Councils, Inc. (SCRPC) recognized TRW's contributions and they have awarded TRW its 1999 Local Corporation of the Year Award. The MBEIC strives to empower minority businesses through corporate driven mentoring alliances to compete successfully in a changing economy.

TRW is a founding member of the SCRPC. Recognizing the importance of minority businesses, they had the vision to help create an organization specifically for expanding business opportunities for minority suppliers and encourage mutually beneficial economic links between minority enterprises and corporate members.

I commend TRW for being a major supporter of programs that encourage the development of minority owned businesses. I congratulate the men and women of TRW on receiving this prestigious award and I wish them continued success.

DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 1999

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2684) making appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes:

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Weygand-Crowley amendment. I want to especially thank my friend from Rhode Island for his tireless work in support of every American who has dedicated his or her life to our Armed Forces. This language should serve as an unequivocal statement of support by this Chamber for the brave men and women who wore their nation's uniform into battle.

Mr. Chairman, every member of this body respects and deeply appreciates the contributions of our veterans. This institution is the home of many proud war veterans—liberal and conservative; Democrat and Republican.

This issue is not one of partisanship but rather one of dignity.

Veterans may appear like regular people—but they are not. They are an uncommon brand of hero. These people made the conscious decision to put their own life, their hopes, and their future on hold to stand up for the basic principles of their homeland: freedom, liberty, and a proud tradition of justice. They are the men and women of courage and integrity.

I would like to share with my colleagues a story of one of these men of integrity—Mr. Eugene Mozer of Jackson Heights, in my district.

He was a World War II veteran decorated with a Purple Heart after being wounded in battle. He was a patriot. Mr. Mozer personifies the thousands of veterans that live in each of our home communities.

This past February, Mr. Mozer passed away. His wife, Faustina Gobriili, and their son attempted to acquire a Military Honor Guard for his burial service. They believed that an Honor Guard would be a fitting tribute to this man's life—a life he was prepared to sacrifice for this nation.

After contacting the military and explaining the situation, Ms. Gobriili was informed by the military that they, incredulously, could not fulfill her family's request for a military Honor Guard.

Or, Mr. Chairman, I call your attention to the countless other stories of families of deceased veterans contacting the military to request an Honor Guard only to receive a cassette tape of TAPS in the mail.

These are gross indignities to the people who were willing to die for our freedom—for people they would never know, let alone meet.

Mr. Mozer and his family and the thousands of other distinguished veterans and their families deserve a more apt tribute—a tribute that appropriately reflects the gratitude and indebtedness of this nation.

A military Honor Guard at the funeral of a veterans serves as the final salute of a grateful nation. Let us not deny them this final call of respect. I urge you to support this amendment.

TRIBUTE TO SARAH HOLMES
BOUTELLE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman who with boundless energy and enthusiasm researched and authored an award-winning book and became the world's foremost authority on the renowned architect Julia Morgan. Sarah Holmes Boutelle passed away in Santa Cruz last May at the age of 90.

Born on January 29, 1909 in South Dakota, Sarah was a history teacher and school administrator when she came to Santa Cruz county in 1972 and visited Hearst Castle with her son, Christopher. Upon learning that Julia Morgan was the architect who built San

Simeon, Mrs. Boutelle's interest, as a teacher, in female role models led her to seek more information about the renowned architect. Sarah's research on Julia Morgan cumulated in a book that won a California Book Award and Mrs. Boutelle's naming as an honorary member of the American Institute of Architects. Throughout the remainder of her life, Sarah continued to travel extensively, investigating new Julia Morgan material and lecturing.

Sarah Holmes Boutelle was truly a remarkable woman who will be fondly remembered for her energy and enthusiasm as well as her extraordinary effort and contribution to the appreciation of architecture. She will be missed by the many people she touched both personally and through her writing and lectures during her lifetime.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH
BENEFITS CHILDREN'S EQUITY
ACT OF 1999

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce, along with Representatives ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON and CONNIE MORELLA, the "Federal Employees Health Benefits Children's Equity Act of 1999."

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 required States to enact legislation requiring employers to enroll a child in an employee's group health plan when a court orders the employee to provide health insurance for the child but the employee fails to do so. The Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB) law provided that a Federal employee "may enroll" in a FEHB plan "either as an individual or for self and family" coverage. The law does not allow an employing agency to elect coverage on the employee's behalf. Further, FEHB law generally preempts State law with regard to coverage and benefits. Therefore, a federal agency is unable to ensure that a child is covered in accordance with a court order, even when the same order would ensure coverage for the child if the child's parent were employed by an employer other than the federal government.

To correct this inequity, my proposal would enable the federal government to enroll an employee and his or her family in the FEHB Program when a State court orders the employee to provide health insurance coverage for a child of the employee. If the affected employee is already enrolled for self-only coverage, the employing agency would be authorized to change the enrollment to self and family. If the affected employee is not enrolled in the FEHB Program, the employing agency would be required to enroll him or her under the standard option of the Service Benefit Plan, Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Finally, the employee would be barred from discontinuing the self and family enrollment as long as the court order remains in effect, the child meets the statutory definition of family member, and the employee cannot show that the child has other insurance.

I am very pleased about the broad constituency that supports my proposal. Among the groups that have offered support for the

change are the American Payroll Association, which represents employers, the Center for Law and Social Policy, which represents the rights of indigent parents and several state child support program officials.

I am also pleased to introduce this important legislation during National Payroll Week—September 13–17—and to have the support of those who are key to the wage and medical support withholding process.

Please join me and Representatives ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON and CONNIE MORELLA in cosponsoring this worthwhile measure. It will help our efforts to ensure that our children have access to needed health insurance coverage.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE NAMING OF THE GLORIA S. WILLIAMS BUILDING AT WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues here in the House of Representatives a very special event which will take place on Tuesday, September 14, 1999. On that date, the campus of New Jersey's William Paterson University will undergo a transformation which, in itself, exemplifies their commitment to their mission of providing quality instruction in an environment of leadership and diversity. This transformation is the renaming of one of the University buildings in honor of a remarkable person, the late Gloria S. Williams. This ceremony marks a truly historic event, the first time that a structure has been named for an African-American on the campus of William Paterson University.

Gloria S. Williams, a native of Newark, excelled throughout her educational career here in New Jersey. She began her quest for knowledge in Newark's public school system and it eventually led her to William Paterson University where she received her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a minor in Economics. Throughout her rich life, Gloria S. Williams made certain to place the needs of others before those of herself. This selfless behavior was evident in her decision to share her knowledge and experiences as a teacher in the Paterson School District after her college graduation. Her experiences at William Paterson University was not simply limited to an undergraduate education. As an undergraduate, Gloria was an employee of the University and immediately following graduation she remained with the University as a dorm assistant and summer camp coordinator. After that, her career at William Paterson flourished. Gloria held many important positions including Residence Hall Director, Assistant Registrar, and ultimately she was named Associate Director of the Advisement Center where she was well known for always having on open door. Because of Gloria's rich involvement with others and with William Paterson University, it is a fitting tribute that the University chose to name a building in her honor. Gloria S. Williams was also very active in the church. As a youngster she was a member of St. Luke's A.M.E. Church where her parents, Daisy and O'Donnel Williams,

were lifelong members. While living in Wayne, New Jersey, Gloria joined New A.M.E. Zion Church, where she served diligently on the Scholarship Committee. After returning to Newark and joining St. James A.M.E. Church, Gloria realized her ambition to become a religious counselor.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in congratulating William Paterson University as they honor Gloria S. Williams in this way. Her life story embodies all the aspects that educational institutions strive for—determination, diligence and dedication. By naming a building in her honor, William Paterson University will preserve for future generations the admirable legacy of a great woman, Gloria S. Williams.

IN HONOR OF MR. MANUEL MOTA

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, it is with utmost pleasure and privilege that I rise today to recognize a wonderful American, Mr. Manuel "Manny" Rafael Geronimo Mota, for his spirited work with youth, his humanitarian service, and his outstanding accomplishments as a major league baseball player and coach. Through his compassion for others and his infectious enthusiasm for life, Manny has served as a model citizen for all Americans.

Born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic on February 13, 1938, Manny Mota grew up loving the game of baseball. Soon, Manny realized that he had a gift for the grand old game. At the tender age of 19, Manny demonstrated a keen eye at the plate when he joined the minor leagues. Within a few years, Manny ascended to the major leagues and soon established himself as a premier hitter.

Manny joined the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1969 and contributed to Dodger success from 1969–1982. As a player for the Dodgers, Manny established the all-time major league record for pinch-hits with 150. Manny batted .304 over his entire 20-year major league career with Montreal, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. Manny Mota was selected to the 1973 National League All-Star team and led the league with a .351 batting average at the All-Star Break. When you add his tenure as a coach for the Los Angeles Dodgers, Manny has served the Dodgers for 30 years.

Just as important as Manny Mota's contributions on the field are his contributions off the field. Over a quarter of a century ago, Manny Mota established the Manny Mota International Foundation with the intention of giving

youth opportunities to reach their full potential and pursue a quality education. Manny has used baseball as his medium to instruct and motivate Los Angeles youth. The Manny Mota International Foundation awards five \$1,000 scholarships to Los Angeles area students each year.

Manny Mota's generosity extends beyond the borders of the United States. Manny has worked hard to raise money to build a medical clinic, baseball field, and school in the Dominican Republic. Manny Mota was at the forefront of relief efforts when natural disasters devastated the Dominican Republic, Central America, and other regions of Latin America. Repeatedly, Manny demonstrates that he does not forget his roots, as he swiftly extends aid to those who are disadvantaged.

Manny has also served as a loving caretaker of a successfully family. He resides with his wife Margarita in Glendale and is the proud father of eight children: Cecilia, Jose, Andres, Domingo, Manuel, Maria, Rafael, and Antonio. His wife and children remain active in foundation activities and embrace the same commitment to public service that has inspired Manny to share his gifts with others.

Just as Manny so often delivered "in the pinch" at the plate, so has he delivered "in the pinch" in life. Mr. Speaker, family and friends of Manny Mota gathered at the California Plaza Watercourt in Downtown Los Angeles, California on Saturday, August 28, 1999 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of his association with the Los Angeles Dodgers, it is with great pride that I ask my colleagues to join me today in saluting this exceptional man.

DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES H. MALONEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 1999

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2684) making appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes:

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Chairman, I rise to express my concern about the deep cuts in the Veterans Administration-

Housing and Urban Development annual (VA/ HUD) appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2000. This legislation not only substantially slashes funds for programs that have enhanced economic development and improved housing in Connecticut and the 5th Congressional District, but also guts many of our important NASA science programs. My support for the VA/ HUD Appropriations bill is conditioned on a conference agreement which restores funding for HUD, the Veterans Administration and NASA.

If allowed to stand, the cuts to HUD programs will have a significant impact on the State of Connecticut and on my own congressional district, affecting both economic development initiatives and a variety of housing services. The Republican budget cutters have dug deep into initiatives that have proven track records of success. There is simply no reason to reduce our efforts to provide economic development for our towns and cities in the form of Brownfields monies and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funds. By doing so, we will set our communities and our economies backwards, rather than spur them forward.

The VA/ HUD Appropriations legislation also slashes funding for key NASA science programs. This shortsighted action jeopardizes our country's leadership in space. Unless NASA funding is restored, this legislation should not pass Congress.

My colleagues, I support the VA/ HUD Fiscal Year 2000 Appropriations in the House because it restores badly needed funds for the Veterans Administration. I urge all of you to join me in working to reverse the housing, CDBG, economic development and NASA cuts in this bill. If this important funding is not restored, I will oppose the House-Senate conference agreement on the final version of the bill. I urge you to do the same.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 13, 1999

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, due to notifications from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that hurricane "Floyd" is likely to hit my district within 48 hours, I will not be able to be present and voting this evening and tomorrow. Hurricane "Floyd" is currently a category 4 storm and gaining strength as it approaches the Southeast coast. I will remain in my district to assist constituents and my family with pending evacuation and mitigation plans.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, 1999 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 15

9:30 a.m.
Rules and Administration
Business meeting to markup proposed legislation authorizing expenditures for the period October 1, 1999 through February 28, 2001 by standing, select, and special committees of the Senate.
SR-301

Indian Affairs
To hold oversight hearings on the issue of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act and tribal contract support cost.
SR-485

10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings on the nomination of David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior; the nomination of Sylvia V. Baca, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior; and the nomination of Ivan Itkin, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy.
SD-366

Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings on the nomination of Sally Katzen, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.
SD-628

Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine certain clemency issues for members of the Armed Forces of National Liberation.
SD-226

Finance
To hold hearings on the nomination of James G. Huse, Jr., of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration; and the nomination of Neal S. Wolin, of Illinois, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.
SD-215

2 p.m.
Intelligence
To hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters.
SH-219

2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee
To hold hearings on how telemedicine technologies are impacting rural health care.
SR-253

SEPTEMBER 16

9:30 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
Investigations Subcommittee
To hold hearings on the practices and operations of the securities day trading industry.
SD-628

10 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Public Health Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine issues relating to children's health.
SD-430

Judiciary
Business meeting to markup S.J. Res.3, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims.
SD-226

2 p.m.
Intelligence
To hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters.
SH-219

Governmental Affairs
International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee
To hold hearings on the annual report of the Postmaster General.
SD-628

Judiciary
Youth Violence Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings on activities of the Office of Justice Program and to examine a proposed reorganization plan.
SD-226

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee
To hold hearings on the Administration's Northwest Forest Plan.
SD-366

Foreign Relations
To hold hearings on foreign missile developments and the ballistic missile threat to the United States through 2015.
SD-419

SEPTEMBER 21

9 a.m.
United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control
To hold hearings on counterinsurgency vs. counter-narcotics issues in regards to Colombia.
SH-216

9:30 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings on issues relating to hybrid pension plans.
SD-430

SEPTEMBER 22

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold hearings on Indian trust fund reform.
SR-485

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
SD-430

SEPTEMBER 28

9:30 a.m.
Veterans Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the American Legion.
345 Cannon Building

SEPTEMBER 29

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold hearings on S. 1508, to provide technical and legal assistance for tribal justice systems and members of Indian tribes.
SR-485

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
SD-430

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Water and Power Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings on the practices of the Bureau of Reclamation regarding operations and maintenance costs and contract renewals.
SD-366

SEPTEMBER 30

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee
To hold hearings on S. 1457, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to assess opportunities to increase carbon storage on national forests derived from the public domain and to facilitate voluntary and accurate reporting of forest projects that reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations.
SD-366

OCTOBER 6

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
SR-485

POSTPONEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 15

2 p.m.
Judiciary
Immigration Subcommittee
To hold hearings on Immigration and Naturalization Service reform issues.
SD-226